



**The Academy of Electrical Contracting
General Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2013
Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia**

Rex A. Ferry ('02), Chairman

J. Michael Thompson ('92), Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferry called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Lanny Thomas ('09) offered an invocation and David Firestone ('01) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME TO NEW FELLOWS

The following Fellows were attending their first annual meeting and were welcomed:

Joe Boddiford ('12)

Anthony J Maloney III ('12)

Thomas Demcsak ('12)

David Morse ('10)

Douglas Hague ('12)

Gregory A Rick ('12)

Jarrett D Hayes ('12)

Gerald Schulz ('12)

G Wallace Hook ('12)

Daniel B Walsh ('12)

David Long ('12)

Thomas Wolden ('12)

MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 9, 2012 General Meeting held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado were approved as distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Thompson requested a moment of silence for those **Fellows deceased** since the last meeting:

Richard Biermann ('70)

Wayne Kelley ('78)

Daniel Bozick ('94)

Claud O McCrory III ('98)

Richard L Burns ('91)

Robert E. (Bob) Rodgers ('89)

Felix Hirsch ('85)

The Board of Directors approved a properly submitted proposal to revise the Rules of the Academy. These revised rules will not become effective until NECA's Board of Governors reviews and approves them in October. The Board also agreed to a recommendation by the Jury of Fellows that the current requirements for signatures on the nomination form generated via computer be eliminated, but that signatures on letters of nomination and support are required effective immediately.

Thompson also reported on the action by the Board of Directors in approving Fellows for the transfer from Active to Emeritus status:

William (Ben) Cook ('96)

Richard Manrod ('95)

Michael Sparks ('07)

Robert Egizii ('86)

Ben Wayne Nevers ('09)

Ronnie Toomer ('79)

Murray J Golub ('98)

Dick Nogleberg ('02)

Charlie Trout ('06)

Richard Jardeen ('87)

Dale Phagan ('08)

Michael H Walker ('95)

He also reported on the approval of a request to transfer Robert May ('04) from Emeritus to Active status. All changes are effective immediately.

JURY REPORT

Milner Irvin ('98), Chairman of the **Jury of Fellows**, reported on the election of the following fifteen candidates for Fellowship in the Academy by the Board of Directors as a result of their unanimous approval at two consecutive readings by the Jury of Fellows:

Gina M Addeo
GMA Electrical Corporation
Staten Island, New York

Orvil Anthony
Fisk Electric
San Antonio, Texas

Eric Aschinger
Aschinger Electric Company
Fenton, Missouri

Ted H Brady
Progressive Electric Inc
Charleston, West Virginia

Brad Butler
McInnis Electric
Brunswick, Georgia

Darrell Gossett
ERMCO Inc
Indianapolis, Indiana

Michael McPhee
McPhee Electric Ltd
Farmington, Connecticut

Marvin Nelson
Nelson Electric Inc
Seattle, Washington

B David Roberts
Southern Region, NECA
Covington, Louisiana

Frank Schetter
Schetter Electric Company
Sacramento, California

Jody Shea
Service Electric Company
Chattanooga, Tennessee

James Strange Jr
Advanced Electrical Systems Inc
Louisville, Kentucky

Michael D Toman
Mega Power Electrical Services
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Donald Turner
Turner Electric Company
Sylvania, Ohio

Bradley Weir
Kelso-Burnett Co
Rolling Meadows, Illinois

Letters of notification and congratulation from Chairman Ferry were mailed immediately following the Board of Directors meeting. The mailing included an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in Washington, DC for their installation ceremony into the Academy on October 13, 2013 at the Opening General Session.

NECA ACTIVITY REPORT

Dennis Quebe ('06), President of NECA, discussed current activities and initiatives at NECA.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dennis Quebe reported on the proposed slate of candidates for three-year terms on the Board of Directors (from 2014 through 2016):

Mel Buttrum ('06)

Tim Gauthier ('98)

Dave Dickey ('04)

John Negro ('99)

There being no additional nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected upon motion duly made and seconded.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following papers were presented to the Fellows:

Sustainability and Triple Bottom Line in Electrical Service Work by Fred Sargent ('81)

An Uncommonly Harmonious Relationship by Tim Gauthier ('98)

Contractor Startups: Training for a Fast-Changing World by Bob Daoust ('01)

These papers are available on NECA's website.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairman Ferry announced that the next gathering of the Academy will be a reception at the NECA Convention in Washington, DC. It is scheduled for Sunday October 13, 2013 at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. He also announced that the next Annual meeting of the Academy will be June 5-7, 2014 at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara, California.

Tim Gauthier presented information about opportunities in the Santa Barbara area.

SPEAKER

Chairman Ferry introduced the guest speaker, Patrick Henry, who provided some historical perspective. He discussed the preliminary findings by Benjamin Franklin regarding "electrical fluids"; Mr. Henry indicated that, while he doubted the value of such experiments, he hoped we might be able to "harness the electrical fluids into some useful form". He talked about "homeland security", especially the move of the capital from Williamsburg to Richmond because Williamsburg was on a narrow peninsula and Richmond was more defensible.

Henry shared his view of the pending discussion between "states' rights" and a federal government. He argued that the states are very different, offering examples of currency, religion and economy. Accordingly he is not in favor of a federal government. He closed by informing us that the birthplace of liberty was in Williamsburg, not Philadelphia.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

J. Michael Thompson
Secretary