

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2014 MEETING OF THE LIQUEFIED
PETROLEUM GAS EDUCATION AND SAFETY BOARD
WILLIAM ASHBY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUILDING**

Call to order: The Meeting was called to Order by Chairman William Curcio.

Board members present: William P. Curcio (Chairman), Larry A. Horowitz, Gerard C. Stocker, Thomas A. Leahy, Michael Merrill, Michael Ticktin, Chuck Feinberg, Robert Zander, Lou Kilmer

Board members absent: Gene Dougherty

Department staff present: Director Edward M. Smith, Bureau Chief Michael Baier, John Tomasone, Carrie Battista

Member of the public present: None

Welcome New Board Members: The New Board members were introduced. Chairman Curcio gave a history of the Board.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without objection.

Public comments: None

Approval of minutes: Because of the lack of a quorum for so long, there were no formal Board minutes that were presented. Rather informal meeting summaries were presented to the Board for informational purposes.

Committee Reports: While there were no committee reports the Chairman went over each of the Committees and the current status with some background.

Licensing and training committee: This committee was established to discuss the proper training of employees who handle LP-Gas. It has been dormant for some time.

LPG Incident and Analysis Committee: This committee was established to try to identify accident trends. The committee has been interested in the National Fire Incident Reporting System but at the present time the system does not include enough detail to be useful in identify trends that lead to accidents.

Awards Committee: This committee was established to honor people who have performed outstanding service to the industry.

Public Education Committee: This committee was established to promote safe use and use generally of LP-Gas and has dealt with issues such as safe grilling and educating the public about the dangers of using/storing LP-Gas cylinders indoors.

Regulation Redundancy Review Committee: This committee was established to help eliminate rules about the use of LP-Gas that overlap.

Old Business:

a. Certification tests for propane appliance installers and service workers:

Mr. Baier reported that the Board of Master Plumbers has yet to promulgate rules that would establish alternative training for Plumbers. The rules are required by the legislation that provided the Plumbers with an exception to the requirement to be certified for the installation of LP-Gas piping and containers and installation of LP-Gas appliances. The Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers had agreed to make LP-Gas training a part of their apprenticeship program, as well as to make it required continuing education for existing licensees.

b. Status of NFPA 58 – 2011 proposed adoption/NFPA – 2014: Mr. Baier reported that there was not any movement on the proposal to adopt the 2011 edition of NFPA 58. There was discussion about whether to forgo consideration of the 2011 edition in favor of the 2014 edition. After discussion it was decided that the Board would continue to recommend adoption of the 2011 edition and concurrently work on the adoption of the 2014 edition.

c. Discussion regarding the updated TCPA rules: Mr. Curcio reported that the rules are scheduled to sunset in 2017. The rules are based on Federal requirements and the industry has been tracking how LP-Gas and more specifically propane used as a heating fuel are treated under the rules.

d. Relationship of PERC's new container ownership brochure to the NJ Consumer Bill of Rights program: There was discussion about things that consumers should be aware of if they choose to own their own tank such as once the tank is sold that the manufacturer's warranty is usually voided. Board members reported that the tank usually costs between 4 and 5 thousand dollars. Homeowner tanks also present some problems such as whether leak checks are done when work is performed on the tank.

e. Autogas as it relates to dispensing stations: there were concerns about the vehicular protection requirements and tampering requirements for these applications. Staff reported that if the entire property was fenced that there is no need to have another fence around the container. It was felt that this arrangement would accommodate most places with fleet vehicle fueling. It was mentioned that this could be a larger issue as the federal Energy policy moves toward less use of gasoline with a goal of having 4,000,000 gallons of gasoline displaced by other fuels.

New Business:

a. Election of Officers: The Board voted Mr. Curcio as Chair of the Board and Michael Ticktin as Vice Chair of the Board.

b. Committee to review NFPA 58 – 14: A committee comprised of the following members was constituted to review NFPA 58 – 14. Gerard Stocker (Chairman), Michael Merrill and Robert Zander. Copies of the 2014 edition of NFPA 58 will be distributed to all Board members.

Board Comments: None.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2014

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.