

**Iowa Chapter IAEI
Spring 2011 Educational & Business Meeting
April 13-15, 2011
Storm Lake, Iowa**

The 73rd Annual Spring Educational & Business meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors was called to order by Chapter President Mel Duncan at 0800 hrs on April 13, 2011. The Pledge of Allegiance and benediction was led by Dennis Jordison. Storm Lake Mayor, Jon Kruse, welcomed attendees and guests to Storm Lake and thanked the Chapter for choosing their community for our conference. President Duncan introduced several guests to the meeting, including: Western Section President Tom Moore, Western Section Secretary Mike Forister, NEMA representative Don Iverson, Square D engineer Ed Larsen, UL representative Tom Lichtenstein, and Cooper-Bussman representative Dan Neeser. First up on the educational agenda were Iowa Chapter members Jeff Cooper, Dave Sullivan and Rick Chambers presenting the “2011 NEC Analysis of Change” program. After lunch, Bill Noack with WLN Enterprises took over on instruction and presented box fill and conductor calculations to the attendees. Steve Hansen, a field engineer for Mersen Company, also presented during the afternoon session on basic fault current calculations.

After the day’s instructional portion the manufacturer’s trade show was held from 1700hrs-1900hrs. Many door prizes were donated by the attending representatives and given away during this time.

On Thursday morning, April 14th, the annual Mike Forister Code Breakfast was held at 0700hrs. All the tables were filled with sleepy-eyed competitors determined to win this year’s prizes. At 0900hrs, the classroom portion of the day commenced with the 2011 NEC changes being presented once again. After each break during the conference, door prizes were given away to attendees. After lunch this day, the nominating committee presented their list of 2011-2012 officers for approval by the membership. **A motion was made by Jerry DePenning to cease nominations after the list was distributed, 2nd by Bill Moore, approved by voice vote (AVV). A motion to approve the officers as submitted was made by Bill Moore, 2nd by Dennis Jordison, AVV.** The new slate of officers is as follows:

President:	Rob Weber	Associate	Alliant Energy
1 st Vice:	Tony Servantez	Inspector	State of Iowa
2 nd Vice:	Mike Wetter	Associate	Mercy Medical
Secretary:	Barbara Mentzer	Inspector	City of Altoona
Treasurer:	Don Thompson	Inspector	Retired
Executive Board:	Jeff Cooper	Associate	NEIA Comm. College
	John Claeys	Inspector	City of Davenport
	Bill Noack	Associate	WLN Enterprises
	Duane Neff	Inspector	City of Grinnell
Western Sec Rep:	Dwight Kramer	Inspector	State of Iowa
Education 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:	Mel Duncan	Inspector	City of Newton

The next portion of the educational meeting was the UL White Book presented by Tom Lichtenstein; then Cooper finished out the day on Article 547 and agricultural buildings. At 1830hrs, cocktails were served prior to the annual banquet at 1900hrs. Western Section President Moore presided over the installation of officers. Past President Duncan was presented with his pin and the following members were recognized for year's of service to the Chapter:

5 Year

*David Bruns	*Mike Marling	Scott Hull
*Brent Buls	*Ed Larsen	Ross Glosser
*Jeff Cooper	*Barbara Mentzer	Tom Palmer
*Mel Duncan	*Adam Fedders	

10 Year

*John Claeys	Wayne Stoppelmoor
Ed Higgins	Mark D White
Paul Rohlwing	

15 Year

*Rick Chambers	Jeff Duehlmeyer
*Roger Zieg	Leslie Kirchert
Jon Diller	Miles Russell

20 Year

Greg Kupka

25 Year

Steve Neyens

30 Year

*Terry Bennigsdorf	Maurice Dudney
* Ed McAtee	Michael Duvall
Charles Burgin	

*indicates in attendance at 2011 Spring meeting

Following the presentation, the entertainment for the evening was comedian Ed Voss from Des Moines who kept everyone laughing well into the evening.

