



# Michigan Chapter International Association of Electrical Inspectors

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## Board of Directors Meeting June 18, 2008 Bellaire, Michigan

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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, Phil Nault, Gary Hellmer, Brian Carter, Randy Oliver, Don LaBrenz II, John Hartigan, Walt Stoddard, Michael Vukovich, Dan O'Donnell, Robert Hoekwater, David Sniderman, Mel Kooiker, Dave Vallier, Brian Kiley, and Robert Parrent. Excused were George Little, Mark Shapiro, John Stoudt, Ed Harris and Roger Radcliffe. Absent was Gary Polulak.

The minutes of the March 5, 2008 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

Chairman David Williams stated the chapter members have generated twenty four (24) code change proposals on the 2011 code. Eleven (11) dealt with the issue of abandoned cables. The members will vote at the general meeting on Friday to send them to the Western Section. He also reported that the Section President Don Offerdahl will be attending this meeting.

Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported there was no correspondence.

Treasurer Jim Chase reviewed the financial and the annual audit reports. He discussed the loses from the most recent meetings, it appears the guest program, host resort billings, and the practice of reimbursing Board members who attend the section meetings have had the most negative impact. Frank Donovan requested the Board select a committee to review the costs and recommend to the Board how costs could be cut. He stated we need a budget for meetings and a profit- loss statement on the past meeting. David Sniderman questioned why the miscellaneous expenses seemed high. Jim Chase answered the expenses were for the annual audit, account fees, and some presenter fees. David Williams asked each Board member to email him with their suggestions and concerns on our financial status. Jim Chase made a motion to stop paying the registration fee for the Board members who attend the Western Section meetings, seconded by Frank Donovan. During discussion Phil Clark requested we delay this one year. Walt Stoddard thought we could pay a portion of the fee. Frank Donovan stated that if we have some members required to be there; section representative, secretary, membership and education chairs, we should pay their fee. The motion failed by a 6 to 5 vote. Frank Donovan made a motion to reimburse only the section representative, secretary, chapter president and

membership and education chairs, seconded by Don LaBrenz II. During discussion Phil Clark stated if this were approved it would save around two thousand four hundred (\$2,400.00) per year based on past averages. The motion carried ten (10) to one. Dave Williams and Dennis Cassady will form a committee to review a budget and our expenses.

Summer Meeting Program Chairman Frank Donovan reported the following presentations are set: "Performance Evaluations of Local Jurisdictions" by Scott D. Fisher, Director of Local Government and Consumer Services, State of Michigan, "Tap Rules" by Alan Manche, Director, Industry Standards, Square D Corporation, "Service and Feeder Applications" by Phil Simmons, Technical Director, National Armored cable Manufactures Association, "Swimming Pool Inspections" by Jeff Sargent, Senior Electrical Specialist, National Fire Protection Association and a code panel of Don Offerdahl, Alan Manche, Jeff Sargent, Tom Lichtenstein, Bob Hoekwater, and Phil Simmons moderated by Don LaBrenz II. The presentations are two hours technical, two hours specialty, two hours administration, and two hours plan review toward PA 54 credit. Sales representatives registered were Shawn M Van Dyke, account manager of Intertek, Jim Maring, sales engineer, Cooper Bussmann, Michael Pritikin, senior sales executive, Square D, and Michael Young, of Young and Champagne.

Summer Meeting Guests Program Chairman Phil Clark reported the guests will visit the Bellaire History Museum on Thursday morning and then tour the Grass River Nature Area in the afternoon. On Friday they will have a presentation on "I am Mac and I am PC".

Membership Chairman Bob Hoekwater stated we presently have five hundred thirty seven (537) members. Two hundred seventy six (276) are inspectors; two hundred forty two (242) are associates, three honoree inspector, eight senior retired inspector, three trial associate, one trial inspector, two inspector and agency representative. There are eighty five (85) in the expired status.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Frank Donovan lead a review and discussion of a hand out on the recommended changes to the bylaw and policy and operation manual. There was a discussion on who should be issued a chapter credit card and how many should be issued. No action was taken to change the present status on who holds a card.

Legislation Committee Chairman Frank Donovan reported there were no meetings by this committee.

Dave Williams, web site committee chairman reported site visits were down slightly from this time last year. He continues to work on the education presentations page and should have it up and running next month.

Western Section Representative Dave Williams stated this falls 2008 section meeting will be in September in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dave will be installed as the new section president at this meeting. John Hartigan reported he has been in contact with section secretary Mike Forrester and is working on getting sixteen (16) credit hours for PA 54 credit from this meeting.

Darrick Whitaker reviewed the handout on the future meeting site locations. The winter 2008 meeting will be on December 4 and 5 at the Troy Marriott, Troy, Michigan, the 2009 spring meeting will be on March 5 and 6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Paul Knapp asked if membership chairman Bob Hoekwater could do a sort of the membership by location to get a count of members by location to aid us in selecting future sites. Bob replied he could and would have it for the next meeting.

Dan O'Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan reported the Bureau of Construction Codes Director Henry Green will be leaving to take a position in Washington DC. Beth Aben has been named Deputy Director. He also stated that Jim Hennesey has been promoted to assistant chief. Dean Austin will become the senior electrical inspector. He discussed the recent court of appeals ruling that mechanical contractors could install new electrical control systems to structures. The Bureau is planning to appeal to next higher court.

Due to Ed Harris absence there was no Mechanical Inspector Association report.

Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported we have one hundred twenty two (122) members and twenty three (23) guests registered for this meeting.

Under announcements, Paul Knapp stated that Darrick Whitaker and Dave Williams were mentioned in an article in Electrical Construction and Maintenance magazine for their contribution on difficulties on code adoptions. Also the "Old Timers" luncheon in July in Detroit will honor Mark Shapiro. Dave Williams reported that in 2006 the state had 36,935 licensed electricians and in 2007 there were 37,480. He will post the exact break down on the chapter's web site. Dave Williams stated he will become a principle member on code panel number five (5) as the International Association of Electrical Inspectors representative.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, a nominating committee of Dennis Cassady, Brian Carter, Bob Hoekwater, and Secretary Darrick Whitaker will start to collect names for a slate for the next Board election.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 Pm.