

Iowa Chapter IAEI
Fall Educational Meeting Minutes
October 25 & 26, 2012
Iowa City

The annual fall educational meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors was called to order at 10:00 am on October 25, 2012 by President Tony Servantez. After members said the Pledge of Allegiance and were led in a prayer by Dennis Jordison, the first session of the day started. Brett Littlefield, Fire Protection specialist with Hilti North America, presented information about fire stopping; when and where it is required and the proper installation process. After lunch, Encore Wire representatives, Troy Skidmore and Steve Griffin, explained how wire is made, tested and intended to be used. The remainder of the afternoon included: Ed Larsen, Industry Standards Manager with Schneider Electric, presenting information about motor drives and why they are beneficial and how they are used; and Jeff Fecteau, UL Lead Regulatory Engineer, leading attendees through the emerging technologies in photovoltaic installations. The first day of education adjourned at 5:15pm.

The Executive Board Meeting of the Iowa Chapter was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Servantez. Minutes from the spring 2012 meeting and the July 2012 Executive Board meeting were read and approved with two editorial corrections. **Motion to approve was made by Jerry DePenning, second by Jeff Cooper, approved by voice vote.** Treasurer Jason Garmoe presented his report. Not much has changed since the spring meeting; we need to proceed with the two signature system when checks are written, Secretary Barbara Mentzer still needs to sign the card at Veridian Credit Union; DePenning is the 3rd approved signature. Four requests for reimbursement were submitted for Western Section attendance by an officer per set policy. **David Bruns made a motion to approve all four requests up to \$1000 each per policy, second by John Claeys, approved by voice vote.** Rick Chambers presented a short report on membership; our numbers are staying pretty steady and our Chapter seems to be growing proportionate to other Chapters. He mentioned the current promotion by the I.O. giving new members an 18-month membership for the 12-month price until December 31, 2012. The final report was given by Dwight Kramer on the Western Section meeting held in September in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Three items during the meeting were extra important to our Chapter; the invitational letter to Western Section to host the 2016 meeting was accepted; the honorary membership for Mel Sanders was considered by the Western Section Board and after a close vote, was denied; and Team Iowa finally won the Charlie Trout Code Breakfast!! Discussion was held about why Mel's honorary membership was denied and we will investigate if the

process we used to make the request was appropriate; the Chapter will continue to pay his dues as was previously approved by this Board.

Next on the agenda was deciding what Iowa city would host the 2016 Western Section meeting. Garmoe presented a proposal from Cedar Rapids; no other proposals were ready for this meeting. **After much discussion Kramer made the motion to approve Cedar Rapids as the host city pending approval and acceptance from Western Section, second by Chambers, approved by voice vote.** Mentzer will email the proposal to WS Secretary Mike Forister and keep the Board abreast of their comments. Mentzer provided an update on the website transfer to a new managing company, Global Reach; the transfer is complete and now we can make changes or updates as needed. It was decided to remove names of all members as it is too cumbersome to keep this up to date and the I.O. provides access to search current members. The current officer list will remain and be maintained as provided. Any changes/additions needing to be made to the site should be sent to Mentzer and they will be grouped and sent to managing company for processing. Due to the change in companies, the online registration will be performed through the 3rd-party website, Constant Contacts, but the information and link to the registration will be added to the “events” page on our site.

In New Business, educational ideas for the spring meeting were discussed; energy code as applicable to electrical requirements, LED lighting, Soares grounding, AFCI’s, stray voltage, code breakfast, and some different calculations. Future dates and locations were decided:

Spring 2013:	April 10-12	Iowa City
Fall 2013:	November 7-8	Des Moines
Spring 2014:	TBA	Des Moines
Fall ’14 & Spring ’15:	TBA	Cedar Rapids/Amanas
Fall ’15 & Spring ’16:	TBA	Mason City
Fall ’16 & Spring ’17:	TBA	Ames

All future meeting dates and locations will be submitted to WS Secretary and the I.O. along with the recently approved meeting minutes.

With no remaining business before the Board, **a motion to adjourn was made by Claeys, second by Bruns, approved by voice vote at 8:18 pm.**

The second day of education began at 8:00 am, with Chambers presenting information on Article 517 and health care facility installations. Fecteau provided another session on Articles 500 & 516 and Hazardous Locations. Kramer gave a presentation about right and wrong installations and showed attendees many interesting real inspection photos and scenarios. After lunch, the

day concluded with Dave Sullivan, Joe Bertsch Sales, providing information on dimming systems. The meeting concluded at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mentzer

Secretary

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