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MINNESOTA CHAPTER WINTER MEETING JANUARY 5, 2011

The 2011 Winter Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter was called to order at 5:00 pm on January 5th at the University of Minnesota Continuing Education Center by 2010 Chapter President Sheldon Monson.

President Monson opened the meeting to old business and Secretary M. "Sam" Sampson read the minutes of the fall 2010 chapter meeting. The meeting was held October 20, 2010 at the Minnetonka Community Center. The minutes were approved without change.

Secretary Sampson noted the correspondence since October included a holiday card from Rabbit Printing with a automobile air freshener tucked inside, the membership statement from NCEL and a thank you card from Jordan Noonan for the IAEI \$500 Scholarship awarded in October.

There was no further old business the first item of new business was the financial report. Treasurer Sampson reported the checking account balance is holding steady, even with the \$1500 in scholarships awarded at the fall meeting. Our \$375 annual membership in the North Central Electrical League will be renewed this month and our annual dues distribution was received and deposited. The treasurer's report was approved.

President Monson then called for committee reports, and the first was from Auditing Committee. Chair Martin Ignatowicz was not present but Secretary Sampson assured the membership that the annual audit, which includes completing documents to be filed with the IRS and the International Office, was scheduled for January 17th and that no problems were foreseen.

Legislative Liaison John Schultz's report indicated that the Department of Labor and Industry continues to face serious financial difficulties. With the legislature looking to find 6.2 billion dollars to balance the budget, it is extremely important that the Department's agenda be successful in extending the \$5 surcharge beyond July 1, 2011 or repealing the \$1.5 million

transfer to the general fund. John said that because of the downturn in the construction industry, a significant infusion to the CCLD budget is essential to avoid further layoffs. John also reported that Board of Electricity was moving forward with the adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code® and that every effort will be made to assure an adoption date of July 1, 2011.

In addition, the Department of Labor & Industry is proposing several changes in inspection fees and seeking legislation to create equity the costs of all construction code licenses

Membership Chair Tim Miller reported that the chapter membership numbers are steady, but he went on to encourage all members present to actively seek new members. He reminded everyone to not only make a resolution to sign up a new member this year, but to take the extra step of inviting that someone to the next chapter meeting.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Scott Nutting, enthusiastically reported that he is planning on offering at least 3 scholarships again next fall and is soliciting participation from the greater electrical industry. He admitted that his new approach will be to ask for \$250 donations that will be assembled to create \$500 awards. The membership affirmed their position that the member associated with the scholarship winners must be present at the meeting.

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 on the Minnesota Chapter website. He reported that in October the chapter had sent a card to Marty Ignatowicz who had heel surgery, Michael Anthony, whose father passed away, and to Mark Smythe, whose wife was injured in a 4-wheeler accident. In December, cards were sent to Steve Kletschka whose father had bypass surgery and to Jim Noonan whose twin sister passed away.

With no further committee reports, a motion was made and passed to accept all reports.

Secretary Sampson reminded everyone that at the spring meeting held at the 2010 Electrical Expo we had voted honorary chapter membership to past chapter secretary Richard P. Owen. Following that, the Executive Board of the Western Section IAEI, at the annual meeting in September, awarded him honorary section membership. And finally, because of his significant contributions to the IAEI on every level, the International Board of Directors voted honorary international membership to him. Dick is the Minnesota Chapter's first international honoree.

Then, the 2011 Chapter Officers were sworn in by our very distinguished guest, IAEI Instructor Paul Dobrowsky:

President: Robert Sogla
Vice-President: Mark Smythe
Secretary/Treasurer: Marcus "Sam" Sampson
Board of Directors:
Sheldon Monson (Past President)
William Dietrich

Dan Ordahl
Wade Schlie
Jeffery Slimmer
John Schultz (ex-officio)
George Cusick (ex-officio)

Outgoing President Sheldon Monson presented the gavel of office to the 2011 Chapter President Robert Sogla.

President Sogla reminded everyone that the spring meeting will be held at noon at the Saint Paul Electrical JATC, 1330 Conway Street, Saint Paul. There will be a two-hour presentation approved for continuing education credit immediately following the business meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

M. "Sam" Sampson
Secretary