

**International Association of Electrical Inspectors**  
**Iowa Chapter**  
**Spring 2008 Educational Meeting**  
**April 9-11, Waterloo, Iowa**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Educational Meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the IAEI was held April 9-11, 2008 at the Isle of Capri Casino in Waterloo.

Wednesday morning, April 9<sup>th</sup> began with registration, coffee and rolls at 0700 hours. President Rick Chambers called the meeting to order at 0800 hrs. After leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, President Chambers introduced the Waterloo mayor Tim Hurley to welcome everyone. Guests were introduced and Pres. Chambers gave his address to the Iowa Chapter.

Secretary Barb Mentzer gave a meeting report/update at 0830 hrs; reading of past minutes was tabled until Friday business session. At approximately 0845 hrs, the 2008 NEC Code Update “Analysis of Changes” class began. Instructors for the class were Bill Noack, Don Offerdahl, Jeff Fecteau, and Rick Chambers. Class continued throughout the day with lunch and breaks given. Door prizes were drawn after every break each day. At 1430 hrs, Western Section President Don Offerdahl gave his comments to the Chapter; Tom Lichtenstein presented a report form Underwriter’s Laboratory; NEMA representative Jeff Fecteau also gave an update from the manufacturer’s perspective. Iowa Chapter Education Chair, Jerry DePenning spoke for a while about the meeting and educational requirements.

After a short break, Barb Mentzer lead a discussion about the new State of Iowa electrical licensing bill. With her to assist in fielding questions was Brian Bishop with the State Fire Marshal’s office and Rich Kurtenbach from IBEW LU 288. Many good and not-so-good questions were asked and much discussion held in regard to the bill and requirements now in place. That dialogue ended this day’s seminar and participants were then led on a tour of the Isle Casino’s mechanical/electrical rooms and some of their larger suites. The evening was open for attendees to go out on own.

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, began bright and early with the Mike Forister Code Breakfast at 0700 hrs. As always, the code questions sparked numerous discussions and conversations across many breakfast tables. Each team seemed to find some sort of answer to each question, but when the “correct” answers were revealed no team was 100%! Prizes were given to the top two teams...and the very last team. Thanks to Mike for putting together the questions for an always-enjoyable morning!

After the arguments...er, discussions died down it was back to the business of code update class. Jeff Fecteau took over the podium and continued the lecture around 0900 hrs. Lunch was held at 1200, and after the session resumed at 1300 hrs, the nominating committee presented their list of 2008-2009 officers for the Iowa Chapter as follows:

President: Dave Sullivan  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Joe Mason  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Mel Duncan

Secretary: Barb Mentzer  
Treasurer: Don Thompson  
Executives: Rob Weber  
              Tony Servantez  
              Mike Wetter  
              Gary Snell  
West. Sec. Rep: Dwight Kramer  
Ed Chair: Jerry DePenning  
Publicity: Dennis Jordison  
Membership: Rick Chambers  
Past Pres: Rick Chambers

Motion to approve from Steve Neyens, second by Mike Kehoe, approved by voice vote. Incoming President Sullivan addressed the members about where he feels our organization has been and where we should be heading. He and Jeff Duehlmeier then gave a short presentation about the chapter's new website at [www.iowaiaei.com](http://www.iowaiaei.com) and what may or may not be available on it in the future.

Once that order of business was finished, Rick Chambers continued and finished up the code update portion of the program.

At 1500 hrs, Fred Rose with McClain & Associates out of Kansas City, MO, presented current information about the requirements for grounding of CSST gas lines. He also had a booth at the trade show, which followed his speech from 1600-1730. Many manufacture's representatives brought new and innovative items to this year's trade show to illustrate new products to conform with the 2008 NEC. Door prizes donated by the reps were also given out during the event.

At 1800 hrs, cocktails were served to attendees prior to the annual banquet. After a very hearty and tasty meal, Western Section President Don Offerdahl installed the new officers. Mike Wetter's band "The Working Man Band" was the evening's entertainment and those who left early really missed out on a wonderful performance! Mike's band showcased the talent we have in our chapter...thanks to them for a great show, and a chance to cut the rug with friends!!

Friday morning, April 11th, may have come a bit early for some; coffee and rolls were served at 0700 hrs. Michael Post, the Wisconsin regional Manager from Hilti, started at 0800 hrs with a presentation on inspector's points and code requirements for fire stopping. After a short break, the code panel made up of: John Phillips, Tom Lichtenstein, Rick Chambers, Don Offerdahl, Jeff Fecteau and Bill Noack, was assembled and a quick review of all the submitted code questions was performed. At 1200 hrs sharp, the educational portion of the seminar ended and the official Iowa Chapter business meeting convened.

