

**Iowa Chapter IAEI
Meeting minutes
April 10-12, 2013
Iowa City, Iowa**

April 10, 2013

Starting off our 75th Annual Spring Education and Business meeting, President Tony Servantez called the session to order at 8am. After a short prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Susan Mims, Mayor Pro Tem for Iowa City welcomed the attendees and guests to town.

The first day of education began with Rick Chambers, Chambers Electric, and Jeff Cooper, Northeast Iowa Community College, teaching a class on Soares Grounding and Bonding. The day also included Dave Ruffcorn, Energy Engineer from the State of Iowa Fire Marshall's office, instructing about the requirements for electrical installations and the latest energy code requirements. Jim Kavanagh, AFC Cable Systems, provided information on armored cable installations for the 21st century. The day was capped off by the manufacture's trade show; 18 vendors were signed up and several very nice prizes were given away to attendees.

April 11, 2013

Thursday morning started bright and early with the Mike Forister Code Breakfast at 7am. Class room instruction began at 9am with Tony Harvey, Agricultural Account Representative from Alliant Energy, guiding attendees through the issues utilities and inspectors are having with stray voltage. Other classes on the day included a history of residential wiring practices in the United States by UL Senior Regulatory Engineer, Tom Lichtenstein and the continuation of grounding and bonding. After lunch, Western Section President John Stacey, provided a report on the state of the International Office and also the Western Section; A NEMA report was given by Don Iverson; Lichtenstein provided an update on UL.

Rick Chambers, Iowa Chapter Membership Chair, provided a report for the attendees: currently the Iowa Chapter has 225 members; 81 are inspector members, 142 are associate, 1 agency and 1 student. Next we had the election of officers for the 2013-2014 year, with the slate presented as follows:

President	Mike Wetter	Associate	Mercy Health
1 st Vice	David Bruns	Inspector	City of Washington
2 nd Vice	Jeff Cooper	Associate	NEIA CC
Secretary	Barbara Mentzer	Inspector	City of Altoona
Treasurer	Jason Garmoe	Inspector	City of Cedar Rapids
Ex. Board	John Claeys	Inspector	City of Davenport
	Bill Noack	Associate	WLN Enterprises
	Duane Atwood	Associate	Atwood Electric
	Mike McLaughlin	Associate	NWIA CC
WS Rep	Dwight Kramer	Inspector	State of Iowa
Education	Jerry DePenning	Inspector	Retired

Publicity	Dennis Jordison	Inspector	City of Fort Dodge
Membership	Rick Chambers	Associate	Chambers Electric
Past Pres	Tony Servantez	Inspector	State of Iowa
'13-'14 Meeting Chair	Barbara Mentzer		

Motion to approve the nominated slate of officers was made by Mike Makedonski, second by Chris Cleveland, approved by voice vote of members.

A motion was made by Ed Larsen to ratify the honorary membership of Jerry DePenning as voted on and approved by the Executive Board at their January 2013 meeting; seconded by Chambers and approved by voice vote of the members.

At the conclusion of the education seminars for the day, cocktails were served at 6pm, with the banquet and program at 6:30pm.

During the banquet program, after President Servantez welcomed everyone to the banquet and gave a brief report, WS President Stacey performed the oath of office and swore in the new and returning officers. Incoming President Wetter gave his opening remarks and then presented Servantez with his Past President's pin. Membership Chair Chambers then presented to following awards to Iowa Chapter members:

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After membership awards, the Iowa Chapter awarded a plaque to DePenning to recognize his years of dedicated service and his honorary membership for the Chapter. Dave Sullivan gave a brief history of the Chapter to commemorate our 75th annual meeting. Barb Mentzer then invited the attendees to join the Chapter in October 2013 and April 2014 in Altoona at Prairie Meadows for the fall and spring meetings. Entertainment for the evening was provided by "The Regular Joes" barbershop quartet, with a special appearance by Rick Chambers!

