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Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2014

Attendance: Russ Martin

Phone: Alyssa Rusiecki, John Murphy, Dick Bachelder, Mike Moreau, Dan Ottenheimer, Lauren Usilton

Approval of July 10th minutes – A motion is made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting. A vote is taken and the motion passes.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Dave Clark – Not present. No report.

President's Report – Russ Martin – Russ reported on the following:

- Attended NOWRA Annual Conference in Westminster, CO. It was an excellent meeting with approximately 250 attendees. This meeting was combined with the local affiliate meeting. Russ attended the field trip, which consisted of five sites in Conifer, CO. Next year's meeting will be held on November 3-6, 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA. It will be a joint meeting with SORA and possibly the Pumpers along with the Virginia affiliate association.
- Russ is now Chair of the States Affiliates' Group. His term on the NOWRA Board is over.
- We have received 9 local installer exams. Russ will email them to the Board. Alyssa noted that some people voiced concerns at the MHOA meeting regarding MAOWP developing their own exam. The NEHA exam would cost \$125 per exam; if we had our own exam, we could set our own fee. The national exam has nothing specific to local regulations.

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- Installer Training – March 2015 – MEHA. Dan spoke with MEHA to see if they would be interested in combining their training with our exam. This training is given every year in March. Most attendees are Health Agents and would probably not be interested in doing it then, but would likely partner in some way at another time of year. If MassDEP can take part, there would be enough material to fill out an entire day. Discussion follows regarding when to have the training. Russ suggests possibly having the training and exam sometime in the fall of 2015. Alyssa agrees not to rush it and suggests having a one-day training,

review the next day in the morning, and then follow with the exam. Mike suggests having the training in the winter, which is better than fall when installers are not busy. Russ will forward exams and asks for those interested in forming a committee to develop the exam.

- MAOWP Ballot – Russ will send ballot and membership renewal form to the NEWEA office for distribution in early December. Dues will remain the same as 2014. Will include information regarding name change on the renewal form.

Next meeting – Discussion followed regarding having the January meeting in Boston at the NEWEA Annual Conference. Russ will look at the program to determine the best time to have the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 9:00 AM.

A motion is made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting is adjourned at 10:47 AM.