



Minnesota Chapter IAEI

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Minutes of the Fall 2010 Chapter Meeting

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Fall Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Sheldon Monson at 12:05 pm on October 20, 2010 at the Minnetonka Community Center. He welcomed special guests Dick Metz, former UL Representative and 50-year active IAEI member, George Cusick of Cooper Bussmann and Earl English, formerly of AMP Manufacturing and past chapter secretary. Secretary Sampson acknowledged visiting students from the St. Paul Technical College Construction Electricity Program: J D Greenburg, Chris Hayes, Marty Hayes, Hank Kretman, Johnny Moua and Andy Schneider.

Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the spring meeting and President Monson asked if there were any changes or additions. The minutes were approved without change.

The financial report was given by secretary/treasurer Sampson who assured the membership that chapter remains financially secure, and even more so since it was discovered that liability for chapter meetings can be covered by the International Office insurance policy, eliminating our yearly premium of \$493. The report was approved by those in attendance.

President Monson asked for committee reports and with no correspondence, the Education Committee Chair Jamie McNamara announced that the meeting would be followed by a program on the "Top 15 or so Changes in the 2011 NEC" presented by Cari Williamette. Jamie asked the membership to bring him suggestions for presenters for future Chapter meetings.

Legislative liaison John Schultz gave a detailed report of the many changes at the Construction Codes and Licensing Division of the Department of Labor & Industry. He reported that the Board had published the "Notice of Intent to Adopt" the 2011 National Electrical Code and reminded everyone that the two-hour continuing education requirement for registered unlicensed electrical took effect yesterday, Tuesday, October 19, 2010 for all future renewals. He also explained the new, balanced fee structure for all construction licenses that will result in an increase cost for some licenses and a decrease for others. He said that although the personal and contractor licensing fees for electricians will be increased January 1, 2012, the intent is to create fee equity for all CCLD license-holders and the changes will not result in an increase in income for the Division.

John talked about the ongoing effect of the 2007 legislation that continues to take 1.5 million dollars from the Division every year. Calculating the electrical inspection portion of that transfer, with the 80/20 distribution of fees, 2.8 million dollars in electrical inspection fees is needed to offset that diversion.

Tim Miller, membership committee chair reported that we have some new members joining each year but that membership numbers are offset by retiring members. Tim said that the International Office estimates that the IAEI will lose almost 50% of its membership in the next ten years, and encouraged 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.

After placing the names of the 13 qualifying applicants into the fish-bowl, scholarship committee chair Scott Nutting announced that there would be 3 scholarships to be awarded. Special guest Earle English drew name of the AMP scholarship winner, George Cusick drew the name of the Cooper Bussmann winner and Education Chair Jamie McNamara drew the IAEI winner. Congratulations to Ashley Sogla, daughter of Vice President Bob Sogla, Jordan Noonan, daughter of Inspector member Jim Noonan and to Jessica Regnier, daughter of Inspector member Rick Regnier. Each lucky recipient will receive a check for \$500 to assist with their college expenses.

Sunshine Committee Chair Tom Tobias reported that sympathy cards were sent to inspector members Sheldon Monson, Doug Torvund and Mike Anthony, each of whom lost their father in recent months. Get-well cards were sent to inspector members Sam Sampson and Marty Ignatowitz who had recent surgeries and to Mark Smythe, whose wife was injured in a 4-wheeler accident. A card was sent to the family of inspector member Dean Eggert who lost his battle with cancer in August. Tom reminded everyone to notify him if a member could use a little “sunshine” from the IAEI. Tom can be reached by email at sunshine@MinnesotaIAEI.org

Western Section Representative M. “Sam” Sampson reported that the annual meeting in Green Bay was a great success with NEC panel members explaining the changes to the 2011 NEC. He invited everyone to Louisville for the 2011 meeting. Kentucky is known for their bourbon and the Kentucky Derby and of course, Louisville Slugger baseball bats. Western Section Education Chairman Alan Manche proposed that the meeting focus on wiring associated with electric vehicle charging systems.

Jamie McNamara reminded everyone that the next chapter meeting will be at 4:45 - immediately following the first day of the electrical section of the Annual Institute for Building Officials, January 5, 2011. The two-day program will feature Paul Dobrowsky presenting the *IAEI Analysis of Changes to the 2011 NEC*. This is short business meeting with the induction of 2011 officers, members are invited to socialize at a local venue, to be announced.

Nominating Committee Chair Jim Noonan announced the nominating committee’s recommendations for 2011 officers. With no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was elected as presented by the committee.

The 2010 Chapter Officers are:
President: Robert Sogla
Vice-President: Mark Smythe
Secretary/Treasurer: M “Sam” Sampson
Board of Director Members:
Sheldon Monson (Past President)
Mark Smythe
William Dietrich
Dan Ordahl
Wade Schlie
Jeffrey Slimmer
John Schultz (ex-officio)
George Cusick (ex-officio)

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm