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Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 13th /2011 8:00 P.M. (Eastern Time)

There is an Education Committee Meeting scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13th at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time). Because we haven't had a meeting for a while, this meeting will cover numerous issues. I would plan on the phone conference lasting one and a half hours.

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It is **REALLY IMPORTANT** that everyone reads the links concerning the annual meeting schedule, certfication program and the newly proposed Education Program. I can't stress this enough, the meeting will last a lot longer if people are not up to speed on the proposals.

Here is the proposed agenda:

Old Business

- Reference manual revisions
- -Certification Process Review:

C.E.U.'s - Please read this link: Certification Review

-Annual Meeting Review Review schedule - Please read this link: Annual Meeting Schedule

-MHA sponsored workshops Criteria and costs

New Business

- MHA Education Program Concept and curriculum - Please read this link: Proposed Education Program

- Minors and Pets at Annual Meeting

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From:

Stephen Bushway [sbushway@mac.com]

Sent:

Sunday, February 13, 2011 9:45 AM Richard Smith - Executive Director

To: Cc:

David Moore

Subject:

reference manual revisions

Dick,

David Moore and I have exchanged emails on re-organizing the reference manual to be more user freindly by following a build sequence. I've had a chance to review the manual and the Occupational Analysis and I am working on an approach to the Reference Manual that puts the O. A. at the beginning of the Manual and includes references to it.

The basic differences between the documents, as I see them, is that the O. A. is #1. in outline form and #2. is broader in scope than the manual. In other words, each can stand alone for slightly different purposes: the manual goes into more depth and can be an actual study guide with tables, charts, etc. for the certification candidate. The O. A. is a comprehensive outline or checklist for the builder including customer interfacing issues regarding facing and chimney options that are specific to a particular job. So, I see them as 2 circles that intersect.

David has marked up the occupational analysis for clarity and I have made some edits to the manual as well as some re-ordering of the material.

Rather than enlarging the size of the Manual, David is working on a stand-alone, laminated "Quick reference Guide": a condensed reference guide for the builder including charts and tables for calculating channel sizing, heat outputs, etc. We can include this with the manual - or sell separately, or give it out upon certification..

We're going to get both documents in draft form and bounce them off each other. I'd like us to be able to O.K. each other's tasks and be able to present drafts for approval for both documents before the meeting that can be brought to the Wildacres Council meeting for a vote, which then should get a motion and vote by the Board.

Anyway, I'm happy to report that we're finally doing something with this languishing agenda item! (Nothing like a meeting to motivate...) I'm glad we did, as I see some glaring ambiguities. For example, the numbered tabs on my copy of the Ref. Manual have no relation to the Table of Contents outline. Best.

Steve

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Masonry Heater Association of North America Education Program

Third Draft - 2/7/11

UNDERSTANDING TO BEGIN WITH:

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- -Program is under the control of and administered by the MHA.
- -Instructors will be compensated at 2/3 or 3/4 of attendee tuition. Goal is to make sure instructors are well compensated.

PROGRAM CONCEPTION:

- -The MHA Educational Program is designed around a concept that has various subject levels. Each level will address subjects as they relate to heater building. Each level will build upon the knowledge received in the previous level(s). Here is an example: (curriculum to be developed by committee)
 - Level 1: Basic Heater Theory, Types, Functions, and basic building skills
 - Level 2: Masonry Heater construction of a Finnish Contraflow w/bake oven. Core Only.
 - Level 3: Masonry Heater construction of a Swedish 5 Run w/bake oven. Core Only.
 - Level 4: Retrofits, Trouble Shooting, Chimney issues, etc.
 - Level 5: Testing
- -Tuition may vary per level and to be determined by MHA.
- -Tuition will include complete workshop expenses. It will not include transportation, lodging, and meals. Unless specifically designed to (i.e. Wildacres Retreat).
- -The goal is to have classes geographically spread out throughout North America (i.e. West coast, East Coast, Canada).
- -Classes must be prepaid. MHA members only or discounted?
- -Class size to be determined by subject level

QUESTIONS:

- -Can someone "skip" levels? (i.e.take level 2 without the knowledge of level 1)?
- -Classes could be two tiered; establish a tuition rate and discount it for MHA members.
- -Who designs curriculum(s)? Assign task to committee member(s) and review by Ed. Committee?
- -Insurance, does instructor become an employee?
- -Should bake ovens be a level (for those interested in building a bake oven)?

-If program is to proceed, there is a need to establish a schedule and stick to it.

