



Minnesota Chapter IAEI

Winter Meeting January 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Randy Harris at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 3rd at the Earl Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 62nd Annual Institute for Building Officials.

John Williamson was asked to read the minutes from the previous meeting. The membership was asked if any additions or corrections were needed to the minutes. Hearing no response there was a motion to accept the minutes as read. This motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

With no additional old business. John Williamson read the treasure's report. John noted that the year-end Chapter expenses and income received from the International Office equaled a total fund balance of \$14,901.62. There was a motion to accept the financial report as read. This motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

John Williamson reported on the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Marty Ignatowicz reported on the audit. No discrepancies were reported.

Sunshine Committee Chair Wade Schlie reminded folks to contact him when cards need to be sent. Three cards have been sent recently since the October meeting.

Membership Chair Robert Sogla gave a grim report of the recent down turn in membership. The breakdown by year: 2017- 144 (includes 7 new members), 2016-171, 2015-182 and 2014-208. Bob opened the floor for discussion about promoting membership. A motion was made to form a task group to lead the charge and come up with some creative ideas for the entire membership. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The task group membership included:

Sheldon Monson, Dan Jaeger, Mark Hunter, Robert Sogla, Craig Knoll, Chad Kurdi and Dan Ordahl. The group will provide suggestions for the April meeting.

Other Ideas included:

Website update, and handout materials for the Expo, spelling out the benefits of membership. Host a get together similar to NCEL's "Plugged In" meetings, to emphasize the networking.

Education Chair Dean Hunter mentioned that we would not be having our Code Panel at the upcoming NCEL Expo in April. NCEL is now working with the Minnesota Electrical Association to provide the training. Dean will work with the membership group to select a couple of dates in 2018, to provide training to the industry outside of the normal meeting times to attract new members.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Keith Lofland assisted in swearing in the 2018 Minnesota Chapter IAEI officers. When the ceremony concluded new President, Wade Hoffman presented out-going president Randy Harris with a gift of appreciation.

The next meeting will be April 18th as part of the NCEL Upper Midwest Electrical Expo. Dean will contact Kim or Dale to get a room reserved for the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

2018 President Wade Hoffman then adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Marty Kumm, Acting Secretary