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Minutes of the Fall 2011 Chapter Meeting

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Fall Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Robert Sogla at 12:05 pm on October 19, 2011 at the Minnetonka Community Center. He welcomed special guests Todd Olmschenk, Dan Neeser, Craig Knoll and George Cusick as well as past-international president Richard Owen. Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the spring meeting and President Sogla asked if there were any changes or additions. The minutes were approved as submitted.

The quarterly financial report was given by secretary/treasurer Sampson who reminded those present that, a great deal of activity was created by the contract electrical inspectors errors and omissions insurance premiums and the chapter awarded a partial reimbursement to the secretary and education chair, who attended the Western Section meeting. Sampson said that even with the award of a \$500 scholarship at the meeting, the chapter remains financially secure. The treasurer's report was approved by those in attendance.

President Sogla asked for committee reports and Secretary Sampson held up correspondence – a copy of the liability insurance certificate and explained that the chapter was saving \$493 per year now that the International Office permits insurance coverage for our meetings. With no additional correspondence, the chapter's new Education Committee Chair Dean Hunter reported on the committee meeting held in Louisville and he asked those present to let him know of any topics presenters available for future meetings. Hunter announced that the meeting would be followed by a program by a short program from Dan Neeser of Cooper Bussmann "Selective Coordination" immediately followed by Todd Olmschenk. Olmschenk is a Minnesota licensed master electrician and approved instructor who has been working with VFDs for 12 years and will reveal the secrets of VFDs.

Membership chair Tim Miller stated that the chapter membership is actually fairly flat, but that if every individual member vowed to bring in just one new member over the next 12-months, the membership would double by the end of the year. Tim asked those present to invite a new member the next Chapter meeting.

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 said that the long-standing rule that those who fail electrical exams wait 6-months before they are eligible to re-examine has been changed to a waiting period of 30-days. Shultz announced that during the state shutdown in July, 24 cities had adopted local inspection ordinances which would have a significant impact on the Construction Codes and Licensing Division's financial outlook. He said that in this political climate, the agency would not be successful in convincing the legislature to adopt a fee increase and that the Department was looking into adopting a minor label program, similar to those used successfully in other states.

In the absence of scholarship committee chair Scott Nutting, the names of the 10 scholarship applicants were placed in the official fishbowl and special guest Dan Neeser drew the names of the lucky winners. Ahsley Sogla, daughter of President Bob Sogla and Eric Monson, son of Past President

Sheldon Monson, will each receive a \$500 scholarship check from the Minnesota Chapter and Cooper Bussmann to assist with their college expenses.

Sunshine committee chair Tom Tobias said that cards had been sent to Don Offerdahl, Jim Noonan, Steve Kletschka and Dave Sawyer. Tom asked everyone to let him know if a member needs a little IAEI “sunshine.” Tom can be reached by phone at 651-284-5810 or by email at sunshine@MinnesotaIAEI.org

Western Section Representative Sampson reported on the success of the annual meeting in Louisville and invited everyone to next year’s meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas, located midway between Little Rock and Oklahoma City.

Ron Gnotke, acting chair of the nominating committee announced the nominating committee’s recommended slate of officers for 2012. With no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was elected as presented by the committee.

The 2010 Chapter Officers are:

President: Mark Smythe

Vice-President: Dan Ordahl

Secretary/Treasurer: M “Sam” Sampson

Board of Directors:

Robert Sogla (Past President)

Wade Schlie

Jeffrey Slimmer

David Kichler

Peggy Schlichte

John Schultz (ex-officio)

George Cusick (ex-officio)

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

The chapter voted to purchase a booth at the 2012 NCEL Upper Midwest Electrical Expo April 18th and 19th. Director of Inspections at DLI, John Schultz, stated that the Department would be looking to distribute information about the new eTRAKiT program and would consider cost sharing and allowing DLI staff to participate. Dan Ordahl shared a bag of novelties he collected at a recent promotional products convention and suggested the chapter offer small screwdrivers with IAEI information to attendees of both the Annual Institute for Building Officials in January as well as the EXPO.

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

M. “Sam” Sampson
Secretary/Treasurer