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President Dave Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1200 hrs. First up were reports of officers. Secretary Barb Mentzer presented the minutes from the previous fall meeting; motion to approve by Jerry DePenning, second by Dennis Jordison, approved by voice vote.

John Phillips presented the treasurer's reports: 01-01-07 beginning checking balance of \$9,585.97, net income of \$11,169.45, expenses of \$15,413.37, leaving a balance of \$5,342.05 on 12-31-07. Our CD earned interest of \$587.69 to give us a balance of \$18,598.13. Net worth of organization on 12-31-07 was \$23,946.13. Phillips also submitted the external auditor's report of March 22, 2008. The auditor noted five areas of concern, which were all being addressed by Phillips and remedied. Our own audit committee, made up of Jordison, Don Thompson and Sullivan, recommended acceptance of the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Joe Mason, second by David Bruns, approved by voice vote. Jordison motioned for all bills to be paid by treasurer from this date through next spring meeting without further membership approval. Second by Tony Servantez, approved by voice vote.

Thompson then presented the membership report. Our Chapter has approximately 137 active members. Discussion was held regarding new State of Iowa Electrical Licensing Bill and how that may effect our numbers, with the state hiring a crew of it's own inspectors. Ideas were tossed around about how to gain members. Thompson asked everyone to update their member information and encouraged all to recruit and mentor new members.

In Old Business, Sullivan and Jeff Duehlmeyer discussed the Chapter's new website and explained some changes they would be making. Stan Johnson offered to assist if and when possible. Next was discussion of the sponsorship for those who attend Western Section. A form will be created and either emailed to all members in email group, and/or posted on website. Sec. Mentzer will make up form. Proof of attendance and receipts must accompany application for reimbursement. Another form was discussed for assisting Chapter members who are or wish to be instructors with their educational requirements. The Executive Board will discuss at their next meeting in July.

The Chapter ad for Western Section was next on the agenda; motion to submit full page ad same as last year by Jordison, second by DePenning, approved by voice vote. Mentzer will coordinate with Mike Forister, Western Section Secretary.

Finally, under old business, the nominating and audit committees for next spring were motioned to be the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, membership chair, past president. The

president may appoint an alternate if needed. Motion by Jordison, second by Gary Snell, approved by voice vote.

New Business was next on the agenda. First up was discussion of the fall educational meeting; October 23 & 24 in Fort Dodge. Some discussion held, but was tabled to executive board meeting in July for possible restructure of meeting format. A July meeting of the Executive Board to be set by board members. Future dates for Spring 2009 meeting; April 15-18 in Fort Dodge. Fall 2009/Spring 2010 dates uncertain, locations possible in Washington/Riverside or Ames. The 2009 Spring Education Meeting agenda tabled to the Executive Board meeting.

A committee was formed to include: Mel Sanders, Dwight Kramer, Sullivan, John Phillips, Terry Benningsdorf and Jeff Duehlmeyer to look at Chapter sponsorship of training hosted by a city/AHJ or inspector member. Report to be given at next meeting, or to executive board.

Advertising for our Chapter was discussed, for our website, training seminars, meetings, etc. Will look into having our website linked off others such as IABO, State Board, etc. Other new business included refund policy. Two persons who submitted registrations for this conference did not attend, Mentzer to send letter/email to each and request a written request for refund within 30 days of letter/email, 50% of fees to be refunded.

Mentzer and Sullivan to create a policy for the invitation of the Western Section President and Secretary to our Chapter meetings. Will present policy to Executive Board meeting. Bill Noack motioned to pay room and registration fees for Don Offerdahl, Western Section President, second by Snell, approved by voice vote.

Kramer talked about having letterhead/stationary for the Chapter; also note cards for thank you's and such. He and Sullivan will develop design for Executive Board meeting. Offerdahl sent out a challenge to all Chapter members to try to submit 20 code change recommendations submitted by January 30, 2009 for the 2011 edition of the NEC. Can be submitted through Western Section website, NFPA, directly to Western Section Secretary, Mike Forister or Chapter Sec. Mentzer.

The day ended by giving the last door prizes of the conference: David Bruns won the \$200 grand prize.

Motion to adjourn by Jordison, second by Sanders, approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Mentzer  
Secretary,  
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