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MINNESOTA CHAPTER 2018 SPRING MEETING

The Minnesota Chapter IAEI Spring Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, April 18, 2014 at the North Central Electrical League (NCEL) Upper Midwest Electrical Expo by Chapter President Wade Hoffman. Secretary Sampson read the minutes of the winter meeting which were then approved without change.

With no additional old business, President Hoffman called for the financial report. This report was also approved without change. Treasurer Sampson reminded those present that the Expo costs a lot for booth rental, one draped table, one chair and the use of electricity. It is only with DLI's financial assistance that we are able to have a presence at this event

Secretary Sampson read the correspondence, which included communications from the international office accepting the 2017 financial report (audit), invoice from NCEL for our 2018 membership dues, invoice from CW Print Services for the brand new flyers designed by the membership committee, invoices from Brede for the Expo accessories, and a very special invoice from the international office for \$11,510.00 which they alleged was past due. Upon contacting them it was discovered that there was no outstanding balance because the U of M CCE had sent payment for the Soars Grounding and Bonding books from the 2018 AIBO.

President Hoffman then called for the committee reports. Dean Hunter told everyone that the usual code panel associated with this meeting wasn't permitted this year. He reminded folks that the first draft of the 2020 NEC is available at NFPA.org/NEC and that the public comment closing date is August 30th of this year. The code-making panels will meet between October 22nd and November 3rd. After that there's the second draft ballots, recirculation, review by the Technical Correlating Committee, and the NFPA annual meeting in June where certified amending motions are heard. The Standards Council should adopt the 2020 NEC by late August or early September of 2019.

John Williamson reported that there were two bills before the legislature of concern to the electrical industry: one is to increase the number of registered unlicensed individuals that may be supervised by a licensed electrician from the existing rule of 2 to 1. The other bill was to permit an individual who has never been registered to sit for the license exam if they say they have the requisite supervised experience. The current status of those bills is unknown.

The membership committee revealed their new flyer. Bob Sogla was not present but both he and his team are to be congratulated on a fine job. Also, Craig Knoll of Eaton facilitated the drawing for the Yeti cooler, which had over 150 enthusiastic entrants who provided their name and email address, so we can follow up with them regarding possible IAEI membership. Those that were somewhat legible have been entered into an Excel database. The proud winner of the Yeti was Greg Hall, an employee of the city of Thief River Falls.

Sunshine Committee Chair Wade Schlie read a list of all those who have received a bit of sunshine from us over the past year and asked everyone to let him know if they know of any member who should receive a note of cheer or get well wishes.

Steve Dudley announce that both the IBEW and MEA have made contributions to the scholarship fund this year. Application forms will be mailed to active members in September, with the drawing to take place at the October 11th meeting.

Western Section Rep Dean Hunter invited everyone to attend the 2018 annual meeting which will be in nearby Appleton, Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Chapter always does a super job of hosting the event, which will include an update of the “probable” 2020 NEC revisions.

President Hoffman asked for any other matters of concern, and Brian Maruska and senior electrical inspector for the city of Duluth asked how others are enforcing the Minnesota Energy Code. A lively discussion followed where John Williamson said we have enough trouble just enforcing the NEC. Dean Hunter mentioned that although we look at the electrical wiring for smoke alarms and CO detectors, we do not specify the locations as those are building and fire code rules. Tim Miller said that the building code does apply statewide, in those municipalities where there is mandatory plan review, the energy code is checked as part of that process. He also reminded everyone that the Minnesota State Building Code – including the energy code- applies statewide and it is the responsibility of the builder to assure compliance.

With no other topics a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn until the fall meeting, 12 noon, October 11th at the St. Paul IBEW Local 110 JATC.

Respectfully submitted,

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

M. “Sam” Sampson, Secretary/Treasurer