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Chairman, George H. Little called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following members were in attendance: Dennis Cassidy, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Darrick Whitaker, George Little, Brian Carter, John Hartigan, Don LaBrenz II, Dave Vallier, Brian Kiley, Virgil Monroe, Randy Oliver, Robert Parrent, Robert Hoekwater, David Sniderman, Ed Harris, Gary Polulak, Roger Radcliffe, John Stoudt, Phil Nault, and Mel Kookier. Excused were David Williams, Mark Shapiro, Paul Knapp, Gary Hellmer, and Jim Chase. Absent were Robert Nalbach and Matt Bemis.

The minutes of the August 9, 2006 Board meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence reviewed consisted of two written reports from David Williams. The first was a report on the Western Section meeting held last September and a letter to the Chapter. Both are included at the end of the minutes.

In the absence of Jim Chase, the Secretary Darrick Whitaker gave the financial report and it was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting Program Chairman, Dennis Cassidy reported the following presentations will be given, “PVC Products and the NEC”, by Mr. Jack Flory of Young and Champagne and Company, “Electrical Plan Review” by Mr. David Vallier, of Copper Bussman, “Transformers and the NEC” by Mr. Thomas Patzner of Schneider Electric, “Health Care Facilities Overview” by Mr. Robert Hoekwater, Electrical Inspector, Wyoming, Michigan, “Residential Electrical System Aging Research Project” by Mr. Rich Berman, senior staff engineer, Underwriters Laboratory, and a code panel moderated by Ed Harris, Electrical Inspector, Battle-Creek, Michigan.

Annual Meeting Guest’s Program Chairman, Frank Donovan reported that the guests will enjoy a low impact yoga class on Thursday morning, then have lunch

with the resorts chief and in the afternoon they will spend time shopping in down town Gaylord. On Friday they will have a class in jewelry making.

Spring Meeting Program Co Chairmen, Ed Harris and Brian Carter discussed having Michael Johnston from the International Office present the Analysis of the 2005 NEC and David Williams present the 2005 Michigan Part 8 Rules. After much discussion on the issue of possibility of not receiving credit for State license renewal it was decided to proceed with these presentations.

Ed Harris, Chapter Membership Chairman reported that the membership stands at six hundred and ninety (690). He stated that the membership seems to have leveled off at this number due to the economy here in Michigan.

Secretary, Darrick Whitaker reported the following 2007 meeting locations and dates: Spring meeting March 8 & 9 at the Lansing Sheraton, Lansing, Summer meeting at the Kewadin Resort Sault Ste Marie, June 21 & 22, and the Winter meeting will be at the Royal Park Hotel, in Rochester, on December 6 & 7. The 2007 Western Section meeting will be in St Louis, Missouri on September 17 thru 20.

Virgil Monroe, Electrical Division Chief, State of Michigan reported that he now has a new assistant, Mr. Dan O'Donnell. He stated that the state will have a public hearing for the adoption of the 2005 NEC and the Michigan Part 8 Rules on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. Virgil briefly described the states process of adopting the "Michigan Electrical Code". George Little again fielded much discussion on whether to offer the update class next meeting even if we could not receive licensing renewal credit. It was generally expressed to have the update class.

Ed Harris, liaison to the Mechanical Inspectors Association reported that they found out that the sponsor of senate bill 150 was re-elected and plans to reintroduce the bill again in 2007. Ed also asked about a request letter from their association to support their twenty anniversary meeting. Phil Clark made a motion to send a letter to them apologizing for the apparent slight, seconded by Don LaBrenz II, motion carried. Ed asked if there were a limit that the Board Officers could spend without the Board voting on the expense. Secretary, Darrick Whitaker stated there was no mention in the bylaws of limited spending by an officer, but Article VI Section 5 talked about emergency expenses. Ed asked if this issue could be reviewed by the bylaw committee.

Darrick Whitaker reported that the chapter's web site has received over 44,000 hits to date. David Williams reported in this written report that the site address has been secured for another term we have gained capacity, additional features and reduced costs. In September we had nearly 6,500 page views. There were one day with 1,800 page views.

George Little announced that the inspector school has been scheduled for January 22 – 26, 2007. The school will offer 36 hours for credit to the PA 54. Darrick Whitaker announced the recent passing of inspectors Frank Collins, and Don Knibbs. Also the passing of retired inspector John Bettis and associate member Phillip Edelheit.

Under unfinished business Ed Harris pointed out that the Board voted to increase the meeting fee by five dollars to help cover the chapter's cost to host the 2006 Western Section meeting. A motion to rescind the five dollar fee was made by Dennis Cassidy, seconded by Phil Clark, motion carried.

Darrick Whitaker reviewed the results of the March meeting member survey and stated he will explain why things are done the way they are at the general membership meeting on Friday. George Little stated that we have 108 registrants and 13 guests and the new computer program for registration is up and running. George also reviewed the new operation and procedure manual.

Under new business Phil Clark made a motion to change subject matter for the spring meeting, seconded by Frank Donovan. After discussion and a call for vote the motion did not pass, two for and five against. John Hartigan made a motion for the Chapter to purchase a projector at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,500.00 seconded by Dennis Cassidy.. During discussion it was noted that we had no guarantee that the RECI projector would be available in March and June. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Lansing Sheraton, Lansing.



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To the Michigan Chapter Board of Directors,

I guess I can't ever remember ever missing a meeting before, so I guess its time. I may be is sunny California at the ROC Meetings, but my thoughts are with all of you these next couple of days and for you and your families a Happy Holiday Season.

