

# International Association of Electrical Inspectors Iowa Chapter

## Minutes of Spring 2010 Educational & Business Seminar

April 14-16, 2010

Riverside, Iowa

The 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Educational and Business meeting of the Iowa Chapter IAEI was held at the Riverside Casino April 14-16, 2010. The seminar started bright and early Wednesday morning with registration at 0700 hrs. At 0800, Chapter President, Mel Duncan, called the record attendance meeting to order and led the 113 attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. After a welcome from the Riverside staff, President Duncan introduced guests to the meeting and gave his address to the members. Next, Western Section President, Ed Larke, presented the International and Western Section report.

NEMA representative, Don Iverson, was up next to present his report on NEMA updates. Meeting information and updates was given by Chapter Secretary Barb Mentzer and the slate of officer nominations was presented for approval. Steve Neyens made the motion to accept the slate as recommended by the nominating committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion received from Jerry Depenning. The slate was approved by voice vote as follows:

### 2010-11 Officers

President	Mel Duncan	Inspector, City of Newton
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Rob Weber	Associate, Alliant Energy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Tony Servantez	Inspector, State of Iowa
Secretary	Barbara Mentzer	Inspector, City of Altoona
Treasurer	Don Thompson	Inspector, City of Cedar Falls
Executive Board	John Claeys	Inspector, City of Davenport
	Jeff Cooper	Associate, NE IA Comm. College
	Gary Snell	Inspector, Linn County
	Mike Wetter	Associate, Mercy Med, Mason City
Western Section Rep	Dwight Kramer	Inspector, State of Iowa
Educational Chair	Jerry DePenning	Inspector, City of Marion
Publicity Chair	Dennis Jordison	Inspector, City of Fort Dodge
Membership Chair	Rick Chambers	Associate, Chambers Electric
Past President	Dave Sullivan	Associate, Joe Bertsch Sales

The first educational section was presented by Jim Cavanaugh on MC and AC wiring requirements and new product releases. After a short break and a drawing for the first door prize of the seminar, Ed Larsen with Schneider-Square D, presented until lunch time on NEC Articles 700-702, transfer switches.

Lunch this first day of class was enjoyed in the buffet at the Casino. Commencing once again at 1300 hrs, Iverson took over instruction and presented an AFCI troubleshooting course with the help of Larsen.

After the afternoon break and another round of door prize winners, the 1 & 2 Family Dwelling course was started with Rick Chambers taking over as instructor on the first module.

The first day ended class at approximately 1700 hrs and went straight into the manufacturer's trade show. Several manufacturer's reps were present to showcase new products to comply with 2008 NEC requirements and information about the possibilities for the upcoming 2011 NEC changes. Each of the manufacturer's reps provided prizes for those present at the show and many members went away with great items!

After the trade show, attendees were on their own for the evening and many had fun (and some good luck!!) in the Casino, others went to visit the future birthplace of Star Trek's Captain Kirk in Riverside!

On Thursday morning, the increasingly popular Mike Forister Code Breakfast just wasn't the same without Forister in attendance. Kramer stepped into his shoes and did a great job with the questions and answers. Several tables were in contention for 1<sup>st</sup> place... others were just plain tired! Results weren't given until Friday's class.

First up in education was Tom Lichtenstein with UL providing an aged wiring presentation which was extremely informative! He also brought 2010 UL White Books and CD's with him for the attendees.

After Lichtenstein's presentation and a short break, the 1 & 2 Family Dwelling course filled the remainder of the class day with Jeff Copper, Chambers and DePenning providing the instruction. More door prizes were given out after each break and lunch.

Thursday evening was capped with the annual banquet, installation of officers and awards. Following a very nice meal and "punking" of Iowa's Chief Electrical Inspector, Pat Merrick, President Duncan welcomed everyone to the meeting and banquet. He thanked the Executive Board and especially Dave Sullivan, David Bruns and Pat Hansen for all their hard work putting the seminar together and applauded the 32 NEW members who were attending the conference. President Duncan introduced WS President Larke to install the new slate of Iowa Chapter officers. Once the oath was complete, President Duncan gave some comments on the future of the Chapter and how we need to look ahead at all the opportunities to grow the organization and to become a major source of excellent education for the state's electrical industry.

