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MINUTES MINNESOTA CHAPTER SPRING MEETING

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI's Spring Meeting was called to order at 4pm, April 9, 2007 at the North Central Electrical League Upper Midwest Electrical Expo by Chapter President Cari Williamette. Under old business, Secretary Sam Sampson read the minutes of the Chapter winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no further Old Business, President Williamette called for the Chapter financial report. This report was also approved without change. Secretary Sampson announced the correspondence, 1.) a request for an ad in the program for the Fall Section meeting. A motion was passed to sponsor a full-page ad in the program, and 2.) a request from Fair Hills resort to host the chapter summer meeting

Auditing Committee chair Marty Ignatowicz reported that the chapter's banking accounts had been audited January 23, 2008 and found to be in order. Copies of the audit report and the chapter IRS form 990 were submitted to the Western Section Secretary and the International Office in early April, and are available for review.

Education & Code Panel chair Jamie McNamara noted that an Inspector Code Panel, approved for 2 hours of CE credit would follow the meeting. He asked the membership for ideas and suggestions for future meetings, commenting that we are looking for education, not a sales pitch.

Sunshine Committee chair Tom Tobias noted that cards were sent to . Marty Kumm mentioned that long-time inspector member Ron Glynn had recently passed and asked that a card be sent to the Glynn family

John Schultz, Chair of the Legislative committee announced that the Department of Labor & Industry sponsored a "clean-up" bill this session. He noted that there were no substantial changes in the bill, just small technical & language changes. He did mention that the legislature will be taking 4 million dollars from the Construction Codes and Licensing Division in an effort to balance the budget this year, but assured those present that it would not affect contract inspector payments. He went on to say that, similar to what is happening in Ohio, South Dakota and other states, the Board's adoption of the 2008 NEC would probably be delayed. A challenge from BAM, the Builders Association of Minnesota, concerning the expanded requirements for GFCIs, AFCIs and tamper-resistant receptacles, asks the Board of Electricity to consider an amended adoption of the 2008 NEC to prevent "unintended consequences" of the adoption. A special Board meeting has been set for April 25, 2008 to hear arguments. In response to one of BAM's concerns, Mr. Schultz suggested a compromise - adding an exception to Section 210.8

which requires GFCI protection of the receptacle for a sump pump. The suggested exception would allow a non-GFCI receptacle for the sump when an additional, GFCI protected receptacle is installed within 6-feet, similar to the allowance in found Article 547 of the 2008 NEC. He encouraged concerned individuals to attend or to submit their proposals and comments to the Board prior to the special meeting. John also explained that additional rulemaking would probably include a requirement for eight hours of continuing education for registered individuals, and that of the 16 hours required for PLTs, six would be code and up to ten hours could be related technical credits.

Membership Chair Tim Miller announced that Chapter enrollment has stabilized at about 240 members and enjoined everyone to share the value of IAEI membership with others. Tim reminded those attending that new member applications are available at the IAEI booth on the convention floor. John Schultz suggested advancing some form of membership incentive, perhaps a reduced fee for the 2009 Section meeting for individual signing up new members.

Summer Meeting Chair Jim Gangl noted the summer meeting will be held in conjunction with the Minnesota Electrical Association again this year at Breezy Point Resort, June 13th to 15th.

President Williamette reminded members that the fall chapter meeting would be held at noon at Minnetonka City Hall, in response to requests that one meeting be held during work hours. This meeting time is a "test-case" to see if meeting attendance increases with the new time slot.

Secretary Sampson advised that the Western Section IAEI, iae-western.org has information on the upcoming Section meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota, September 21st to 24th. He also asked any members who plan on attending the meeting to contact the 2009 Western Section Meeting in Beautiful Bloomington, Minnesota Committee about volunteering to work the booth. A motion for the chapter to spend up to \$600 on shirts for volunteers was made, seconded and passed.

Under Other Matters, an advance \$400 to Jim Gangl for summer meeting expenses was accepted, as was a motion for the chapter to send a letter in support of the un-amended adoption of the 2008 NEC to the Board of Electricity. State Fair booth chair Cari Williamette reminded everyone that the Republican National Committee would be meeting in Saint Paul during the state fair and that volunteers are needed to work the IAEI booth, filling those slots usually taken by the city of Saint Paul electrical inspectors.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm with the Inspector Code Panel to follow.