

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
June 5, 2009  
Silverado Resort, Napa, California**

E. Milner Irvin III, Chairman

J. Michael Thompson, Secretary

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Chairman Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with the following present (*italics indicate that the member did not attend*):

**Present NECA Officers and Past NECA Presidents**

E. Milner Irvin III, Chairman

*H. E. Autrey*

D. R. Borden, Jr.

Mel A. Buttrum

*Robert W. Colgan*

John R. Colson

*William B. Cook, Jr.*

Robert E. Doran III

Rex A. Ferry

*William H. Green*

John Gueldner

John M. Grau

David A. Hardt

David R. MacKay

John Negro

*Richard Nogleberg*

*Dennis Quebe*

Frank Russell

J. Michael Thompson

Dan Walter

*Leo Weber*

**Elected Directors**

**Terms Expiring 2009**

*David Firestone*

*Howard Hughes*

Richard McBride

Tony Walsh

**Terms Expiring 2010**

*Arthur Ashley*

Robert Corbo

Stan Lazarian

Gary Whitehead

**Terms Expiring 2011**

*Wayne Brinkmeyer*

*Sandy Mahon*

Walter Parkes

George Troutman

**Staff**

Russ Alessi

Laura Capuco

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 9, 2007 Board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed.*

**JURY OF FELLOWS REPORT**

Acting Jury Chairman Rod Borden reported on the activities of the Jury and recommended favorable action on the following six nominees for Fellowship into the Academy of Electrical Contracting. Their nomination forms have been reviewed at two consecutive meetings of the Jury and they have received unanimous votes on both occasions:

Scott Bringmann  
Alcan Electrical & Engineering, Inc.  
Anchorage, Alaska

Kenneth Hart  
Dynalectric Company~Washington, DC  
Dulles, Virginia

Stephen J. Kohnen  
Kay-Bee Electric Company  
Florissant, Missouri

Craig Martin  
Frost Electric Company, Inc.  
Aurora, Illinois

William A. Powell, Jr.  
Chewning & Wilmer, Inc.  
Richmond, Virginia

Daniel G. Schaeffer  
Schaeffer Electric Company  
St. Louis, Missouri

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the above persons for induction into the Academy on Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Seattle, Washington at the General Session of the NECA Convention.*

In addition to those favorably reviewed for the second time at this meeting, the Jury also reviewed 9 nominations for their first reading. Of these 9 nominations, 6 were approved and will be reviewed at next year's meeting; 3 were rejected either because the candidate did not appear to be qualified or the nomination form did not adequately make a case that merits Fellowship.

Borden also reported on the Jury's discussion regarding two issues from their meeting:

- Is current IBEW membership a "conflict of interest" for a candidate? The consensus of the discussion was that IBEW membership should **not** be considered to be in conflict with the goals of the Academy and should **not** be held against a candidate for Fellowship.
- Requested a clarification regarding the qualifications for staff candidates for Fellowship. The consensus regarding the qualifications for chapter or national staff was that the current charge of the Jury is to determine if the nominee has "rendered to the industry, either nationally or locally, services so outstanding and exceptional as to be beyond any normal call of duty or loyalty." This criteria should be appropriate for members and staff alike.

The guidelines for the Jury will be updated to include the results of this discussion.

#### **ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR FELLOW EMERITUS STATUS**

The following Fellows have requested Fellow Emeritus Status:

W. D. Pirkle ('99)

Larry Plunkett ('87)

Turner Smith ('88)

Jack Welborn ('90)

*Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fellows listed above were transferred to Fellow Emeritus status.*

#### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Irvin appointed the following Fellows as a **Nominating Committee** to present a slate of candidates to all Fellows at the General Meeting for the four Board of Directors terms expiring in 2012:

Rex Ferry, Chair

Stan Lazarian

John Negro

Russell Alessi, Secretary

Chairman Irvin appointed the following Fellows to an **Escort Committee** for speaker Jeff Rosensweig:

Rex Ferry, Chair  
Ron Autrey  
Rod Borden

Ed Witt  
Russ Alessi, Secretary

#### **FELLOWS NO LONGER WITH THE ACADEMY**

Fellows Deceased since the 2008 Annual Meeting:

Robert Appel ('90)  
Neale Beil ('83)  
Irving Butcher ('80)  
Kenneth Conwell ('82)  
Terry Givens ('87)  
Jimmy Haynes ('92)  
Bill Heller ('05)

Jerry Hill ('88)  
Wally Hultgren ('87)  
Jake Jakowsky ('05)  
Hal Kilburg ('90)  
Allen Knickrehm ('72)  
Jerry Nixon ('98)

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chairman reported on the schedule of future meetings as follows:

**Convention Reception**  
Columbia Tower Club  
Seattle, Washington  
Monday, September 14, 2009

**Summer Meeting**  
Ponte Vedra Beach Resorts  
Ponte Vedra, Florida  
June 4-6, 2010

In June 2011 the meeting will return to the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Thompson reported that he will research a new style of medal and will report on this at next year's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.



J. Michael Thompson  
Secretary