Chambers presented years of service recognition to the following, those with an asterisk were in attendance:

5 years	10 years	15years	20 years
Steve McKnight	*Doug Maize	*Neal Bowling	Mel Brus
Mike McLaughlin	David Shupe	William Connors	Richard Russell
Tom Palmer		*Jerry DePenning	*Steve Schlote
Lowell Reith		Ron Hoover	
*Tony Servantez			

<u>25 years</u>	<u>30 years</u>
Lowell Bird	*Laverne Forbes
Patrick Perry	*Dennis Jordison
*David Wright	Gary Passmore

At the January meeting of the Executive Board, a motion was made to recommend to the membership to provide for an honorary Iowa Chapter lifetime membership for Mel Sanders to recognize his many years of service to the organization and dedication to the electrical industry. In order to present this honor, a motion was made by Sullivan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Wetter to enable the general membership to vote. A resounding unanimous voice vote was heard and Sullivan presented Sanders with a plaque to commemorate this membership. A letter will be sent to the International Office by Chambers requesting an honorary lifetime membership with them as well. Harlan Haas from Algona then invited the membership to the upcoming Fall Educational Seminar to be held in October in Storm Lake, Iowa at the King's Pointe Resort.

After the business part of the evening, the entertainment was Eric with Gemini Karaoke from Iowa City. Many courageous members crooned out some tunes, but by far Todd Heaberlin from Newton and Jim Jones from Waterloo brought down the house with their deep voices!! Several die hard singers kept the DJ earning his money late into the evening, while others retired to the casino.

Friday morning came early to most attendees with a 0800 start to the Code Panel session. Dwight Kramer announced the winners of Thursday's Code Breakfast as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-ups:

Joe Eiben	Mike Pfannebecker
Cole Seip	Kim Yoder
David Bruns	Duane Atwood

1st Runner-ups:

John Claeys	Tony Servantez
Dennis Jordison	Stan Johnson
Gary Snell	Roger Zieg
Kevin Hartman	

Winners:

Chuck Carpenter	Brian Young
Pat Merrick	Mel Sanders
Tim Moyer	Dan Youngblood
Rob Weber	

Making up this year's Code Panel were: Larsen, Kramer, Lichtenstein, Sanders and Chambers, with DePenning as moderator. Many valuable questions had been

submitted to the panel by attendees and all the Q&A will be posted on the Chapter website, [www.iowaiaei.com](http://www.iowaiaei.com). At approximately 11:30 the Code Panel wrapped up and Merrick and Mentzer took the podium to update everyone on the State of Iowa Electrical licensing and Inspection Program. A quick break was taken at noon and the Annual Business meeting was called to order at 1225 by President Duncan.

The minutes of the previous meeting (January Executive Board) were submitted by Secretary Mentzer, motion to approve as written made by DePenning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordison, and approved by voice vote. Treasurer Don Thompson then submitted the treasurer and auditor's reports. Motion to approve report along with approval for treasurer to pay all bills before the organization for the upcoming year was made by Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordison, and approved by voice vote.

Chambers next provided a membership report with the following:

Inspectors:	83
Associates:	128
Agency:	1

Under Old Business, the online registration process was discussed and the general feeling was it seemed to be user friendly and a productive step forward for the Chapter. Secretary Mentzer will continue to work with the webmaster to enhance the program and build the registration for the fall meeting.

In New Business, the Fall Educational Meeting will be held in Storm Lake at Kings Pointe Resort on October 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. October 14<sup>th</sup> will be from 1000-1700 hrs, and the 15<sup>th</sup> will be 0800-1400hrs. The Executive Board meeting will be the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>. DePenning will establish the agenda of instructors and suggestions for content were: services/feeders, ag, commercial/industrial, 4-wire, etc. The meeting will be submitted to the State of Iowa for 12 continuing education hours for electrical licensing renewal. The Northwest Iowa Electrical Inspectors group will be assisting in the planning of the meeting.

Rob Weber made a motion to schedule the July meeting of the Executive Board on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 0900 in Newton. Gary Snell 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved by voice vote.

Chambers requested a memorial check for the death of James McFarland.

Motion to adjourn by DePenning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snell, approved by voice vote @1300hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mentzer  
Secretary  
Iowa Chapter IAEI

