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MINNESOTA CHAPTER 2012 SPRING MEETING

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Spring Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, April 18, 2012 at the North Central Electrical League Upper Midwest Electrical Expo by Chapter President Mark Smythe. Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no additional old business, President Smythe called for the financial report. This report was also approved without change. Treasurer Sampson thanked the contract electrical inspectors for their prompt transmittal of insurance premiums for the errors and omissions insurance and bonds.

Secretary Sampson read the correspondence, which included communications from NCEL and the Minneapolis Convention Center regarding the Expo booth and the notice of verification of liability insurance for this and the fall meeting. A request was received from Western Secretary Mike Forister for advertisements for the annual meeting program and a motion was passed for the Chapter to sponsor a full-page program ad at a cost of \$100.

Auditing Committee Chair Marty Ignatowicz reported that the checking and savings accounts were audited January 27, 2012 and found to be in order. Copies of the signed audit report and the chapter IRS form 990 were submitted to the International Office in early February and following a slight correction, the report was accepted. Marty said that the final report was also sent to the Western Section Secretary and copies were available for review.

Dean Hunter, Education & Code Panel Chair, reminded everyone that a Code Expert Question and Answer Panel, approved for 2 hours of CE credit, would follow the business meeting, and thanked those individuals for their participation: Tim McClintock of NFPA, Don Iverson of NECA, John Williamson, Tom Tobias, Marty Kumm and Scott Higgins from the Department of Labor & Industry, Jeff Fecteau of Underwriters Labs and 3rd International Vice President Don Offerdahl. He reminded those present that the fall meeting would have a program approved for 2-hours of CE credit and said he welcomes ideas and suggestions for learning opportunities at future chapter meetings, commenting that we are looking for education, not product promotions.

Substituting for Legislative Liaison John Schultz, inspector member Sheldon Monson reported that the legislature was proceeding with the creation of a specialty license for dish antenna installers and that the bill was likely to pass. The repeal of the 1.5-million dollar transfer from CCLD was unlikely.

Membership Committee Chair Tim Miller told those present that membership has remained somewhat constant, with some new members offsetting the loss of retired members. He asked inspectors to invite contractors and installers to join, suggesting that if their attendance at a meeting prevented just one call-back per year, it would cover the cost of annual membership. Tim reminded everyone that new member applications are available at the IAEI booth on the convention floor.

Scott Nutting, scholarship committee chair, was unable to attend the business meeting, but assured the chapter secretary that he had spent his day at the Expo talking with potential contributors to the IAEI \$500 scholarship matching project.

Sheldon Monson, speaking for NCEL liaison John Schultz, announced that he had applications forms for the impending NCEL scholarships. Dependant children of Minnesota IAEI members are eligible for scholarships in the Individual & Inspector, Allied Trade and Low Voltage Division and again in the at-large drawing with other division non-winners. Completed applications must be submitted by July 31, 2012.

Sunshine Committee chair Tom Tobias noted that active inspector members Jeff Slimmer and Don Wagoner lost their battles with cancer this year and that Dennis Joriman's grandson had open-heart surgery. Congratulations to Minneapolis Inspector Pat McMullen on his first grandchildren. His daughter had twins, a boy and a girl. Tom asked the membership to contact him if they know of a member in need of a little IAEI "sunshine".

Western Section Representative M. "Sam" Sampson reminded everyone that the Western Section website, www.iaei-western.org has information on the upcoming annual section meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas September 16th to 19th. As always, the meeting offers excellent opportunities to meet with other industry professionals to discuss and share ideas and provides 16-hours of approved, high quality education.

Visiting 3rd International Vice President and former executive secretary of the North Dakota Electrical Board, Don Offerdahl, asked the membership to consider a contribution to the IO capital improvement campaign fund, suggesting that 20% of the chapter account balance be used as a guide for giving. Treasurer Sampson remarked that the chapter has an on-going obligation to provide financial support the officers who attend the annual section meeting. A motion was passed that the Chapter proceed with a contribution of \$200 at this time.

Offerdahl also reminded the membership to participate in the development of the 2014 NEC by submitting comments through the IAEI. A motion was passed that a subcommittee of the Education Committee meet to compile comments. Those selected will be forwarded to the International Office to be reviewed for possible submission as an official IAEI comments. Dean Hunter offer to act as chair and Sheldon Monson, Tim McClintock, Mark Smythe, Mike Theisen, Wade Schlie, Sam Sampson and Chip Jespersen volunteered for the committee.

President Smythe reminded members that the fall chapter meeting would be held at noon on October 17th at the St Paul Electrical JATC.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm, to be followed, after a short break, by the Code Expert Question and Answer Panel.

Respectfully submitted,



M. "Sam" Sampson, Secretary/Treasurer