

**International Association of Electrical Inspectors
Business & Educational Meeting
October 18-19, 2007
Waterloo, Iowa**

Thursday, October 18, 2007

The International Association of Electrical Inspectors, Iowa Chapter, opened our fall meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the newly opened Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino in Waterloo, Iowa. The evening started with a cash bar and dinner at 1830 hrs. President Rick Chambers called the meeting to order at 1950 hrs. The first order of business was reports given by chapter officers.

The minutes from the Spring 2007 meeting were handed out by Secretary Barb Mentzer and read by the members. No additions or corrections were noted, move to approve by Rob Weber, 2nd by Mike Kehoe, approved by voice vote. The treasurer's report was tabled until the meeting to be held Friday afternoon. Membership director Don Thompson handed out a copy of the 2007 Western Section membership report with numbers and graphs to show current trends in membership throughout the section. Discussion was held concerning new state licensing and inspection programs and how we, as an organization, can increase awareness to encourage more memberships. Jerry DePenning designed a flyer to be distributed to wholesale houses and contractors to educate them about our organization and provide information about our Spring 2008 educational meeting.

Educational chair, DePenning, discussed having a 2008 NEC Code Update class at the Spring Meeting and discussion was held on pros/cons of I.O. instructors vs. our own. More discussion to be held Friday afternoon and format of Spring Meeting schedule, including cost and member vs. non-member.

In Old Business, discussion was held on getting our website up and running. Chambers and Sullivan and Jeff Duehlmeyer will check in to people/companies to do the work.

Future dates for meetings were discussed as follows: Fall '08 & Spring '09 in Fort Dodge; Fall '09 & Spring '10 in Okoboji; Fall '10 & Spring '11 in Quad Cities area.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Weber, second by Dennis Jordison, approved by voice vote at 2050 hrs.

Friday, October 19, 2007

The Fall '07 Educational meeting of Iowa Chapter IAEI started at 0700 hrs with coffee, rolls and registration. At 0800, President Rick Chambers welcomed the members present.

Ed Larsen with Square D started the informational portion of the day at 0815 with his presentation on wire temperature ratings and terminations. After Mr. Larsen was finished, some discussion was held about the upcoming 2008 NEC code changes and how we as a group can submit proposals for the 2011 code cycle. Mel Sanders recommended submitting the request in "plain English" and letting the code writers re-write in code-ese. Sanders also stated the proposal has a better chance of being considered if it is written earnestly and shows life/work experience examples to back up request.

After a short break, NEMA representative, Jeff Fecteau took the podium at 1030 to discuss luminaire and fan box selection. With some extra time, he was also able to provide some information about reasoning behind the 2008 code change regarding tamper resistant receptacles in dwelling units.

At about 1130, Barb Mentzer began a Q & A session about the new Iowa state electrical licensing law becoming effective on January 1, 2008.

Mentzer was appointed to the newly formed Iowa Electrical Examining Board in August and holds the position of vice-chair. Many good and informative questions were asked, and after a short lunch break, more discussion was held. Mentzer will provide an update class at the Spring Meeting after the board has had a chance to establish the licensing procedures and start on the inspection program.

Starting around 1330 hrs, code questions were addressed by the members. About a dozen questions had been submitted and the code panel answered most fairly easily.

At 1445 hrs, the afternoon business meeting was called to order. John Phillips gave a shortened version of the treasurer's report. A motion made by Pat Hansen, second by Jordison to approve and to pay submitted reimbursements. Approved by voice vote.

Much discussion was held about the spring meeting schedule. Educational topics to possibly include: 2008 NEC update class (8 or 16 hour), CSST, state licensing, code breakfast, trade show. Motion by Sanders, second by Butch Forbes for executive board to meet and finalize schedule before it is set. Approved by voice vote. Board will meet in January. Motion to

Adjourn at 1505 hrs by Mike Wetter, second by Sullivan, approved by voice vote.