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MINNESOTA CHAPTER 2013 SPRING MEETING

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Spring Meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon on April 17, 2013 at the IBEW Local 110 Training Center in Saint Paul by Chapter President Dan Ordahl. Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no additional old business, President Ordahl called for the financial report. The report was approved without alteration.

Secretary Sampson read the correspondence, which included verification of the conference room in Minnetonka for the fall meeting and a thank-you letter from the IO for the \$400 contribution to their Capital Improvement fund. A request was received from Western Secretary Mike Forister for advertisements for the annual meeting program and a motion was passed to sponsor a full-page program ad at a cost of \$100.

In addition, an invoice was received from Federated Insurance for the \$500 deductible on an errors and omissions claim that was paid last fall. Since this is the first paid claim that anyone can recall, the notice came as a surprise and prompted the creation of a separate group errors and omissions insurance deductible checking account to cover the deductible in the event of another claim. Since the liability belongs solely to the insured inspectors and not the entire membership, using chapter funds was deemed inappropriate. An initial \$25 deposit will be collected from each of the participants at the beginning of the next policy period, July 1, 2013.

Auditing Committee Chair Marty Ignatowicz reported that the financial accounts were audited the week of February 13th and found to be in order. Marty thanked the committee members for their work and said that the final report was sent to the IO and Western Section Secretary and copies were on hand for review.

Sunshine Committee Chair Tom Tobias said a card was sent to Jeff Fecteau, whose mother passed in early April. At Jeff's request, a contribution to the IO Capital Improvement fund will be made in her name. Tom went on to say that he received no reports of mishaps, ailments, operations or hospitalization from the membership over the past 3-months and reminded those present to contact him when a member was in need of a little sunshine. Tom can be reached by email at

sunshine@MinnesotaIAEI.org

Dean Hunter, Education Committee Chair, suggested that the chapter consider offering free NEC classes for the unlicensed individuals who need 2-hour of CE credit to renew their registrations. Using the new library of IAEI presentations available to Chapters, the purpose of the free education would be to promote the IAEI and hopefully encourage membership. The discussion that followed included a recommendation that there be a minimal charge to non-IAEI members as a membership incentive. It was decided that Dean will chair a committee to work out the specifics of embarking on such an initiative. Dean said that there will be a presentation on the significant 2014 NEC changes at the fall meeting and that Robert Torbin is flying in from Boston to give an update on the listing and bonding requirements for CSST. He said he welcomes ideas and suggestions for learning opportunities at future chapter meetings.

Substituting for Legislative Liaison John Schultz, Secretary Sampson reported that the Department of Labor & Industry is supporting an omnibus bill with two issues of significance to electrical inspectors. The first is moving all the elevator constructor licenses from their current position as a subtype of electrical license to their own separate construction license category. This was decided because the majority of the elevator construction work is not regulated by the NEC, but by the ANSI A17 Standard. The second legislative issue is an alteration in the electrical inspection fee schedule which permits installers of two-or-more utility interconnected wind generators to use the current schedule or opt to pay a pre-determined plan review and inspection fee.

Membership Committee Chair Bob Sogla reported that membership has remained somewhat constant, and said he would work with Dean on establishing educational programs that could potentially draw in new members. He told those present to consider asking electrical contractors to join, noting that if attending an IAEI meeting prevented just one call-back per year, it would cover the membership fee.

Scott Nutting, scholarship committee chair, was unable to attend the business meeting, but assured the chapter secretary that applications for the IAEI scholarships would be available in September.

Western Section Representative M. "Sam" Sampson reminded everyone that the Western Section website, www.iaei-western.org will have information on the upcoming annual meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. The conference starts with a reception Sunday evening, September 15th and ends Wednesday the 19th at noon. As always, the meeting offers excellent opportunities to meet with other industry professionals to discuss and share ideas, and provides a full 16-hours of approved, high quality education.

The committee reports were accepted and under new business, the North Central Electrical League membership was discussed. Eligible dependents of inspector members were not permitted to submit applications for NCEL scholarships last year, and communication with Dale Yohnke has affirmed that individual IAEI members are not eligible for membership benefits. Associate member Jeff Keljik is an NCEL board member and volunteered to follow up on the issue.

President Ordahl reminded members that the fall chapter meeting would be held at noon on October 17th at the Community Center in Minnetonka.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm, and was followed by a most excellent 2-hour presentation on solar thermal energy by Jason Edens, founder of RREAL, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Sampson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M. "Sam" Sampson, Secretary/Treasurer