On Friday, April 15th, the morning's class began with a utility discussion led by Rob Weber, Alliant Energy; Stan Johnston, Linn County REC; Kevin Schachter, Mid American Energy; and Rick Olesen, Iowa Lakes Electric Coop. Don Iverson with NEMA was next up with a presentation concerning water damaged equipment. After a quick break the code panel members took the podium and answered questions submitted by members. Panel members this year were: Tom Lichtenstein, UL; Ed Larsen, Square D; Dwight Kramer, State of Iowa Supervisor; Tony Servantez, State of Iowa Inspector. Last up for the morning session was Barbara Mentzer, State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Chair, with an update on Iowa's licensing and inspection program.

The Educational portion of the meeting closed at 1215hrs.

Business Meeting

After a short break, President Weber called the annual Spring business meeting to order at 1232hrs. Minutes from the January Executive Board meeting were presented by Secretary Mentzer. **A motion to approve was made by Jordison, 2nd by Chambers, AVV.** Treasurer Thompson presented an overview of the accounts and the audit report for the year. **A motion to approve both was made by Jordison, 2nd by David Bruns, AVV. Jordison made a motion to allow Treasurer Thompson to pay all bills before the Chapter during the course of the upcoming year, 2nd by Chambers, AVV.**

Membership Chair Chambers asked for assistance with putting together a mentoring program and assisting with the International Office's mission and new membership program options. Bill Moore and David Bruns volunteered to help Chambers and this sub-committee will report on their progress at the Fall meeting.

The Chapter website was discussed under Old Business and Secretary Mentzer asked for suggestions and comments to make it more user friendly. Also, if anyone needs information updated she asked for that to be submitted to her as soon as possible. The annual Western Section advertisement and sponsorship was discussed; **Jordison made a motion to submit for the \$500 sponsorship level again this year, 2nd by Butch Forbes, AVV.** Secretary Mentzer requested that anyone interested could submit artwork for a new Chapter ad for consideration by the Executive Board at their July meeting. The purchase of a wireless system for the Chapter was up next and **Chambers made a motion to allow for up to \$3000.00 to be spent for a set-up to include at least 2 handheld microphones and 2 lapel microphones, 2nd by DePenning, AVV.**

New Business brought discussion of the Fall 2011 meeting. The Fall meeting will be in Ames on October 13th & 14th at the Quality Inn & Suites. Possible topics include: wind generation, CFL lamps, charging stations, and photovoltaics. The summer meeting of the Executive Board will be at 1000 hrs on July 16th at the Marion City Hall. Future meeting dates were discussed and the following were determined as possibilities to verify with Western Section Secretary Forister:

April 11-13, 2012 Ames

October 18-19, 2012 Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

April 10-12, 2013 Cedar Rapids/Iowa City

Secretary Mentzer will obtain confirmation from Secretary Forister.

Servantez made a motion to alternate between Eastern & Central Iowa, keeping the meetings at major cities to allow for large venues to accommodate the growing Chapter's needs, 2nd by Bruns, AVV.

Jordison made a motion for the Chapter to pursue hosting the next available Western Section meeting, 2nd by Mentzer, AVV. Secretary Mentzer will verify the next year available and express to the Section the Chapter's wishes.

Two new sub-committees were established:

Codes & Standards: Dave Sullivan, Jeff Cooper, Roger Zeig & Secretary Mentzer

Facilities: Rick Chambers, Mike Wetter, & Secretary Mentzer

Jordison made a motion to make a revision to the policy for waiving fees for Western Section representatives attending the Chapter meeting to include up to two WS Reps and their respective companions, 2nd by Zeig, AVV.

With no further new business before the membership, the Door Prize Grand Prize of \$250 was drawn and Jerry DePenning was the winner! Congrats to him!
A motion to adjourn was made by Claeys @1335 hrs, 2nd by Jordison, AVV.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mentzer
Iowa Chapter Secretary