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“Let the Code Decide”

President Frank Donovan called the meeting to order at 2:30; Board Chairman Dennis Cassady is ill and was excused. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Bob Hoekwater, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, Brian Carter, Gary Hellmer, Don LaBrenz II, George Little, Phillip Nault, Dan O'Donnell, Randy Oliver, Walt Stoddard, David Williams, Mike Andrews, Thomas Bowes, Ed Harris, John R. Hartigan, Brian Kiley, Mel Kooiker, Roger Radcliffe, Dan Radecki, Mark Shapiro, John Stoudt, and Dave Vallier. Patrick Falzon and Dennis Cassady were excused.

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved, motion by Phil Clark, seconded by Jim Chase. Paul Knapp asked about the discussion we had at the last board meeting to alter the amount of time and days for further meetings. An adhoc committee will be formed to look at meeting structure and dates.

David Williams passed along that Dennis had contacted him today and ask if he remind everyone that he would be looking at standing committee membership positions and will notify everyone of their respective committee assignments. Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported no written correspondence.

Treasurer Jim Chase gave the financial report. Phil Clark asked if the board could have an in depth report of each meeting and when the budget committee will report their findings to the Board. Frank stated that the financial expert was still compiling information and she would report her findings and a sample budget to the budget committee before the next Board meeting. Mel Kooiker asked about a line item on lifelong honoree members. With the help of Western Section Representative David Williams we have gotten the issue of members who no longer wished to be lifelong honorees resolved with the International Office.

Spring Meeting Technical Program Chairman Bob Hoekwater reported the following presentations are set for the meeting: “Plan Review 101” by Mr. Dan Radecki, Electrical Inspector, Holland Township, “Hazardous Locations” by Mr. Scott B. West, Sales Representative, Cooper Crouse-Hinds, “Emergency Generators” by Mr. Richard S. Carlton, Regional Sales Manager, Cummins Power Generation, “Motors and Transformers” by Mr. Mark C. Ode, Staff Engineer, Underwriters Laboratories, and “Acts, Rules, and Codes” by Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan. The code panel; moderated by Don LaBrenz II, will consist of Mr. Dan Iverson, NEMA Midwest Field representative, Mr. Mark Shapiro, Code Consultant, Mr. Mark C. Ode, Underwriters Laboratories, Dave Vallier, District Sales

Engineer, Cooper Bussmann, Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, Bureau of Construction Code, State of Michigan, and Mr. Dan Radecki, Electrical Inspector Holland Township. The presentations will meet Public Act 54 credits as three (3) hours of Technical, four (4) hours of Plan Review, four (4) hours of specialty, and two hours of administration.

Spring Guest's Program Chairman Walt Stoddard stated on Thursday they will leave the hotel and tour the Gerald R. Ford Museum, then take a driving tour of the Heritage Historic District, lunch at the Women's City Club, and tour the Myer May house in the afternoon. On Friday they have a book exchange, movie, and a presentation on floral arranging.

Summer Technical Program Chairman Phil Clark reported he is still developing the presentations base on the category hours still needed by our members.

Summer Guest's Program Chairman Paul Knapp stated he is working with Crystal Mountain Resort on offsite activities.

Membership Chairman Bob Hoekwater reported that our membership numbers continue to decline. He stated we have two hundred fifty six (256) inspector members, two hundred eighteen (218) associate members, eight (8) retired senior members, three(3) trial associate members, two honorary chapter inspector members, one trail inspector member, one honorary chapter associate member, one inspection agency representative member, and one inspection agency member. Mark Shapiro asked how and or where inspectors are getting their PA 54 hours. Bob Hoekwater discussed the drop off in members, he stated the costs of membership and the fact they could get classes cheaper at other locations was a statement he has heard often. Frank Donovan stated that the networking with fellow inspectors and the quality of the presentations is worth the higher registration fee. Phil Nault reported that inspectors in the Upper Peninsula are doing self classes for the cost only of the class registration fee with Lansing. Mark stated we need to raise the quality level of our classes and add new subject matter. Mark Shapiro made a motion to not raise our registration fee above a nominal level to non members. Phil Nault seconded the motion. During discussion David Williams stated that in the past we have had about twelve (12) non member persons attend at the member rate. Phil Clark stated this proves the value (non member rate) to being a member. The motion failed.

Frank Donovan stated the Bylaws and Policy committee and the Legislation committee had not met and there is no report.

David Williams, the website committee chairman reported we have had 36,717 page views last year. We had had over three thousand page views to date and should see about thirty six thousand (36,000) views this year at the present rate. Phil Clark asked if it is worth the effort to sell advertizing on the web site. David suggested we discuss this issue with the adhoc committee.

Site Selection Chairman Darrick Whitaker reported on the 2009 locations, the summer meeting will be at the Crystal Mountain Resort, in Thompsonville, on June 18 and 19. The winter meeting will be at the Best Western Executive Plaza in Ann Arbor, on December 3 and 4. The 2010 meeting locations are Sheraton Inn, Lansing; Comfort Inn, Mount Pleasant, and Bavarian

Inn, Frankenmuth. Darrick thanked Paul Knapp for his efforts to revisit the site contracts and get lower room costs and meeting fees. There was considerable discussion on the meeting expenses to our members and their employers who do pay their costs. We will be revisiting all contracts for lower pricing and continue to look for ways to lower costs.

Western Section Representative David Williams stated that this year's section meeting will be in Bloomington, Minnesota on September 20 thru 23 at the Sheraton Inn. The meeting will offer technical programs and cover code proposals comments. The next meeting will be in Green Bay, Wisconsin, at the Regency Suites on September 19 thru 22 in 2010.

George Little reported that we have one hundred twenty five (125) persons and six (6) guests registered. George also stated that the following vender representatives have registered, Ms Shawn M. Van Dyke, Account Manager, Commercial & Electrical, of Intertek, and Mr. Jim Maring, District Sales Manager, of Cooper Bussman.

Dan O'Donnell, Chief, Electrical Division, Bureau of Construction Codes, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State of Michigan reported the 2008 NEC adoption is at the SOHAR offices and may be adopted by the end of the year. He reminded everyone that the apprentice ratio will be enforced by the state beginning in April. He said Senate Bill 142 currently deals with reciprocity of licensing with other states and wind generator equipment installations, and that it appears to be dead in committee. Ed Harris asked if there would be a relaxing of rules so municipalities could inspect schools. Dan replied that they can do them now if they meet all of the states requirements.

Ed Harris, our liaison with the Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan reported that at their recent meeting they dealt with issues on residential boiler installations standards and reviewed bills to license journeyman boiler installers.

Under announcements Secretary Darrick Whitaker reported there was no new news on his positions situation with DTE Energy.

There were no unfinished business issues.

Under new business, Phil Clark presented to the board his application for the IAEEI Code Panel Pool to become a representative on an NEC Code making panel. Don LaBrenz II made a motion for the board to approve his application, seconded by Jim Chase, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.