



# Michigan Chapter International Association of Electrical Inspectors

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## Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2013 Lexington Hotel, Delta Township, Michigan

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### Secretary

David Williams  
Electrical Inspector  
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### “Let the Code Decide”

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Phil Clark at 2:07-PM.

Secretary David Williams performed the Roll Call and the following members were present. Officers: President - Phil Clark, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Bob Hoekwater, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Walt Stoddard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Scott Weaver, Treasurer - Jim Chase, and Secretary - David Williams. Board Members: Tom Bowes, Brian Carter, Frank Donovan, Don La Brenz, George Little, Dan O’Donnell, Dan Radecki and John Stoudt. Pro-Tem Members – Chris Cleveland, Pat Falzon, Brian Kiley, Mel Kooiker, Phillip Nault, Randy Oliver, Roger Radcliffe, Grace Trudell, David Vallier and Maurie Van Nevel. Excused are Board Member Don Iverson, and Pro-Tem Member Mike Andrews.

Guests: Membership Chair Paul Knapp and David Sniderman.

President, Phil Clark asked for approval of the agenda, Tom Bowes made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim Chase, motion passed unanimously.

David Williams, Secretary, presented the Minutes of the December 5, 2012 Board of Directors meeting. Tom Bowes made a motion to approve the minutes as printed supported by John Stoudt, Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Secretary, Williams, reported research of Roberts Rules of Order in response to an email regarding improper activity at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. He reviewed some of the items in Roberts Rules of Order that needed to be followed because our Chapter Bylaws require the meetings to be in accordance with the latest version of Roberts Rules of Order.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer, Jim Chase, provided the copies of the treasures report and provided the financial status of the chapter. He reported that our balance as of March 11, 2013 was \$78,956.71. . Profit and Loss for the December Meeting had a net profit of \$2,512.00.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### Education Committee

Chair, George Little, discussed the possibility of online training. There was also discussion regarding future educational programs. Tom Bowes suggested that the chapter consider at least one meeting a year to include new technology.

### **Education Committee (Cont.)**

Spring Seminar Chair, Don LaBrenz, stated the program will be as listed in the program information.

Spring Guests Chair, Scott Weaver, stated the Guest's Program will also be as listed and include a presentation regarding Travel guidelines.

Summer Meeting Chair, Bob Hoekwater, stated that even though the Chapter is Planning on a code update class for the June meeting that may change due to the approval from the state. We will need to prepare for two different programs and await verification from the state near the first week of May.

Summer Guest's Chair, Walt Stoddard, stated he would be meeting with the guests to see what they want to do.

President Phil Clark went over the Board Committee Assignments and stated that non board members are available to be on any of the various committees.

### **Audit Committee.**

Chair Walt Stoddard, reported that the accountant reviewing our financial activities and preparing our taxes will be complete by April 15 and the Audit Committee has scheduled to do the Audit on April 24, 2013.

### **Budget Committee.**

Chair, Bob Hoekwater, reported that the budget committee will be focusing our actual real costs of providing the seminars.

### **Bylaw and Policy Committee:**

Chair, Chris Cleveland, reported that the committee will be focusing on updating the Policy Manual since the Bylaws were updated last year. Dave Williams stated that the previous committee have made changes to about six of the categories. Phil Clark mentioned that there are issues that need to be clarified in the Bylaws and Policy Manual.

### **Legislative Committee:**

Chair Don Iverson was excused due to another meeting. Dave Williams referenced a Regulatory Reform Committee meeting taking place on Thursday regarding HB-4045 Fire Alarm Apprenticeship program and SB-235 on Fire Inspectors being allowed to perform Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression Plan Review and inspections.

### **Meeting Location Committee.**

Chair Dan Radecki reported on two meeting dates the committee was submitting for Board approval. Dave Williams reported on a location for March 2014 in Cutlerville, just south of Grand Rapids, it is a Holiday Inn Express with a meeting facility next to the hotel. There was a motion by Bob Hoekwater to approve this location or the March meeting and supported by Dan Radecki, motion passed unanimously. Dan Radecki reported on having the Annual Meeting in 2014 back at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. There was a motion by Bob Hoekwater and supported by Walt Stoddard and the motion passed unanimously. Dan also discussed the locations we are looking at for the June 2014 Meeting, those being Ludington, Mackinaw City and Holland.

2013 Summer Meeting, Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.  
2013 Annual Meeting, Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.  
2014 Spring Meeting, Holiday Inn Express in Cutlerville (Grand Rapids) March 6th and 7th.  
2014 Summer Meeting  
2014 Annual Meeting Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, December 4th and 5th.

