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MINUTES MINNESOTA CHAPTER SPRING MEETING April 15, 2009

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Spring Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon at the St Paul Electrical Training Center by Chapter President Scott Novotny. Under old business, Secretary Marcus Sampson read the minutes of the winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no further Old Business, President Novotny called on Treasurer Marcus Sampson for the financial report. This report was also approved without change.

Martin Ignatowicz reported that the annual audit of the Chapter's financial records had been made on January 14th and all were found in order.

Education & Code Panel chair Jamie McNamara noted that an exceptional Inspector Code Panel would follow the meeting after a short presentation by guest speakers Beth Anderson, PE of Anderson Engineering of New Prague and Gary Sherburne, PE regarding the importance of field evaluations for unlisted electrical equipment. Jamie thanked inspector members John Williamson, Tim Miller, Richard Owen, Harold Miller and Dean Eggert for their participation on the code panel. Jamie asked the membership to assist him in finding quality continuing education for Chapter meetings.

It was also announced Legislative liaison John Schultz noted that the Department had a clean-up bill before the legislature this year, but no major changes were expected. He also stated that the report from the Administrative Law Judge s was due next week regarding the Board of Electricity proposed rules requiring continuing education for registered unlicensed individuals. As North Central Electrical League liaison, Mr. Schultz mentioned that the NCEL scholarship program was ongoing and that over \$200,000 had been given to NCEL member's children for college tuition over the last 20 years.

Membership Tim Miller reported that Chapter membership has stayed constant at 235 members and encouraged everyone present to share the benefits of membership with the folks they meet on the job. He reminded everyone to that while most every electrical inspector in the state is already a member, others can become associate members.

Retiring Scholarship Committee Chair Ron Gnotke and Earl English of American Midwest Power drew the names of the 4 winners and 2 alternates for the scholarships to the IAEI Western Section Meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota this September. The winners are: Dan Moynihan of the city of St Paul, Gordy Wagoner of the city of Minnetonka, Scott Elias from ETL, Randy Edel, state contract inspector, and alternates Dan Jambor of St Paul and Joe Wheaton, state contract inspector. Congratulations to all the winners and alternates.

Sunshine Committee Chair Tom Tobias noted that a get well card was sent to John Berg and sympathy cards were sent to Keith Holnagel and Scott Novotny for losses in their families.

Speaking on behalf of the Summer Meeting, June 12th and 13th was Judi Rubin of the Minnesota Electrical Association. Judi invited all IAEI members to attend at the new location, Riverwood Inn and Conference Center in Otsego and detailed the weekend activities, including the mini trade show and free lunch on Friday, the rolle bolle tournament Friday evening and the "Inspector Field Problems" golf outing on Saturday afternoon. Jeff Fecteau, of Underwriters Laboratories will give a presentation on "The History of Arc Fault" following the IAEI business meeting on Saturday morning.

2009 Western Section Committee Chair George Cusick reminded everyone that the annual section meeting would be right here in Bloomington and that this is a tremendous opportunity for anyone who has never experienced one to attend. He noted that the committee had arranged for comedienne Tina and Lena to welcome everyone at the reception on Sunday evening, Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner Steve Swiggum would present the opening remarks on Monday morning, local sports writer Ron Schera and his dog Raven would be the guest speakers at the banquet on Tuesday night and the evening would conclude with dance music from the Red Rock Swing Band, a 14-piece big-band ensemble. 16 hours of approved continuing education will be offered, including presentations on the top 10 significant proposals to the 2011 NEC, Motor Installations, Variable Speed Drives, and Lighting Control Systems

Under Other Matters, it was noted that the Construction Codes Division of the Department of Labor & Industry would not have a booth at the Minnesota State Fair this year, so volunteers would not be needed for setup or staffing.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm with the educational session to follow.