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Board of Directors Meeting December 2, 2009 Sheraton Four Points Ann Arbor, Michigan

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“Let the Code Decide”

Dennis Cassady, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Roll call was taken by Secretary David Williams and the following members were present: Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Paul Knapp, Bob Hoekwater, Jim Chase, David Williams, Dennis Cassady, Brian Carter, Gary Hellmer, Don LaBrenz II, George Little, Phillip Nault, Dan O'Donnell, Randy Oliver, Walt Stoddard, Mike Andrews, Tom Bowes, Patrick Falzon, Ed Harris, John Hartigan, Brian Kiley, Mel Kooiker, Roger Radcliffe, Dan Radecki, Mark Shapiro, John Stoudt, and Dave Vallier. All Members in attendance.

Correspondence: Secretary David Williams referenced an email from Honorary Chapter Associate Member Carl Trouteaud. He send his regards to the Chapter members and thanked them for paying for his honorary dues over the years since he retired and felt it was time to have his membership discontinued due to the additional expense of the chapter and him not utilizing it as he had done in the past. Carl stated that the IAEI is a classy organization and wished us all well.

The minutes of the August 5th, 2009 Board Meeting were discussed. Phil Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Board Meeting and it was seconded by Jim Chase and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jim Chase, gave the financial report reporting a beginning balance on May 31, 2009 of \$23,646.41 with an ending balance on November 20, 2009 of \$19,662.53. Jim Chase discussed the new budget process of organizing all expenses and income and providing a chart of accounts to assist in our budget process. Phil Clark asked about the hotel rooms paid by the chapter at the June Meeting. The policy is that the chapter will only cover the registration for the speakers and not any rooms. The meeting seminars will now have specific budgets that will help us keep financially on track.

Education Committee:

Annual Meeting Chairman, Phil Clark, The December Meeting will include a code update class with six speakers from the chapter using a tag team approach.

Annual Guests Chairman, Paul Knapp In December he will be taking the ladies to Chelsea one day and has other activities for the second day. Using the hotel shuttle

for transportation instead of busses has help keep this program on budget. There are presently 14 guests signed up requiring 2 hotel vans.

Spring Meeting Chairman, Walt Stoddard reported on his planned program. Speakers included Irvin Poke, Director of BCC speaking on Administration, Mark Shapiro speaking on Lawsuits and Expert Witnessing, Tom Lichtenstein speaking on LED's and Wind Turbines. Don LaBrenz will moderate a Code Panel and another program will be named later.

Spring Guests Chairman, John Stoudt volunteered to be the chair the Spring Guests Chairman.

Membership Report: Chairman Robert Hoekwater commented about asking people to use their renewal slip to sign up a trial member. We have had a 50% retention of the trial members. The membership stands at: 552 Members consisting of - 299 Inspector Members, 232 Associate Members, 11 Senior Members Retired, 1 Sustaining Rep., 4 Trial Associate Members, 3 Honorary Chapter Members, 1 Inspector Agency Rep., and 1 Inspection Agency.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Report: Chairman Don LaBrenz II no Report

Legislative Committee: Chairman Phil Clark, Phil reported that ICC did include the sprinklers in there new code.

Budget Committee: Chairman Frank Donovan, Reported that the Budget Committee should be a standing committee that comprises of all of the officers. This will take a Bylaw change. The Budget committee has worked hard on the budget and has worked with an accountant to get everything in order. A Chart of Accounts has been developed for all expenses and income. This will help with a setting up a budget for future meetings.

Western Section Report: Section Representative & Section President David Williams, The 105th Annual Western Section Meeting will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota September 20th to the 23rd, 2009. There was a Train the Trainer Program held two days before the meeting. The attendance at this meeting exceeded all projections and people were turned away. There was also a Secretary and Treasurer's training session on Sunday afternoon. Dave Williams was the Section President this year and ran the meeting. Dave was also elected to a twelve-year term on the International Board of Directors. It has been 36 years since a Michigan member was on the International Board, 1973 H.B. Love. Paul Knapp suggested that we hold the section meeting the year David is President.

