



# *International Association of Electrical Inspectors*

## **Minnesota Chapter**

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## **MINUTES**

**MINNESOTA CHAPTER WINTER MEETING    JANUARY 7, 2009**

The 2009 Winter Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter was called to order at 5:00 pm on January 7, at the Earle Brown Center at the University of Minnesota by 2008 Chapter President Cari Williamette.

President Williamette opened the meeting to old business, and Secretary Marcus Sampson read the minutes of the fall 2008 chapter meeting. The minutes were approved without change.

There was no further old business, under new business the first item on the agenda was the treasurer's report. Treasurer Marcus Sampson reported the checking account balance has been getting lower as the 2009 Western Section Planning Committee has already been securing entertainment and purchasing items for the upcoming September meeting. Our annual membership in the North Central Electrical League is due each January as is the chapter's liability insurance premium, which uses up most of our biennial distribution check. The treasurer's report was approved.

President Williamette then called for committee reports, and the first was from Education & Code Panel Committee. Chair Jamie McNamara reminded everyone that following the success of the noon meeting time for the fall chapter meeting, both the spring and fall meetings this year will be held at noon as well. There would be a two-hour presentation on the significant proposals to the 2011 NEC at the spring chapter meeting, which will be (at noon) on April 15th at the St Paul Electrical JATC.

Legislative Liaison John Schultz's report indicated that the Board of Electricity had published a "Notice of Intent to Adopt" amendments to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 3800. The most significant change will be a new requirement for continuing education for registered unlicensed individuals. The proposed rules and information related to the rule amendment process can be accessed at [www.doli.state.mn.us/boe.html](http://www.doli.state.mn.us/boe.html)

John also noted that the Office of the Revisor of Statutes has published the Minnesota Electrical Act in its final form and some of the numbering has changed. A copy of the electrical Act can be accessed at [www.electricity.state.mn.us/statutes\\_rules.html](http://www.electricity.state.mn.us/statutes_rules.html)

The Department of Labor & Industry is not proposing any changes to the Electrical Act this legislative session, but anticipates some action from industry groups. The Satellite Broadcasting and Communication Association has already indicated that they will be seeking legislation to amend current licensing laws that apply to the installation of satellite antenna systems.

Membership Chair Tim Miller reported that the chapter membership numbers had decreased slightly due to a loss of Associate Members, and encouraged all members present to actively seek new members. He challenged the membership to "share the benefits" and sign up one new member in the coming year.

NCEL Liaison John Schultz encouraged everyone to consider membership in the North Central Electrical League, which has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to children of inspector members in the past 17 years. Visit [www.NCEL.org](http://www.NCEL.org) for industry information and access to membership application forms.

Former Scholarship Committee Chair, Ron Gnotke, asked that the drawing for the four scholarships to the 2009 Western Section meeting be delayed until the spring chapter meeting because some members could not be present at this meeting. Following an emotive discussion, including the statement that the winter meeting has the greatest attendance and a testimonial from an inspector who had driven four hours to attend this meeting, the vote was to delay the drawing until April 15<sup>th</sup>. The membership affirmed their position that scholarship winners must be present at the drawing.

Sunshine Committee chair Tom Tobias reminded the members to notify him whenever the chapter should send a card or note to a member who could use some cheer, and that there is a link on the website to email the Sunshine Committee under the "contact us" tab. He reported that the chapter had sent a card to Richard Franks, whose father passed in November and to Rich Albertson who is recovering from health issues. Tom also gave an update on the condition of Larry Seekon, longtime chief electrical inspector for the city of Minneapolis. Larry was diagnosed with brain cancer (anaplastic astrocytoma stage 3) on March 31, 2008 and continues to receive treatment. More information is available at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryseekon](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/larryseekon) Richard Owen told the membership that 59-year old Timothy Owens, Southwestern Section representative to IAEI International Board of Directors., passed away suddenly on December 13 of a massive stroke. Dick noted that Tim was an active participant and enthusiastic supporter of IAEI and will be missed by the Association.

President Williamette reminded everyone about the 2009 summer meeting June 12th and 13th. The Minnesota Electrical Association and the Minnesota Chapter have agreed to once again hold a joint meeting at the Riverwood Inn & Conference Center in Otsego, Minnesota. A motion was passed to designate \$500 toward the expenses of the summer meeting. Members were warned

that the new location is only 3 miles from the Outlet Mall at Albertville and to take appropriate precautions. More information about the new location is available at their website, <http://www.riverwoodinn.com>

George Cusick, chair of the 2009 Western Section Planning Committee encouraged everyone to mark their 2009 calendars for the IAEI Section Meeting in Beautiful Bloomington, Minnesota. He reported that the committee has secured Labor & Industry Commissioner Steve Swiggum to make the opening remarks to the Annual Meeting. The committee has also secured some fine entertainment including Minnesota's own home-grown comedienne "Tina and Lena" and the Red Rock Swing Band, a 17 piece big band specializing in classic big band sounds.

With no further committee reports, a motion was passed to accept all reports without change. Then, the 2009 Chapter Officers were sworn in by very special guest, IAEI International President, Richard Owen.

President: Scott Novotny  
Vice-President: Sheldon Monson  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marcus "Sam" Sampson  
Board of Directors:  
Cari Williamette (Past President)  
Gary Pederson  
Mark Smythe  
William Dietrich  
Dan Ordahl  
John Schultz and George Cusick (ex-officio)

Outgoing President Cari Williamette presented the gavel of office to the 2009 Chapter President Scott Novotny.

President Novotny adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm. Following the meeting chapter members and guests gathered at the Chianti Grill in Roseville for social hour and dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcus R. Sampson