I have been President of the Chapter for the past four years and I hope that I have served this Chapter well. After the Section Meeting I am ready to step aside and let others lead the Chapter. I am very glad that the Policy Manual has been put together and implemented. It is a work in progress document and I hope that all of you will consider making it a document that will help our chapter and especially our chapter officers with their duties. Many officers had to learn their duties by trial and error and the policy manual will be an asset.

I am looking forward to trying to fill those “Little Shoes”. George has done a great job as the Board Chair these past four year and I am sure he will help me limp along. George has done a lot of work for our Chapter and should be so recognized.

I am excited for the incoming officers and I am confident that they will continue to keep the Michigan Chapter running smooth and to provide great educational programs that will be an asset to our membership. Feel free to call on me if I can be of assistance.

Have a successful board meeting; enjoy the hospitality; and have an informative Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to the new officers and board members.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in March.

David Williams

Past President to be...

2006 WESTERN SECTION MEETING REPORT

September 17-20, 2006
Traverse City, Michigan
By David Williams

The Western Section held its 102nd annual meeting at the beautiful Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, Michigan from September 17-20, 2006. A total of 371 members and 143 guests registered for the meeting. The meeting was a huge success and a thank you to everyone that assisted and/or attended the Section Meeting.

The Chapters two Sunday morning events were a great success. The Salmon fishing trip on Lake Michigan went off well and thanks to Paul Knapp for his assistance. There were 29 people that went on the trip. The golf tournament on the Spruce Run golf course at the resort was well attended as well and thanks to Randy Oliver for all his work.

The Section Board of Directors met on September 17th while everyone else was out enjoying the area. Executive Director Jim Carpenter presented his 2006 annual report. There were 41 display booths (more than normal) for manufacturers, testing organizations, associations and others presented new and leading products. The members and guests were welcomed at a Sunday evening reception with musical entertainment and caricature artists. We had plenty of food for everyone and everyone seemed to enjoy visiting and the entertainment.

The official program began on Monday morning, September 18 with a welcome to Michigan by Mark Cisco, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Labor. International President Wayne Lilly addressed the membership. Section President Jerry Blair, CEO and Executive Director Jim Carpenter, and Section Secretary-Treasurer Ed Lawry presented reports. Mark Earley reported on the activities of the NFPA.

Mike Johnston, IAEI Director of Education and Phil Simmons reviewed the major proposals for the 2008 NEC. Other technical presentations included a discussion of operational temperature considerations for electrical conductors by Travis Lindsey of the Copper Development Association and Hazardous Locations Articles 511 and 514 by Mike Johnston. Rich Berman of Underwriters Laboratories discussed understanding and using the new UL White Book.

Another important and educational portion of the program was the review of NEC Questions and Answers. A list of written questions was discussed and answered by two code panels consisting of NEC panel members and recognized experts. The panels were moderated by Mike Forister and Rob Forister with panel members Mark Earley, Monte Ewing, Richard Loyd, Alan Manche, Chuck Mello, Tom Moore, Don Offerdahl, Richard Owen, Jim Pauley, Marcus "Sam" Sampson, Donald Shields, Phil Simmons, John Stacey, Richard Tremblador, Charlie Trout, and Ray Weber. Mike Forister led the Charlie Trout code breakfast where members worked as teams to answer a set of code questions and later announced the winning team.

The business meeting began with the report of the nominating committee by Chairman Jim Pauley and the election of officers, board of directors' members and representatives to the IAEI

board of directors. Dave Williams was elected as the 2nd Vice President of the Western Section and the Alternate to the IAEI Board of Directors.

Ron Schapp presented individual awards to members belonging to the IAEI for 25 or more years. Ray Weber was approved for honorary membership in the Western Section. Other business included approval of Western Section bylaws revisions and a welcome to St. Louis for the 2007 section meeting.

The annual banquet moderated by Dave Williams included the installation of officers and board of directors' members by International President Wayne Lilly. The highlight of the banquet was listening and dancing to an outstanding 10 piece band from Detroit, Steve King and the Dittilies. The meeting was adjourned on September 20 by Section President Jerry Blair.

Everyone from our Chapter stepped up and made this meeting one to remember. Many people helped with registration and Frank Donovan did a great job organizing the team.

Dennis Cassady did an outstanding job chairing the Guests Program. Everything went superb and will be remembered by those attending for years. Mackinac Island on Monday and Tuesday's trip to the Leelanau Peninsula was so well received I can't say enough. Thanks to Dennis and his wife Evelo, Great Job. I also want to thank those that assisted Dennis with the ladies on the busses. It could have had some nicer weather on Tuesday, but there were so many compliments about the trips, it didn't affect the outcome.

The entertainment was so much better than 90% of us would have expected. I have never seen that many people on the dance floor or sticking around for the program as we did at the banquet. Paul Knapp organized all the entertainment and did an outstanding job, thanks. There were a lot of compliments about the band.

The Hospitality Room was above and beyond all expectations. Mel Kooiker, Phil Nault and Bob Parrent worked very hard on this project and it showed. The Wisconsin group was very impressed by the Michigan Hospitality Room. Thanks to Randy Oliver for obtaining a guest bartender. The food spread by the Michigan Hospitality Room was unreal. Great Job.

I have never heard the IAEI CEO comment on what a great job a Chapter had done on a Section meeting before. Jim Carpenter mentioned it numerous times and vocalized it to the entire audience at least three times. Michigan left a great impression on the Western Section.

I received an email from Ray Mullin complimenting the chapter on the meeting. He attended his 50th Section Meeting in Traverse City and he stated **"Your committee sure did an outstanding job. Probably the best Western Section meeting ever."** What a compliment.

Congratulations to the 2006 Committee and everyone.

Past Section President Walter Koessel, St. Louis Chapter and ETL, passed away November 25th from lymphoma.