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“Let the Code Decide”

Chairman David Williams called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum present. The following members were present: Dennis Cassady, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Darrick Whitaker, David Williams, George Little, Ed Harris, Randy Oliver, Robert Hoekwater, Don LaBrenz, Dave Vallier, Brian Carter, John Hartigan, David Sniderman, Walt Stoddard, Dan O'Donnell, and Robert Parrent. Excused were Frank Donovan, Jim Chase, Phillip Nault, Gary Hellmer, Mark Shapiro, Brian Kiley, Mel Kooiker, and Roger Radcliffe. Absent were John Stoudt, Gary Polulak and Michael Vukovich.

The minutes of the June 18, 2008 Board meeting were approved as corrected.

Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported that there was no correspondence.

In the absence of Treasurer Jim Chase, Darrick reviewed the financial report provided by Jim. The budget committee will report their findings at the December meeting; they will have recommendations on where we should head in regards to meeting costs and registration fees.

Winter Meeting Program Chairman Frank Donovan emailed David Williams he is still working on the schedule of presentations for that meeting and will have every thing ready for George Little in time.

Winter Guest's Program Chairman Phil Clark reported he is looking into taking them to a show at the Fox or Gem Theater.

The 2009 Spring Program Chairman will be Robert Hoekwater and the Spring Guest's Program Chair will be Walt Stoddard.

Membership Chairman Robert Hoekwater stated we presently have five hundred twenty two (522) members. There are 239 Associate, 268 Inspector, 3 Honorary Chapter Associate, 2 Honorary Chapter Inspector, 1 Inspection Agency Representative, 1 Inspection Agency, 8 Senior Retired, 3 Trial Associate, and 1 Trial Inspector. Robert reminded every one that they should use the trial card that comes with their membership card to sign up some one for the trial period. He also reported that he has contacted many persons on the delinquent status and they stated that their employer would no longer pay their membership fee.

Due to Frank Donovan's absence there was not a report on the Bylaws & Policy Committee and the Legislative Committee.

Western Section Representative David Williams stated the Chapter has submitted thirty (30) code change proposals. He also reported that he will be installed as the Section President at this meeting. John Hartigan stated he has the meetings presentations approved for sixteen (16) hours of PA 54 credit, thirteen (13) technical and three specialty. David Sniderman asked about rooms and David Williams stated that we need to ask for the rooms blocked for us or we would told they are full.

Web Site Chairman David Williams reported he has found that the education page has some problems due to the size of some files and videos. He will still continue to work on developing it.

Dan O'Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan reported that Henry Green has left the building and they should have his replacement named some time in September. He also stated that the House Bill to increase license fees appears to be dead.

Paul Knapp asked if the States computer system on our PA 54 hours was still down. Dan replied yes. He explained that IT department has have a huge turn over in staff and that was had a very negative effect.

Darrick Whitaker reviewed the site location hand out sheet. The 2010 summer meeting location at the JJ Golf & Resort is in question because they recently file for bankruptcy. After some discussion Dennis Cassady made a motion to not use that site in 2010, seconded by Brian Carter. The motion failed, and it was decided we would monitor their status and seek other sites. Darrick reported he had contacted both Tree Tops and the Boyne Highlands and they have our dates available and will hold them for us for six months.

Under announcements George Little gave us an update on Mark Shapiro's condition and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Ed Harris, the Mechanical Inspector Association of Michigan liaison reported that they currently have leveled off on their membership. They have chosen a one site and worked out a deal to use the same site each year, this has saved them considerably.

Under Unfinished Business, Dennis Cassady reported the nominating committee has completed the proposed board and pro-tem member list and they will mail a letter to each proposed member to see that they have the backing from their employer.

Under New Business, Robert Hoekwater asked if we thought having a speaker from the International Office do a presentation on hazardous location wiring methods or swimming pools would be good. And do we want to spend that much for a four or eight hour presentation now. Comments ranged from do one on motors or signs, to do not spend additional monies for presentations at this time. It was decided to continue to let the program chair select the presentations to obtain our PA 54 hours.

The next board meeting will be December 3, 2008 at the Troy Marriott, Troy, Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.