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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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“Let the Code Decide”

Chairman, George H. Little called the meeting to order at 1:15pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following members were in attendance: David Williams, Dennis Cassady, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, George Little, Brian Carter, John Hartigan, Paul Knapp, Don LaBrenz II, David Vallier, Gary Hellmer, Brian Kiley, Virgil Monroe, Robert Nalbach, Randy Oliver, Robert Parrent, Robert Hoekwater, David Sniderman, and John Stoudt. Absent were Ed Harris, Matt Bemis, and Gary Polulak. Excused were Roger Radcliffe, Phil Nault, and Mel Kooiker.

The minutes of the March 8, 2006 Board meeting were approved, motion by Phil Clark, seconded by Don LaBrenz II.

Correspondence reviewed consisted of two letters from Western Section Secretary, Ed Lawry and a letter from the International Office CEO, Jim Carpenter on the “ I am Safety Smart “ program.

Treasurer, Jim Chase gave the financial report. A motion to accept as presented was made by Phil Clark, seconded by David Williams. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Dennis Cassady, Annual Meeting Program Chairman reported that all presentations are set and that he only needs one outline from one presenter.

Frank Donovan, Annual Meeting Guest’s Program Chairman stated that he is still working on a selection of activities and will have a completed program ready for the December Board meeting.

In the absence of Ed Harris, Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported that the current membership is six hundred ninety four (694). He also stated that is now receiving the list of newly approved electrical inspectors by the State Electrical Board and will cross check with our membership list. If any are not members we will send them a letter and application form asking them to join the IAEI. Frank Donovan asked if we kept a separate list of our own. Darrick replied that we do not get the applications directly, we get our list from the IO.

Jim Chase, Future Site Chairman reported the 2006 Annual Meeting will be at the TreeTops Resort, Gaylord, Michigan on December 8 and 9. The Spring meeting will be at the Lansing Sheraton, Lansing, Michigan on March 8 and 9, 2007. The Summer Meeting will be at the Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan on June 14 and 15, 2007.

David Sniderman asked Jim to take into consideration smokers when selecting future sites because many locations are going completely smoke free.

Virgil Monroe, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan reported on the proposed Part 8 rules. He also handed out copies of the new state electrical permit application showing the low voltage work fees. He suggested that the electrical inspectors should attend the public hearing on these fees on September 13, 2006 at the Okemos offices. He also stated that his department lost an appeal ruling in a Wayne County court on the case about the pneumatic to electrical controls change out by an mechanical contractor. He felt that the department will appeal this ruling to the next level court.

There was no report on the Mechanical Inspectors Association since Ed Harris was absent.

David Williams, Western Section Representative commended on the fund raising efforts and the Chapter's booklet. He will order seven hundred and fifty (750) booklets for the meeting.

Phil Clark, 2006 Western Section Meeting Chairman reported all Chapter responsibilities are set and ready. He also stated that there would be a short meeting after the Board meeting.

David Williams reported that the Chapter's web site has received over twenty six thousand (26,000) hits to date for this year. We are about 2,000 page views over last year. He also reported he has received complements on our sites quality from other western section members who have visited it.

Announcements: Phil Clark reported that member Bert McAlister, Supervising Electrical Inspector, City of Detroit has authored an article for the IAEI magazine on the inspection of the stand by generators used for the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit. Brian Carter also stated that David Williams is the first inspector to be certified as a master electrical inspector by IAEI CEI Program. David Williams reported he has been appointed by the IAEI Board of Directors as an alternate on NEC code panel number 5, and Tim McClintock, Ohio Chapter Secretary is an alternate on code panel number 12.

Unfinished Business: George Little reviewed the proposed procedure manual. After much discussion Phil Clark made a motion to accept the procedure manual as amended, seconded by Jim Chase. Motion carried. David Williams will revise the manual and have it ready for the next Board meeting. Jim Chase answered a question on our insurance coverage at meetings. He reported that we have liability coverage for activities in the hospitality room and for the guest's activities when we are at meetings. After a brief discussion the issue of a 50-50 raffle at the meetings was dropped when all the details on state requirements were presented. Secretary

Darrick Whitaker reported on the membership survey taken at the March meeting. He will speak to the members at the annual meeting on the results.

New Business: John Hartigan made a motion to continue Board and Pro-Tem members full reimbursement of the Western Section Meeting registration fee if not reimbursed by their employer. The motion was seconded by Phil Clark. During discussion David Williams stated that the cost could be as high as seven thousand (7,000.00) dollars if all were reimbursed. Robert Hoekwater and Frank Donovan commended that their employers were less than happy over the high registration fee and are considering cutting back on reimbursements. The motion carried. Nominating Committee Chairman, George Little presented the committee's recommendations for the Annual Meeting vote. The slate is as follows: President Dennis Cassady, 1st Vice Frank Donovan, 2nd Vice Phil Clark, 3rd Vice Paul Knapp, Treasurer Jim Chase, Secretary Darrick Whitaker, Board Chair David Williams, Board of Directors George Little, Ed Harris, Robert Hoekwater, Randy Oliver, Gary Hellmer, Don LaBrenz II, Phil Nault, Mark Shapiro, and David Vallier. Pro-Tem members, Matt Bemis, John Hartigan, Mel Kooiker, Brian Kiley, Virgil Monroe, Randy Oliver, Robert Parrent, Gary Polulak, Roger Radcliffe, David Sniderman, John Stoudt, and Mike Vukovich.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at the TreeTops Resort, Gaylord, Michigan.