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“Let the Code Decide”

Chairman David Williams called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The following members were in attendance: David Williams, Dennis Cassady, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, George Little, Ed Harris, Gary Hellmer, Randy Oliver, Robert Hoekwater, Don LaBrenz, Dave Vallier, Brian Carter, John Hartigan, Brian Kiley, David Sniderman, Virgil Monroe, John Stoudt, and Michael Vukovich. Excused were Phillip Nault, Mark Shapiro, Robert Parrent, Mel Kooiker, and Roger Radcliffe. Absent were Matt Bemis and Gary Polulak.

The minutes of the June 20, 2007 board meeting were approved. Motion by Dennis Cassady, seconded by Robert Hoekwater.

Correspondence reviewed by Secretary Darrick Whitaker consisted of a letter from the International Office offering a special rate for the 2008 analysis of change.

Treasurer, Jim Chase gave the financial report. He led in a discussion on meeting expenses. He explained the various elements which make up a meeting and their costs.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting Program Chairman Frank Donovan reported he has presentations on residential plan review, neon signs, Ashrae requirements and plan review, a code panel, and a fire alarm system design planned. Frank also reviewed a new spread sheet he developed to track PA 54 program hours presented at our meetings.

Phil Clark, Annual meeting Guests Program Chairman stated he has planned a tour of the Meadow Brook Hall on Thursday and is still open for Friday's activities.

Spring Meeting Program Chairman Randy Oliver reported he is planning presentations on communications, Ashrae, code panel, and plan review.

Robert Hoekwater, Spring Meeting Guest's Program Chairman stated he is still planning possible activities, he talked about weather in March and how it can effect his selection. Possible activates are a tour of a local winery, a Dutch show, or a tour of Holland sites

Membership Chairman Robert Hoekwater reported we stand at 632 members. He stated we have 323 inspector members and 289 associate members. He discussed the decline in associate members. A possible membership drive was discussed. David Williams pointed out that we need to tell prospective members the value of being a member when we talk with others in the electrical industry.

Frank Donovan, Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman identified eight issues he and the committee will have addressed in the handbook. Frank asked others to look for any other issues that may need to be addressed.

Legislative Committee Chairman Frank Donovan reported on how we can contribute to the timely adoption of the National Electrical Code. He stated he is still researching on how PA 230 can be altered to adopt the code in a timelier manner.

Chapter Web Site Chairman David Williams reported that we received over 2,500 hits on our site in July and are over 28,000 hits this year. He continues to hear from some members that they are having difficulties viewing some of the pages. He is in the process of redesigning all of the web pages to be more compatible with the new software.

Meeting Location Committee Chairman Jim Chase reviewed a hand out sheet on future meeting locations. He led a discussion on the criteria for a possible location. It was discussed that possible site changes could be made for years 2009 and 2010. The new hotels opening in Detroit will open in 2008. Several board members stated they would like to volunteer to assist in the site selection committee. The committee will be expanded in size.

Western Section Representative David Williams reported on the up coming meeting in St Louis. He gave the details on the date, location, and presentations. John Hartigan commented on contributing to a hospitality room. Phil Clark made a motion to give the Wisconsin Chapter five hundred (\$500.00) dollars toward their hospitality room expenses, seconded by Don LaBrenz. The motion carried.

Virgil Monroe, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan reported we have a new state electrical code for all construction other than one and two family structures. The 2005 National Electrical Code should be in effect November 23, 2007. He stated the new Part 8 Rules should be available on the State web site by October 9, 2007. Virgil also commented on House Bill 4844, which would increase license and exam fees. He asked for Chapter support since these fees have not been raised in over twenty years. He stated he will processing code update class applications and the provider may present them after they receive approval number.

Ed Harris, MIAM liaison reported on the MIAM membership levels and how they look at the issue of holding a contractor license while inspecting. He also stated that the city of Battle Creek has stopped issuing all types of electrical licenses and all persons who held them will hold a State license next year. There will only be three other electrical licensing jurisdictions in the state, beside the State of Michigan. They include the cities of Detroit, Flint and Grand Rapids.

There were no announcements.

There was no unfinished business.

Members Don LaBrenz, Paul Knapp, Robert Hoekwater, Dennis Cassady, David Williams, and David Sniderman all volunteered to help on the site selection committee.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.