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From: Richard Smith - Executive Director [mha.association@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 12:47 PM

To: David Moore (yellowcat@myactv.net); Glenn Overk (solidtimber@fast.net); Jerry Frisch

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(mheat@mha-net.org); Steve Bushway (sbushway@mac.com)

Subject: Education Sub-Committees

Education Sub-Committee Members

Steve Bushway and I reviewed the tasks before us after the education committee meeting from Sunday evening. What is of concern is that we have a lot on our plate and there's a danger of spending a lot of time and ultimately not finishing anything. So with that in mind, we've come up with a "team" approach.

People who have signed up for sub-committee's working on the reference manual, MHA sponsored workshop issues, Continued Education Credit issues and the Education Program will be assigned to a "team". Each team will have specific tasks to complete within a time-frame. Hopefully this approach will allow us to move forward and clean up old business and move forward.

Teams:

MHA Sponsored Workshops; Jerry Frisch, Dick Smith, Steve Bushway

Continued Education Units; Marty Pearson, Steve Bushway, Dick Smith

Reference Manual: David Moore, Steve Bushway

Education Program:

Curriculum – John McDougall, David Moore, Norbert Senf, Purpose, Market, Funds – Marty Pearson, Chris Springer, Jerry Frisch Administrative: Steve Bushway, Dick Smith

I have spoken to or will be speaking a person on each team to be the leader and get the ball rolling. They will be given specific questions that should start them thinking about the area of responsibility. I would think communication between team members will initially be by email and maybe some phone. When the teams are finished with their individual tasks, we will have a telephone conference call of the entire sub-committee to review proposals. This will allow everyone to have input in all areas.

Each of you will be contacted by your team leader in the very near future. We are shooting to complete these tasks by March 1st. Thank you all for your dedication and time spent serving MHA.

Richard Smith Masonry Heater Ass'n. Executive Director 520-883-0191 480-371-1139 (fax)

Richard Smith - Executive Director

From: Richard Smith - Executive Director [mha.association@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 10:58 ÅM

To: (sbushway@mac.com)
Subject: Certification Program

Hi Steve,

Thinking about the certification c.e.u. and workshop issues, I'm also thinking maybe assignment of tasks would start us off. There seems to be two areas that we need to look at: MHA sponsored workshops and C.E.U.'s.

So with the above, here's a thought:

Have Steve and Marty work on the continued education issues:

Logbooks verses pre-approval forms (who reviews in both cases)

On-line forms (I suggest we create a certification link on the MHA website with information and forms) Review present credit values

C.E.U. credits; what gets credit and how much

Have Jerry, Dick and Steve work on the MHA sponsored workshops

Who decides what and when

On-line forms

MHA fee

Liability/Insurance

Steve, I'm thinking that you can get involved as much as you want or as little as you want. Let the committee members work and do the work. Once everyone has their assignments done, we can once again have a phone conference within the subcommittee and everyone will have input. Then finish it off and take it back to the education committee.

Talk to you soon – this is just food for thought.

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Sent: To: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:42 AM Steve Bushway (sbushway@mac.com)

Subject:

Education Program of MHA

Steve,

Here are my thoughts about where to begin with the Ed Program. It is too big for all of us to work on it piece by piece. I'm thinking that we assign tasks to a couple members to work on and then we put all the recommendations together for comment. For example:

Marty & Jerry would be responsible for coming up with a mission statement for the program. What is it we want to accomplish? They would also work on who the program is for (public, members only, both)? What percentage of tuition the instructor should make or a flat fee? 10 Cat 10 MS

John McDougall, David Moore and Norbert would work on level 1 and level 2 curriculums in detail. What is to be taught, how long a time period and cost of instructed level.

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This would be a start and we might want to add a few items. What do you think? Talk to you soon.

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- 1. There is no smoking inside any buildings at Wildacres. Those smoking outside are urged to use the build cans and be aware of the danger of fire at Wildacres.
 - 2. A bell will ring 30 minutes prior to breakfast to wake up guests. Bells will also ring 10 minutes prior to each meal and at meal-times.