### **Membership Report:**

Chair, Paul Knapp, reported on the efforts and ideas of the new Membership Committee. One item discussed is to print business cards for the chapter to be used by our members to pass out to prospective members. A motion by Walt Stoddard and supported by Jim Chase to provide up to \$500 per year for membership promotional activities. The Membership numbers are a total of 378 members with about 162 Inspector and 206 Associate Members.

**COCM and MIAM Liaisons** The discussion regarding having a liaison for each group was discussed and Dan Radecki will discuss this with his boss and then a letter from the chapter secretary will be sent to the two organizations.

### **Website Report:**

Chair, Dave Williams, reported that the website has been completely updated and please take a look. The Report regarding the Committee Report on Permitting and inspections is on the website as well as the meeting survey from the December meeting. I will be posting the survey of this meeting and the minutes as well. I need to know what you want available on the website.

### **Western Section Report:**

Representative Frank Donovan reported on the 2013 Western Section Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO in September 15-18, 2013. The main topic and highlight of this years meeting is the introduction of the new 2014 National Electrical Code and the IAEI Analysis of the Changes book based on the new code.

### **State of Michigan Report:**

State Electrical Chief Dan O'Donnell reported on the what was SB 1279 regarding the Manufacturers exemptions is expected to be introduced to the current legislature. They are ok with permits and inspections but want to be exempt from licensing and apprentice registrations. This is not limited to maintenance; and there is no apprentice ratio involved. Dan also discussed the Veterans lifetime exemption applies to waiving or fees for Journey, Masters, Contractors Licenses and Inspector Registrations. The Veterans exemption does not apply to registration fees for PA 54 programs.

### **Meeting Registration Report:**

Brian Carter reported that we have 96 pre-registered and 7 guests.  
The final attendance numbers included 102 Attendees and 7 Guests.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Secretary David Williams referenced the Annual Meeting where the President was to appoint a committee regarding approving IAEI CEU's through the chapter. Nothing was done. There was also an issue of looking into a sound system for the chapter to purchase. Nothing has been done. President Phil Clark asked the Policy Committee on how to address issues regarding Roberts Rules of Order.

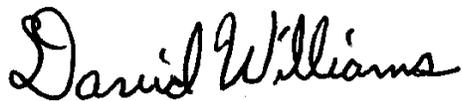
**New Business:** Mel Kooiker questioned on how the board vote to not allow candidates to speak regarding the election and then Phil Clark distributed campaign information on all the tables during lunch. Phil Clark relinquished the chair to Bob Hoekwater. Phil stated that he did not feel the wording did not allow for him to pass out a flyer. Mel felt that Phil violated what the Board had agreed upon. Phil believes the Bylaw and Policy Committee will address this and make it clearer in the next election. Randy Oliver stated that the Board needs clarity. Brian Carter stated that we have never had an election like this before and it created an unfair advantage to place flyers on tables. It was ugly and bad for the chapter. Previously we had a natural progression through the chairs. Phil Clark feels this is water under the bridge. The board made a decision and the election happened. Phil felt he followed the Board rules. Scott Weaver disagreed with Phil and believed that the Board was clear that no political ads or speeches were appropriate. Walt Stoddard stated that he had someone state that they would not be back. The Board tried to make it clear and they were violated but we need to move on. Tom Bowes made a motion that is be referred to the policy committee for a recommendation to the Board regarding more than one candidate running for the same office Seconded by Jim Chase. Motion passed unanimously. Frank Donovan made a motion to direct Bylaw committee to research to codify the intention of the Board and include language that clearly states that once elected to the position of third vice president, officers will progress through the chairs to the position of ex-officio member unless they are removed from office for just cause in accordance with Article VI, Section 9. Seconded by Walt Stoddard. Tom Bowes spoke against the motion that every person should have the same ability to speak before an election if one person does. A Roll Call vote was directed. Those in favor of the motion include Brian Carter, Jim Chase, Frank Donovan, George Little, Dan O'Donnell, Walt Stoddard, John Stoudt, Scott Weaver and Dave Williams. Those against Tom Bowes, Phil Clark, Don LaBrenz, and Dan Radecki. Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote 9-4. Frank Donovan made a motion to prohibit the ex-officio member from holding any position on the Board. Supported by Jim Chase. Dan Radecki stated that Roberts Rules of Order does not permit more than one vote per person. Frank Donovan rescinded his motion. Brian Carter made a motion to update a computer and software for Jim Chase in performing his duties as treasurer supported by Walt Stoddard. Frank Donovan amended the motion for up to \$1,500.00 for a new Laptop and software. Motion passed unanimously. Frank Donovan stated he declined his rights as Ex-Officio Member.

**Announcements:**

George Little referenced the article in the IAEI Magazine regarding Mark Shapiro.

Motion to adjourn by Walt Stoddard and seconded by Frank Donovan. Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted



David Williams  
Secretary

Next Board Meeting -  
Wednesday, June 19, 2013. Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, Michigan