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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

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Board Chairman George H. Little called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following were in attendance: David Williams, Dennis Cassidy, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, George Little, Brian Carter, Ed Harris, John Hartigan, Paul Knapp, Don LaBrenz, Mark Shapiro, Dave Vallier, Gary Hellmer, Virgil Monroe, Randy Oliver, David Sniderman, and John Stoudt.

Excused were Mel Kooiker, Phillip Nault, Dave Burns, Brian Kiley, and Roger Radcliffe.

Absent were Matt Bemis, Robert Nalbach, Robert Parent, and Gary Polulak.

There were no guests.

The minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting were approved as presented, motion by Phil Clark, seconded by John Hartigan.

Correspondence reviewed by the Secretary consisted of a letter from Ed Lawry thanking the Chapter for our ad in the Section's bulletin and reminding the Chapter secretaries to attend the lunch meeting at the Section meeting. The Secretary also commented on the e-mail from Board member Dave Burns, Dave recently had very extensive surgery and will be forced to resign from the Board. Mark Shapiro suggested we call him to lift his spirits. George Little gave us more details of Dave's condition and asked that we only e-mail him. The Secretary will mail a letter of regret and thank him for his excellent service to the Board and the Chapter. George Little will also present Dave a new Chapter shirt for all his dedication to the Chapter.

Treasurer Jim Chase gave the financial report. A motion by Ed Harris, seconded by Don LaBrenz to accept the financial report, motion approved. Paul Knapp asked if it was normal for a resort to bill us months after an event. Jim replied that it was normal for them to take a long time to put the bill together. Ed Harris asked if our bank account balance was increasing though our adjustment of the meeting fees. Jim replied yes.

"Let the Code Decide"

Committee Reports

Dennis Cassady, Annual Meeting Program Chairman reported that he is looking at several one hour programs from representatives of Cady Fasteners, Strong Well Boxes, and Emergency Lighting. David Williams commented that members are short plan review hours and asked if the code panel questions could be structured toward plan review. Ed Harris said he will work toward that goal.

Frank Donovan, Annual Meeting Guest's Program Chairman stated he is working on activities for the guests and will have the information to George Little for the mailing.

George Little reminded the program planners that the information for mailing and submittal to the State needs to be assembled and sent to him eight weeks prior to the seminar dates.

Membership Chairman Ed Harris reported that the Chapter's membership is currently seven hundred and three (703). He has the State's list of inspectors and is cross checking to identify inspectors who are not members. He stated that there about seventy per cent (70%) are members. Frank Donovan asked if we could contact the International Office and get a group membership for inspectors in cities. John Hartigan replied that no, that was tried before and rejected by them.

Jim Chase Site Selection Chairman reported that there are no changes to the current sites and dates. The 2005 Annual meeting will be in Frankenmuth and the 2006 Spring meeting will be in Kalamazoo. David Sniderman questioned why we were scheduling Tree Tops in December? Jim replied that we had polled the members at the last meeting and over eighty per cent (80%) said yes, they would come and we are getting a great room rate.

Virgil Monroe, Chief Electrical Division, State of Michigan stated the State's energy code was still in injunction with no court date yet. The 2005 code advisory committee is reviewing the 2005 NEC but not the Administrative Sections of the Part 8 Rules. Virgil stated there will still be two books the MRC and the MEC. George Little asked who reviews the MRC and Virgil replied that it is the same committee. Virgil discussed the recent appeal by an electrical contractor on a City of Royal Oak decision to limit nonmetallic-sheathed cable above 4 floors in Type I and II construction. The State Electrical Appeals Board reversed the Royal Oak decision, and allowed the contractor to use nonmetallic-sheath cable in Type I and II construction above 4 floors. David Sniderman asked Virgil if the State will ever issue a residential electrician license, and Virgil replied probably not.. Ed Harris reported that the mechanical contractors do not agree with the State on what electrical work they may do. This lead to a lengthy review by Virgil on the State law and how his department is interpreting it. David Williams discussed draft number six of SB 150. During the discussion Ed Harris felt that this would limit home rule. David Williams made a motion to support SB 150, seconded by Frank Donovan, the vote was one (1) in favor and six (6) against. A motion by Mark Shapiro, seconded by Ed Harris to commend David Williams for his work on the committee and that he continue to work on the bill. Motion approved.

David Williams, Western Section Representative reported that eleven board members have signed up to assist at the Chapter's booth at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. John Hartigan

reported that he has the PA 54 approvals for classes at the meeting. Frank Donovan asked if there were a schedule to man the booth. David replied that he would be sending out e-mails on the schedule. David also reported that we have several gifts for the Chapter to present at the Tuesday night banquet.

David Williams reported that he has added the number six draft of SB 150 to the Chapter's web site. He has renewed the Chapter's domain name for another three years and we have received over 24,521 page views on the site since the first of the year. The yearly total for 2004 was 3,622.

2006 Section Meeting Chairman Phil Clark reported that the committee has gotten the entertainment and guest's program finalized. They are reviewing possible gifts for attendees and their guests.

Under announcements, Phil Clark stated that Board member John Stoudt became a new grand father today. Jim Chase announced that the Southeastern NECA board of directors voted to donate five thousand dollars (\$ 5,000.00) to the Chapter for the 2006 Western Section Meeting.

Under unfinished business, Jim Chase reported he has purchased a computer and the necessary software, but he went over the allowance by two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00). Jim also questioned if he could purchase a 3 in 1 printer. A motion by Phil Clark, seconded by Dennis Cassady to allow Jim to purchase a printer was made. During discussion the motion was amended to cover the cost of a carrying case bought by Jim. Motion carried.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is December 7, 2005, Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth](#)