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"Let the Code Decide"

December 7, 2005

Frankenmuth, Michigan

Chairman, George H. Little called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance: David Williams, Dennis Cassady, Frank Donovan, Phil Clark, Jim Chase, Darrick Whitaker, George Little, Brian Carter, Ed Harris, John Hartigan, Paul Knapp, Mel Kooiker, Don LaBrenz, Phillip Nault, Dave Vallier, Matt Bemis, Gray Hellmer, Brian Kiley, Virgil Monroe, Robert Nalbach, Randy Oliver, Robert Parrent, Gray Polulak, Roger Radcliffe, David Sniderman, and John Stoudt. Mark Shapiro was excused.

The minutes of the August 10, 2005 Board meeting were approved, motion by Don LaBrenz, second by John Hartigan.

Correspondence reviewed consisted of letter from the Ohio Chapter containing a donation to assist us in the expenses of the hospitality room at the 2006 Western Section Meeting in Traverse City. A thank you letter will be sent to the Ohio Chapter.

Treasurer, Jim Chase gave the financial report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Phil Clark, seconded by Dave Williams. Motion carried. David Sniderman asked Jim what level of insurance do we carry? Jim replied that we carry insurance to protect actions of the officers, board members, and guests at the meetings and programs. Jim said he will check on the coverage for the activities in the hospitality room.

Committee Reports

Dennis Cassady, Annual Meeting Program Chairman reported that the following programs will be presented and have been approved for Public Act 54 credit: "Emergency Lighting Plan Review", by Mr. Ronald France, of Cites, Tidey, & Associates, "Working Space Clearances", by Mr. Mike Forester, NEMA, "PA 217 Licensing" by Mr. Virgil Monroe, State of Michigan, "Code Complying Fastening & Support System Practices" by Mr. James Sutherland, Erico/Caddy, "PA 230 & Part 8 Rules", by Mr. Virgil Monroe, State of Michigan, "In Ground Boxes", by Mr. Ray McDonough, of McDonough & Associates and a code panel moderated by Ed Harris. Panel members are to be Tom Lichtenstein, Mike Forester, Brian Carter, David Williams, Dave Vallier, and Dennis Darling.

Frank Donovan, Annual Meeting Guests Program Chairman stated that the guest program for Thursday would offer the option to shop in town and then tour a brewery, or shop at Birch Run. That night they will have a guided tour of the holiday lights in downtown Frankenmuth. Friday they will stop in at Bronner's Winter Wonderland.

Phil Clark, Spring Meeting Program Chairman reported he is working on speakers for plan review and communications presentations.

Spring Meeting Guests Program Co Chairman's, Ed Harris and Brian Carter are still planning.

Membership Chairman, Ed Harris reported that current Chapter membership is six hundred ninety seven (697) down from seven hundred and eight since our summer meeting. Ed stated he has completed a review of all registered electrical inspector from the state supplied list and only about seventy five percent (75%) were Chapter members. Ed and the Chapter Secretary will mail out membership application forms to those who are not inviting them to join.

Jim Chase, Future Site Chairman reported that here are no changes to the 2006 and 2007 sites and dates. Spring 2006 will be March 9 & 10 at the Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Annual meeting will be December 7 & 8 at the Treetops Resort, Gaylord, Michigan. Jim also reported on the 2006 electrical inspector school set for January 23 through 27. The cost will be three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360.00) for thirty six (36) hours of credit.

Virgil Monroe, Chief, Electrical Division, State of Michigan reported that Mr. Henry Green, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes was elected to the position of President of the International Construction Codes (ICC) in September. A letter of congratulations will be sent to Mr. Green. The code advisory committee has completed the review of the 2005 NEC and are waiting to review the 2006 Michigan Residential Code. Passage could be in December 2006 at the earliest. Three issues come before the State Electrical Administration Board. In August an appeal to allow non-metallic sheathed cable to be used above three floors in a type I and II structure. The Board reversed the local municipality's decision only for this specific appeal. A mechanical contractor asked for the Board to give their interpretation of an "existing" in regards to an existing system. He argued that the "whole" system is existing therefore he could replace a pneumatic controls system with an electrical/electronic system. The Board agreed with Mr. Monroe that the specific equipment must be present to be replaced. The last issue was an employee staffing company felt they could co-employee licensed electricians. Mr. Monroe explained to them the law stated that electricians must be employed directly by a licensed electrical contractor. Virgil also reported that Hugh Williams was doing better, yet is not back to work. After a question from George Little, Virgil stated that the State is looking into having its own code book or adding chapters 33 – 48 of the Michigan Residential Code to the back of the 2005 NEC. Costs would determine if this possible.

Ed Harris, representative to the Mechanical Inspectors Association reported that Senate Bill 150 was discussed at their last meeting. They are not backing its adoption.

Phil Clark, 2006 Western Section Meeting Chairman reported that the Chapters responsibilities are all finalized. Entertainment is under contract and the guests program is complete.

David Williams reported the Chapter's web site has received over 36,700 hits to date. Last year we only had 3,600 hits. Local 665 of the IBEW asked to have a link to their site added to our web site and they would a link to our site to theirs, David stated it would be no problem to add.

David Williams, Western Section Representative displayed a badge holder the Chapter has purchased for the 2006 meeting. Each attendee will receive one. Twenty seven (27) Chapter members attended the 2005 section meeting in Hot Springs. He stated that Richard Salois had just reached the little Rock airport and suffered a heart attack and missed the meeting. He is doing fine now and is listed as an attendee for this meeting. Frank Donovan asked if the Board could consider having a raffle (for Michigan wines) at the Chapter meetings like the one held at the Section meeting. George said we could study the possibility.

Under Announcements: Chapter member Vicki Baker has been released from rehab and is home after a severe auto accident. Frank Donovan has been elected to serve as vice chairman of the State Electrical Administration Board. A get well card was passed around for Mark Shapiro who was excused from this meeting.

Secretary, Darrick Whitaker reported that the pre-registration for this meeting is two hundred and fourteen (214) and thirty (30) guests.

Under Old Business: Chapter President David Williams has appointed Robert Hoekwater, electrical inspector, of Wyoming, Michigan to fill the Board seat of Dave Burns. Per the Chapter By-laws the Board approved the appointment of Robert as a pro-tem member. Robert has been a Chapter member since 1997.

Under New Business: Frank Donovan reported that a guest had questioned if we could revise our meeting schedule when it was in conflict with a Jewish holiday? Jim chase replied that the Jewish holidays move each calendar year and we must fix a date to secure our locations, so little can be done. George Little discussed the status of the current computer program to track attendance at the meetings. He and David Williams will be researching a possible replacement since we can no longer get tech support for the current one.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

[Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2006, Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo.](#)