Website Committee: Chairman David Williams, reported that the Website will soon have an updated Page for the Board of Directors. The number of page views is about 1,000 less than last year.

State of Michigan Report: State Electrical Chief, Dan O'Donnell, expressed his appreciation for the work Dave Williams has done on the Adoption process for the 2008 Michigan Electrical Code. He also expressed his gratitude to Frank Donovan for his service as a member of the State Electrical Board. Frank has recently submitted his resignation. Training Programs in about 16 or 18 community colleges will be implemented for apprenticeship training 576 hours It looks like this will be implemented the middle part of 2010. You will not be able to have an apprentice registration unless you are a part of an approved training program.

License fees have increased this year after many years without an increase. The Bureau needed the increase in fees in order to continue to be in business.

Jim Chase asked about the on the job training for apprentices. The 8,000 hours required to sit for the exam includes a portion of the hours for on the job training. Apprenticeship requirement will be considered for a program at the March Meeting. Dan was asked if the State was getting inspection areas back due to the economy. He stated that many communities are combining inspection programs to reduce costs as opposed to turning their inspections back to the State of Michigan. George Little asked about the adoption of the 2009 MRC, Dan O'Donnell thought that the code would probably not be adopted until the end of 2010.

John Hartigan asked about the proposed fee increased for program approval. Dan expressed the concerns about the financial condition of the State of Michigan and the Bureau of Construction Codes. Present fees are \$25.00 per program and the proposed fees are \$150.00 per program and \$100.00 per instructor registration. The registration and inspector fees for this meeting were \$125.00 and the new rates would be \$700.00. This is a substantial increase.

Dave Williams asked about the status of the carbon monoxide detector Public Act passed in 2008. Dan stated that the Bureau has not promulgated the necessary rules and is not moving forward.

Meeting Location Committee Report: Chairman David Williams first thanked Paul Knapp for all his help with the site selections. He reported the 2010 sites are now all set and have signed contracts. We received a special offer from the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City providing us a special rate if we moved our June 2010 meeting one-week prior, to June 10-11, 2010. It is one of the premier new resorts in Michigan. Their listed rate on the Internet is close to \$300.00 and they gave us the same rate as was quoted by the Otsego Club of \$89.00. Paul and I checked out the location and came to an agreement on the contract. The contract was subject to Board Approval. It was felt that this be brought to the membership for their thoughts. Bob Hoekwater made a motion and seconded by Phil Clark to go the Great Wolf Lodge unless there was large objection by the membership.

2010 Spring Meeting March 11-12, 2010 Lexington Hotel Delta Township

2010 Summer Meeting June 10-11, 2010 Great Wolf Lodge

2010 Annual Meeting December 2-3, 2010 Bavarian Inn Frankenmuth

2011 Spring Meeting Mount Pleasant

Mechanical Inspectors Report: Liaison Ed Harris, discussed the activities at the recent MIAM meeting combining education endeavors with other groups. Budget analysis for the association is also taking place due to tough economic times. The meeting also discussed Residential sprinklers applications.

COCM is considering having a meeting with other organizations. January 26-27, 2010 at the Celebration Cinemas, in Lansing.

Meeting Registration Report: Chairman Brian Carter, The pre-registration process included, 219 registrants, 14 Guests.

George Little referenced about the importance of scanning at all sessions in order to obtain credit for the code update requirement. The certificate received will not count toward your completion certificate. The final registration totals for this meeting are 231 Registrants and 14 Guests.

Unfinished Business: Vacancy on the Board of Directors, President Frank Donovan proposed that Pro-Tem Member Dan Radecki to fill the position that occurred when Dave Williams took over the secretarial position. A motion by Phil Clark and seconded by Don LaBrenz to approved the Presidents appointment. Motion Carried. For the vacancy on the Pro-Tem Committee Frank Donovan recommended Don Iverson, NEMA to fill that vacancy. Phil Clark made a motion, seconded by Don LaBrenz to approved the Presidents appointment. Motion Carried.

New Business: Inspectors School Chairman Jim Chase, discussed having this years Inspectors School 2nd full week in February 2010, being February 8th – 12th. More information will be on the website when available.

Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

David Williams, Secretary