

State of Oregon

**Agenda  
Item  
I.D.**

**Board of Boiler Rules**

**Regular meeting minutes  
December 7, 2010**

**Members present:** Anthony Barsotti, Chairman  
Mike Bradley, Vice-chairman  
Blake Alexander *New member*  
Kenneth Hill *New member*  
Greg Itoh  
Gregory Moyer *New member*  
Edward Pitzrick

**Members absent:** Eric Anderson  
Jon Hooker  
Vincent Leedy  
Mark Stenberg

**Staff present:** Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager  
Celina Patterson, statewide services manager  
Liz Browder, enforcement services manager  
Brent Griffiths, lead enforcement officer  
Trevor Johnson, policy analyst  
Tony Guidone, enforcement officer  
Sherry Dunn, boiler safety administrative specialist  
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator

**Guests present:** Clay Rhodes, CNA  
Tim Barker, FM Globle  
Gary Penkava, Hartford Steam Boiler  
Ray Andrus, Travelers Insurance  
Russ Bartlet, Travelers Insurance  
Bruce Fellows, Port of Portland  
Ron Copenhagen, Local 290  
Carolyn Meyor, HSBI & Co  
Jeff Barnes, HSBI & I Co  
Dale McLouth

**I. Board business**

**A. Call to order**

Chairman Anthony Barsotti called the Board of Boiler Rules board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

**B. Roll call**

Eric Anderson, Jon Hooker, Vincent Leedy and Mark Stenberg were all absent excused.

**C. Approval of the agenda and order of business**

Chair Barsotti **RULED** the agenda approved.

**D. Approval of the meeting minutes**

Chair Barsotti **RULED** the regular meeting minutes of September 7, 2010 approved.

**E. Review of 2011 board meeting dates**

**F. Formal farewell to board members:**

- **Dennis Coplin, Boiler installation repair.** Mr. Coplin was not present to accept his plaque and letter of appreciation.
- **Bruce Fellows, Owner and user pressure vessel.** Mr. Fellows gave some advice to the newest members of the board.

**G. Welcome new board members**

- **Blake Alexander, boiler installation and repair**
- **Kenneth Hill, owner and user pressure vessel**
- **Gregory Moyer, practical steam operating engineer**

**II. Public comment - None**

**III. Reports**

**A. Building Codes Division report**

Manager Huntington announced that when the new Governor takes office, the current director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, Cory Streisinger, will resign to allow the governor-elect appoint a new director.

[2011 legislative bills.](#)

The [BCD Update packet](#) was quickly reviewed. Manager Huntington addressed a rulemaking project related to administrative updates for the boiler and pressure vessel program; including continuing education. The process for selecting committee members is the first step. The committee will address issues that include approval of courses taught by national organizations like ASME and NBIC that have not been through the division-approval process.

**B. Enforcement report**

Manager Browder updated the board on which enforcement officers service specific [regions in Oregon.](#)

Lead Enforcement Officer Brent Griffiths reviewed some compliance statistics. He also noted that Tony Guidone was recently hired to fill the vacant enforcement officer's position. Mr. Guidone is stationed out of his home covering the Northwest Region of Oregon. [Territory map](#).

**C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for the one case outlined on the enforcement report. (No board action required)**

Summary cases were briefly discussed using the [penalty matrix](#).

**D. Program update**

Chief Boiler Inspector Mike Graham discussed an ammonia accident at a berry packing plant in Canby that was caused by operator error. The engineer was evacuating an ammonia system to change out a valve and did not shut the valve down completely. The ammonia spilled over the water drum and filled the plant with ammonia. A special team was called in to shut down the system.

Chief Graham discussed the boiler explosion that occurred November 2008 at a college campus in Corvallis. It was discovered that the safety valves were corroded with spray on installation, which caused a failure to function.

Manager of Statewide Services Celina Patterson announced the [state inspectors](#) and what territory they cover.

**E. Overdue Committee report**

Manager Patterson discussed the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety program's [overdue inspections](#) for September, October and November.

Manager Patterson noted that the overdue committee has met and are now in full agreement of tying the inspection cycle and the operating permit together. Because the cycles are in Oregon Administrative Rule, a rule change needs to occur.

**IV. Communications**

**Letter to ensure boiler safety controls are tested before the boiler goes into regular operation**

Manager Patterson said that a letter was sent out to schools or hospital administrators reminding them that when the heating boilers are fired up at the facility, maintenance staff or the maintenance contractor should be checking the safety control systems on the boilers to ensure that they are functioning properly.

**V. Appeals – None**

**VI. Unfinished business – None**

**VI. New business**

**Board review and provide a recommendation to delegate signature authority involving first time violators**

Manager Browder explained that the division was asking the board to make a motion on whether or not the board would grant signature authority to the manager of enforcement for first time violators. Passing a motion allowing this to occur would be consistent with all the other division boards. Manager Browder added that the actions are conducted within the guidelines provided by the board's [penalty matrix](#). She noted that having the boiler board enforcement sub-committee approve negotiated settlements is a potential conflict of interest and may cause issues when the board deliberates on the case.

**Motion by Vice-chair Bradley** to approve delegation for final signature authority to the Building Codes Division for settlement agreements involving first time violators.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**VIII. Announcements - None**

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Barsotti adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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