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“Let the Code Decide”

Chairman David Williams called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following members were present: Dennis Cassady, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, David Williams, George Little, Phil Nault, Gary Hellmer, Brian Carter, Randy Oliver, Don LaBrenz II, John Stoudt, Walt Stoddard, Michael Vukovich, Dan O’ Donnell, Robert Hoekwater, David Sniderman, Mel Kooiker, Dave Vallier, Brian Kiley, and Roger Radcliffe. Excused were John Hartigan, Ed Harris, Robert Parrent, and Mark Shapiro. Gary Polulak was absent.

Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

During the chairman’s report David Williams discussed professionalism of the Board members and our behavior while at the conference. He asked the members to assist with the task of getting the participants back into the meeting room after each break.

Treasurer Jim Chase gave the financial report. Jim stated that the year end audit report will be completed and ready for the Board meeting in June.

Spring Program Chairman Randy Oliver reported that there will be one change to the program, speaker Steven Mann had to drop out due to a family illness. The program will now feature one additional hour of code panel. The following presentations are set: “Arch Flash Safety” by Kevin Reside, Training Specialist, Power Plus Engineering Inc. “Elevator Circuit Plan Review” by Dave Vallier, District Sales Engineer, Cooper Busman, “Organizational Communications” by Doctor Isolde Anderson, Assistant Professor, Hope College, Holland, Michigan, “Fuseology” by Dave Vallier, “Ashere Standards” by Chris Martin, of Leviton, “Lighting Controls” by Art Burke, Crites, Tidey and Associates Inc. “Branch Circuit Testing and Wire Performance” by Patrick Elliot, Field sales Engineer, Ideal Test and Measurement Division, and a code panel of David Williams, Phil Clark, Dan Radecki, Electrical Inspector, Holland Charter Township, Jeff Fecteau of NEMA, and Tom Lichtenstein, Staff Engineer, Regulatory Services of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Don LaBrenz II will moderate. The presentations are four (4) hours technical, four (4) hours specialty; two hours plan review, and two hours communications toward PA 54 credit.

Spring Meeting Guest’s Program Chairman Robert Hoekwater stated the guests will visit the Holland museum and the Dutch Village on Thursday and Friday they will travel to Saugatuck to tour the Felt Mansion.

Summer Meeting Program Chairman Frank Donovan reported the presentations will have three (3) hours of administration, four (4) hours of specialty, and two hours of technical.

Summer Meeting Guest's Chairman Phil Clark stated he is still in the planning stages for the guests.

Membership Chairman Robert Hoekwater reported we currently have five hundred twenty six (526) members, two hundred thirty seven (237) associates, and two hundred eighty nine (289) inspector members. He also stated we have one hundred and two (102) members in the expired category. Robert asked all Board members to recruit at least one new member this year. Dennis Cassady suggested we sale IAEEI publication materials at the meetings to help off set any possible membership increases. After much discussion it was decided to contact the international office to see how they felt about this idea.

Frank Donovan, Chairman of the Bylaws and Policy Committee reported they were continuing to review eight (8) issues, including changing language on installing officers and board members. They will also complete the section on honoree membership. Frank stated that the Legislative Committee had not met.

Darrick Whitaker, meeting site location committee chair reported all 2008 and 2009 site contracts have been signed and they are working to sign all 2010 sites. Two of the choices for the spring 2010 meeting location were not available on our normal date. After discussion it was recommended we move the spring 2010 meeting back one week to March 11 and 12, 2010. The 2008 summer meeting will be at the Shanty Creek Resort, in Bellaire, Michigan on June 19 and 20. The 2008 winter meeting will be at the Troy Marriott, Troy, Michigan on December 4 and 5. The three 2009 meetings are as follows: spring at Crowne plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, summer meeting at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan, and the winter meeting at the Novi Sheraton, Novi , Michigan.

David Williams, Web Site Committee Chairman reported all new members are now listed on the chapter web site. He also stated the web site received over forty two thousand (42,000) hits in 2007. One project he is working on is putting the meeting presentations on the web site's education section.

Western Section Representative David Williams stated at the recent Section Board meeting the international office was focusing on getting a new education chairman. They also ask members to submit code change proposals for the 2011 code update. They are working with NFPA to strengthen IAEEI's voice in the code making process. A motion was made by Dennis Cassady, seconded by Phil Clark to purchase a full page ad in the 2008 Western Section bulletin, motion carried.

George Little reported we have one hundred forty (140) members preregistrated and thirty (30) guests. He stated honoree member Peter Van Putten had registrated and will be in attendance.

Dan O' Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan stated that Assistant Director, Bureau of Construction Codes will be retiring in May this year. He explained that his staff is busy inputting update course completion certificates in the computer and ones arriving after October may be set aside to hand process for license renewal form mailings. George Little commented he had been told of a course provider was having a one day session with a test. This could not meet the fifteen (15) hour requirement of the law. Dan stated he is looking into this issue. Dan also reported the 2006 Michigan Residential Code has passed tough JACR and should be adopted by August this year.

Due to Ed Harris's absence there was no Mechanical Inspectors Association report. Ed is the liaison and is home recovering from extensive leg surgery.

There were no announcements, old business, or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.