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MINNESOTA CHAPTER 2011 SPRING MEETING

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Spring Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon on April 20, 2011 at the Saint Paul Electrical JATC by Chapter President Sogla. Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the Chapter winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no additional Old Business, President Sogla called for the Chapter financial report. This report was also approved without change. The treasurer disclosed that there had been a significant problem last year receiving timely payment from the contract electrical inspectors for their errors and omissions insurance and bond payments. He said that all payments must be received by the due date and that the failure to have required insurance and bond is a breach of the electrical inspection contract.

Sampson also noted that the chapter would not have to pay the usual \$100 for a full-page ad in the annual meeting program, because we paid for a full-page ad in the 2010 program, but it was mistakenly omitted.

Secretary Sampson read the correspondence which included an audit memo from the International Office showing that we owed them \$13,900.00 and a bill from the North Central Electrical League for our annual membership dues.

Auditing Committee chair Marty Ignatowicz reported that the accounts had been audited January 17, 2011 and found to be in order. Copies of the audit report along with the chapter IRS form 990 were submitted to and accepted by the Western Section Secretary and the International Office in early March. Copies of both reports are available for review.

Education chair Jamie McNamara announced that immediately following the business meeting we would have a program approved for 3 hours of CE credit. The first presentation will be from Ken Cybart, technical sales engineer for Littlefuse on the marking requirements of the 2011 NEC. After a short break, our local UL representative Jeff Fecteau will teach us how to use the UL White Book and highlight inspection items for solar PV installations.

Jamie asked the membership for ideas and suggestions for future chapter meetings, commenting that we are looking for education, not a sales program, then informed us that he is resigning his long-held position as Education Chair for the Chapter. President Sogla confirmed that Jamie will be replaced by Dean Hunter, longtime IAEI member who was recently appointed to CMP-19.

Scott Nutting, chair of the scholarship committee was not present but his report was read by Sheldon Monson. Scott continues to solicit scholarship sponsors to supplement the usual \$500 scholarship given by the chapter and that he hoped that by August 1st the applications for the 2011 awards would be available at the website. Sheldon reminded everyone that because of our NCEL membership, Minnesota IAEI members are eligible for a \$1500.00 scholarship for any dependant child. Applications are available from NCEL and the deadline for submissions is June 30th.

Sunshine Committee chair Tom Tobias noted that cards were sent to former Minnetonka electrical inspector Gordy Wagoner who had shoulder surgery, Minneapolis inspector Gary Pederson, whose mother passed, Contract Inspector Dave Kichler, whose father passed and to Maple Grove inspector Jeff Slimmer who is continuing to undergo cancer treatments. Tom asked the membership to contact him if they know of a member in need of some "sunshine." Richard Owen informed those present that Dan Offerdahl, electrical inspector for the city of Fargo and brother of former executive secretary of the North Dakota Electricity Board, Don Offerdahl, had lost his battle with cancer on April 19th. The chapter will send a sympathy card to Don.

Membership committee chair Tim Miller reported that the Chapter membership is sharply down from what it was ten years ago due in large part retired inspectors whose employers no longer cover the cost of membership. Tim made the point that overall our chapter membership is aging and that we need an infusion of new members with new ideas. He encouraged everyone to take the extra bold step of inviting someone to a chapter meeting to show the value of IAEI membership. Tim also reminded everyone that the new noon meeting time has allowed more members to attend and that the fall chapter meeting would be held at 12:00 at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Under New Business a motion was passed to allow an annual maximum of \$1500 to reimburse officers for registration, travel, meals and lodging expenses related to attending the annual meeting. This stipend is for \$500 maximum per individual to the chapter secretary, president, education and membership chairs and section representative, when such costs are not covered by their employer.

President Sogla reminded those present that the Western Section website, www.iaei-western.org, has information on the upcoming annual section meeting in Louisville, Kentucky September 18th to 21st. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm with presentations from.

Respectfully,

M. "Sam" Sampson
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