Breakfast - 8:00am

Lunch - 12:30pm *

Dinner - First Wednesday 6:30pm - all other dinners 6:00pm

- 3. Public telephones are available on the main level of each lodge. Incoming calls should be to: (828) 756-4573 between the hours of 8:00am until 10:00pm unless there is an emergency.
- 4. Faxing is available for a fee. The fax number is (828) 756-4586.
- 5. PLEASE RECYCLE. The staff at Wildacres is committed to recycling, but the key is the cooperation of the guests. Recycling bins ar at the end of each hall and in the canteen. Paper and newspaper can be brought to the office.
- 6. The canteen will be staffed at the hours designated by your group/leader. Snacks, coffee, cold drinks, new Wildacres merchandise, post cards, and personal items are available for sale. Vending machines are available at all times. Ice is available for guests, but those wishing to fill coolers should provide their own ice.
- 7. Towel change will be on Sunday, April12th. Guests are asked to bring those items they wish to exchange to the middle floor of the lodges.
- 8. At the end of the workshop, guests are asked to bring sheets, towels, wash cloths, pillow-cases, and bathmats to the north end of the middle floor of the lodges. Moving out of the bedrooms prior to breakfast helps the cleaning crew begin preparations for the next groups coming to Wildacres.
- 9. Guests are asked to report any maintenance needs they find in their rooms. The attendants at the office or canteen can take care of most of these things.
- 10. Guests are asked to help Wildacres conserve water and electricity. Turning off lights, heaters and fans when leaving the room would have a large impact on electric consumption. The last people up at night are asked to turn out some lights as they retire.
- 11. Information about Wildacres activities and general information about the area surrounding Wildacres is available in the office.

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Richard Smith - Executive Director

From: John McDougall [jmc@ripnet.com]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 8:55 AM
To: Richard Smith - Executive Director

Subject: Re: Ed. Comm.

Dick,

Let's go with the 28th of June for the teleconference.

Re: recommendations:

- we could list the workshops as <u>proposals</u> for the 2010 AGM, to be confirmed and added to by the Committee
- Manual Modules are also proposals for discussion
- I think the best procedure for the agenda would be to list the three items I mentioned then ask for any other topics to be submitted by June 14th.
- Thanks should be extend to Dave M & Jerry F for their work on the certification test
- Dave M and Jerry F have both offered to work on the manual; this should be made known, plus solicitation for more volunteers
- Joel Dick and Worm have been working on something to do with certification, so they should be thanked, as well.
 I can't remember the specifics. Do you have any details?

Thanks for now,

John

---- Original Message -----

From: Richard Smith - Executive Director

To: imc@ripnet.com

Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2009 9:57 AM

Subject: RE: Ed. Comm.

John,

I read your email, thought about it, and read it again. I had two concerns, first is whether you had covered everything and if I could add something. The second being that this project is huge in nature. Can we pull it off?

After some thinking I think you nailed everything on the head. And if we don't start, it will never be completed. So let's go!

Here's my thoughts:

- First, as you stated, let's schedule the education committee meeting for June 28th, 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Once you agree I will let everyone know.
- Second, I think the recommendations you mention below should be distributed to the education committee.
- Third, as we get closer to the meeting, I will send the certification test to the members so they can review it before the meeting (along with Dave's and Jerry's recommended changes) and the agenda.
- Added to the agenda should be a brief summary report about where the Technical Committee is at presently. This would be for informally use only, but the committee might think of something that it may want to start.

Let me know your thoughts. I will then notify all the education committee members.

From: John McDougall [mailto:jmc@ripnet.com]

Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2009 7:32 AM

To: Richard Smith **Subject:** Ed. Comm.

Dick,

Just received word that David Moore would be interested in reviewing the manual. I'm sure we can find a few other interested certified members to help him on this. David has indicated that there should be seven to nine divisions. I think our next step is to forward the findings of Dave and Jerry re: the test, to all Ed. Comm. members for their input as to implementing the changes for the certification test.

In addition to last year's Ed. Comm. members, Joel Dick, Marty Pearson, and Albie Barden indicated they were interested in joining the Committee.

Re: 2010 AGM, what we have so far for suggested workshops are:

- basic bricklaying, theory and practical
- basic blacksmithing, how to temper chisels
- combustion class (Steve suggests an engineer for a wood stove manufacturer to give that class, e.g. Quadrafire, which was a leader in non-catalytic technology when EPA stepped in)
- emissions and efficiency testing, so as to get a clearer idea on secondary combustions (Steve suggests that Norbert or Dave could give that class)

Re: Modules for Manual, possible headings:

- history of masonry heaters
- safety (personal protection, MSDS sheets, WHIMIS, fall-arrest)
- basic chemistry and physics, as related to heaters
- fuel/combustion science
- exhaust analysis
- material analysis (natural and manufactured)
- building codes and regulatory bodies
- customer requirements/consultation
- heater building (foundation, base, firebox construction, air supply, channels, facings)

As far as a date for a conference call goes, let's suggest Sunday, June 28th. However, before the teleconference, could we email all members with the three main agenda items, namely:

- certification test, with a brief description as to what has happened so far, and a request for volunteers to help Dave with revisions
- manual, areas that need reviewing and a request for volunteers to help compile
- AGM workshops

For the first two items, we need to use the OA as a guide, as much as possible.