

**Minnesota West Community & Technical College**  
**Plumbing Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**December 11, 2007**

Members Present: Scott Williams Bisbee P.H., Mitch Martens Hander P.H., Shane White Bryfolgels P.H., Don Walz Winnelson Company, Ivan Evink Stout & Evink, Chris Schafer MN West College C.E.O. Pipestone, Jacob Buhman student rep., Dusti West student rep.

Members absent, Mike Kane, Midwest Mechanical, Mark Ekren Ekern Home Equipment

Meeting was called to order by Jim Stout, Plumbing Instructor. We had an introduction of all members present.

Jim thanked everyone for coming during a very busy time of the year. Jim handed out the advisory guidelines and his syllabus for all the classes he teaches in the plumbing program.

Election of officers was held and president will be Scott Williams and secretary is Mike Kane.

There was a long discussion on what the committee wants the students to know when they leave this program: good material takers, filling out time cards and having a good understanding of the plumbing code. Scott also said that "GREEN" is coming to the plumbing field real soon, so he would like to see more instruction in that area. They also want the students to be able to think ahead as what might be needed next when working on a job.

All of the company's have drug tests and background checks for all new employees. Body piercings were frowned upon. Tattoos were alright if not seen.

Jim asked for help in recruiting new students to his program and any monetary help or equipment help. All of us want to hire people who have had some education in the plumbing field. Scott also asked about grants available to students. Chris gave him some information on this. Scott also thought there should be a lot available since GREEN is the coming thing.

It was a good meeting. Next year's meeting will be handled from Scott.  
Everyone was to leave an e-mail address for correspondence.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jim Stout  
Secretary