Friday, April 12, 2013

Friday morning started with Mike Forister providing the results from the Code Breakfast:

1st place: Table 1: XXXXXXXX

2nd place: Table 4: XXXXXXXX

3rd place: Table 6: XXXXXXXX

After prizes were given and pictures taken, the education reconvened with NEMA Field Representative, Don Iverson, giving a class about GFCI's and AFCI's. Larry Beach, Jr, Technical Sales Manager for Bridgeport Fittings talked about some of their new products and how they conform and comply with the 2011 National Electrical Code and upcoming 2014 code. The final portion of the educational seminars was the code panel questions

led by Lichtenstein, Iverson, Dwight Kramer and Scott Abbott. Mentzer provided a brief update on the issues facing the State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board and then the educational meeting was adjourned at noon.

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The business meeting portion of the conference was called to order by President Wetter at 12:18pm. Minutes of the January Executive Board meeting were read, **motion to approve made by Bill Moore, second by Chambers, approved by voice vote (AVV).** Jason Garmoe gave a brief treasurer's report; the annual report was accepted by the international office and an internal audit needs to be completed by our audit committee this year. A thorough treasury report will be given at the July meeting of the Executive Board after all the Spring items are handled and the audit is complete. **Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Dennis Jordison, second by David Bruns, AVV.** **Servantez made a motion to approve payment of the upcoming bills for the 2013-2014 year, 2nd by Noack, AVV.**

Chambers continued his membership report from the previous day indicating the I.O. has a new membership category of Senior Associate Member. Those selected for this designation must have 5+ years of membership in good standing and be nominated and voted on by the Chapter membership. These Senior Associate Members will be given full voting rights. Seven Iowa Chapter associate members were nominated and voted into the new category:

Mike Wetter	Motion: Chambers, 2nd Servantez AVV
Dave Sullivan	Motion: Chambers, 2nd Rob Weber, AVV
Jeff Cooper	Motion: Chambers, 2nd Jordison, AVV
Mike McLaughlin	Motion: Chambers, 2nd Jordison, AVV
Duane Atwood	Motion: Chambers, 2nd Gary Snell, AVV
Rick Chambers	Motion: Wetter, 2nd Noack, AVV
Ed Larsen	Motion: Dave Sullivan, 2nd Chambers, AVV

Secretary Mentzer will notify the I.O. on the membership status change so they can update and issue new cards to these members.

In old business, discussion of the Iowa Chapter hosting the 2016 Western Section meeting was held. Currently one location in Cedar Rapids and two in Des Moines area are being considered. WS Secretary Forister is touring these facilities and obtaining bid packages for the event. A decision will be made after all the information is obtained. Iowa will have a free booth at the Wyoming WS meeting to promote the 2016 event; a planning sub-committee will be developed at a later date.

The brochure ad and coffee/soda sponsorship for the 2013 WS meeting in Colorado was brought up and **Sullivan made a motion to spend \$500 for the full page ad and break sponsorship, 2nd by Kramer, AVV.**

Under new business, ideas for the agenda for the October 17-18 meeting in Altoona were entertained: fire alarm, plan review, and communication systems were brought up. The spring 2014 meeting is also in Altoona and will be April 9-11th. October 2014 and April 2015 will be in Ames. Dates TBA. Other future locations will be discussed at the July Executive Board meeting. Possible dates for the July meeting will be emailed to the Board members and decided on in the next few weeks.

Ideas and prices for a new traveling gavel or ideas for a new one given to each President will be brought to the July meeting for consideration.

Discussion was held about the historical artifacts our Chapter possesses and what we should be doing to preserve those items. Sullivan will document and collate all the items he has from past secretaries and member Mike Makedonski generously offered a collection of code books from his father.

The last bit of new business brought a **motion from Sullivan to donate \$500 to the Wisconsin Chapter to support the R & R Room at Western Section in Colorado, 2nd by Noack, the motion passed with 17 yea's and 6 no's with a show of hands of voting members.** A check will be sent to Joe Hertel in Wisconsin from our treasurer.

The last item was to draw for our last door prize: Bill Noack won the \$200!

A motion to adjourn was made by John Claeys, 2nd by Noack, AVV at 1:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mentzer
Secretary,
Iowa Chapter IAEI