



Minnesota Chapter IAEI

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Minutes of the Fall 2009 Chapter Meeting

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Fall Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Scott Novotny at 12:05 pm on October 14, 2009 at the Minnetonka Community Center. Secretary Sampson asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of the summer meeting as posted on the Chapter website. The minutes were approved without change.

A detailed financial report was given 2009 by secretary/treasurer Sampson and approved by those in attendance. The final charges for the Western Section meeting are not yet available, but Sampson assured the membership that chapter remains financially secure. The chapter decided that the \$425 donation from the Western Section Guest Program would go to the IBEW Local 292 food shelf.

President Novotny asked for committee reports and Secretary Sampson read a letter of resignation from Gary Pederson, who has elected to relinquish his position on the Executive Board.

Jamie McNamara, chair of the Education Committee reminded everyone that the meeting would be followed by a program on LED lighting by Peter Strand of LUMA and asked the members to suggest presenters for future Chapter meetings.

Legislative liaison John Schultz announced that Governor Pawlenty appointed Jeffrey Slimmer as the electrical inspector member of the Board of Electricity by. He reported that the Board had published the "Notice of Adoption of Rules" regarding the new two-hour continuing education requirement for registered unlicensed electrical workers and the new rule will take effect Monday, October 19, 2009. He also explained the proposed new, balanced fee structure for all construction licenses and examinations; changes that will result in an increase for some licenses and a decrease for others. Although the personal and contractor licensing fees for electricians will be increased, the intent is to create fee equity for all CCLD license-holders and will not increase the income for the Division. John also explained the ongoing effect of the 2007 Session Laws, Chapter 135, Article 1, section 16 will be to drain 1.5 million dollars from the Division every year, with significant impact. To meet budgetary demands, not only were the compensation percentages of the contract inspectors reduced, but 10% of the already lean CCLD staff was cut, including the plumbing supervisor position. John encouraged inspectors and other members of the electrical industry to contact their own legislators about how this directly affects them. Information on how to contact your legislator is available at <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/faq/faqtoc.asp?id=47> John also reported that the new CCLD electronic inspection filing system is slated to be ready January 25, 2010

Tim Miller, membership committee chair noted that our Chapter membership remains "flat" with some new members joining each year and some members retiring. Within 10 years, the IAEI will lose over 50% of its membership due to retirements, so we need to encourage new, younger members. Miller encouraged everyone to not only share the benefits of IAEI membership, but to take the extra step and invite a new member to accompany you to a Chapter meeting.

Placing the names of the 11 qualifying applicants into the fish-bow, scholarship committee chair Scott Nutting announced that there would be 2 scholarships to be awarded. Past president and host of the

meeting, Darryl Trangsrud drew the name of Lynsey Torvund, daughter of inspector Doug Torvund for the AMP scholarship and Eric Monson, son of Area Rep Sheldon Monson for the Minnesota Chapter scholarship. Each lucky recipient will receive a check for \$500.

Sunshine Committee Chair Tom Tobias noted that Larry Seekon, an electrical inspector for the City of Minneapolis for 26 years, had passed away after an 18-month struggle with brain cancer. Tom reminded everyone to notify him if a member needs a little IAEE "sunshine." Tom can be reached by email at sunshine@MinnesotaIAEE.org

Jamie McNamara reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 4:45 - immediately following the first day of the electrical section of the Annual Institute for Building Officials, January 6, 2010. After a short business meeting and the induction of 2010 officers, members are invited to socialize at a local venue, to be announced.

Tim Miller read the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers for 2010: Robert Sogla was nominated for the position vacated by Gary Pederson and Wade Schlie will take a position on the executive board to replace outgoing past-president Cari Williamette. After receiving no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers were elected as presented by the committee. The 2010 Chapter Officers are:

President: Sheldon Monson

Vice-President: Robert Sogla

Secretary/Treasurer: Marcus "Sam" Sampson

Board of Directors:

Scott Novotny (Past President)

Mark Smythe

William Dietrich

Dan Ordahl

Wade Schlie

John Schultz (ex-officio)

George Cusick (ex-officio)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee reports.

Under other matters of concern, Secretary Sampson asked the membership for input on the summer meeting. Attendance at the meeting has historically been poor, partly because of location and because the meeting is on a summer Saturday. It was suggested that the summer meeting be held on a weekday at noon, like the spring and fall meetings. Everyone acknowledged the importance of maintaining our relationship with the Minnesota Electrical Association and the suggestion was made for a possible Inspector/Contractor chapter meeting and an optional "event" such as a golf outing with MEA.

Code Panel Committee chair Jamie McNamara reminded everyone that comments for the 2011 NEC are due at NFPA headquarters on October 23rd, just nine days from now. Secretary Sampson indicated that he could send a program of the most significant proposals for the 2011 Code which was prepared for the 2009 Western Section Meeting to anyone who requests it.

Darryl Trangsrud, electrical inspector for the city of Minnetonka announced that he will be retiring at the end of this year and offered city of Minnetonka job applications to those interested.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.