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**BOARD OF
GOVERNORS
MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting

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OF
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NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Chairman: William B. "Ben" Cook, Jr.

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms:
J. Michael Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Cook called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:30 a.m. October 4. Mr. Cook welcomed the members of the Board and guests. He explained that the agenda was arranged so that the Friday session would be devoted to a presentation and discussion of the reports that would assure that the Governors would be fully informed about the affairs of the association.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONVENTION COMMITTEES: Secretary Thompson announced that in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the NECA Constitution and Bylaws, the President has appointed the following committees to function at the meeting of the Board and during the Convention:

Credentials Committee

Chairman: Thomas J. Demcsak, Northern New Jersey Chapter
Tom A. DeVoge, Intermountain Chapter
William G. Hamlin, Western Line Constructors Chapter
Selma Ulrich (Secretary), Bethesda, Maryland

Tellers Committee

Chairman: Biff Jones, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey
Roy Pendergraft, Covington, Louisiana
Bill Tuinstra, Hudsonville, Michigan
Selma Ulrich (Secretary), Bethesda, Maryland

ROLL CALL: The Secretary called the Roll, which indicated the following members of the Board were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	William B. "Ben" Cook, Jr., Brownwood, Texas
Vice President, District 1:	Edward T. "Ted" McPhee, Jr., Bristol, Connecticut
Vice President, District 2:	Ted C. Williams, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Vice President, District 3:	E. Milner Irvin, III, Miami, Florida
Vice President, District 4:	Gervase Rose, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Vice President, District 5:	Howard D. Hughes, Fort Smith, Arkansas
Vice President, District 6:	Max N. Landon, Portland, Oregon
Vice President, District 7:	David F. Firestone, Lincoln, Nebraska
Vice President, District 8:	William G. Dale, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Vice President, District 9:	Robert F. Daoust, Alamo, California
Vice President, District 10:	Walter T. Parkes, Victor, New York
Vice President at Large:	Robert Egizii, Springfield, Illinois

CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR (Alphabetical by Chapter)

Alaska	James Fullford	Missouri Valley Line Constructors	John R. Colson
Albany	Donald Hart	Montana	Richard Zier
American Line Builders.....	Richard V. Miller	Monterey Bay California	Frederick A. Jensen
Arizona	Gregory Russell	Nebraska	Don Fitzpatrick
Arkansas	Robert Cortese	New Mexico.....	Troy L. Beall
Atlanta	Doug Pirkle	New York City.....	Edward A. Dougherty, Sr.
Atlantic Coast	William "Bill" A. Powell, Jr., Alt.	North Central Ohio	James Abbott
Augusta.....	Tim Mundy	North Florida	Ron A. Autrey
Baton Rouge	Hermon L. Milton	North Louisiana	G. Kirk Davis
Boston.....	John A. Penney	North Texas	Michael Boggs, Alt.
California Central Coast	John L. Mussell	Northeast Louisiana	Garland Meredith
Cascade	Mel A. Buttrum	Northeastern Illinois	Craig R. Martin
Central Florida	Terry W. Davis	Northeastern Line Constructors	George Troutman
Central Illinois	James E. Gardner	Northern California	Thomas Curran
Central Indiana.....	M. Thomas Cummins	Northern Illinois	David E. Morse
Central Massachusetts	Jonathan Ostrow	Northern Indiana.....	James B. Stouffer
Central Mississippi	Donald G. Jordan	Northern New Jersey	Thomas J. Demcsak
Central Ohio	James C. Mc Atee	Northern New York	Leo J. Villeneuve
Central Texas.....	Don B. Kanetzky	Northwest Line Constructors	Donald M. Wilson
Chicago & Cook County	Thomas C. Halperin	Ohio/Michigan	Dan Saad
Cincinnati	Ronald R. Pennington	Orange County.....	Robert L. Douglass
Connecticut.....	Ian M. Logie	Oregon-Columbia	Brian N. Christopher
Contra Costa	Douglas Watson	Oregon-Pacific-Cascade	Nathan Philips
Dakotas	Gregory A. Rick	Penn-Del-Jersey.....	Gabriel Noto
East Central California.....	Shawn Rinehart	Penn-Ohio	Rex A. Ferry
East Tennessee	Robert B. Johnson	Puget Sound.....	Jim Mackey
Eastern Illinois.....	Stephen R. Stump	Quad-Cities	Frederick D. Fuessel
Eastern Oklahoma.....	Dennis Shields	Red River Valley	Dan A. Shine
El Paso.....	Ralph E. Kendrick, Jr.	Redwood Empire	Ben Cantarutti
Finger Lakes	Robert C. Reed	Rhode Island & SE Mass.....	John I. McGee, Jr., Alt.
Florida West Coast	Keneath Robinson, Jr.	Rocky Mountain	John C. Malone
Georgia	Kimber J. Clark, Alt.	Saguaro	John F. Kostyo
Greater Cleveland.....	John S. Dietrich	St. Louis.....	Stephen Kohnen
Greater Sacramento	Morris J. Boychuk	St. Paul	Chris Christensen
Gulf Coast.....	Adrian Yarbrough	San Diego County.....	David A. Raspolich
Hudson Valley	Jeffrey L. Seidel	San Francisco.....	Kenneth A. Paganini
Idaho.....	Douglas W. Keith	San Joaquin Valley	Eugene Gini
Illinois	Wayne E. Henson, Alt.	San Mateo County	Robert J. Menicucci
Inland Empire	Andrew R. Dahlman	Santa Clara Valley	Patrick L. Mark
Intermountain.....	Tom DeVoge	South Florida	Edward Woodward, Sr.
Iowa	Donald Pfohl	South Louisiana	James J. Frischhertz
Kansas.....	Richard E. Landers	South Texas	John M. Gueldner
Kansas City	Carl Privitera	Southeast Texas	Charles M. LeBlanc
Kern County	Richard Traynor	Southeastern Line Constructors	William H. Green
Long Island.....	Robert Kohlmeyer, Alt.	Southeastern Michigan.....	Clyde Jones
Los Angeles County.....	Stanley R. Lazarian	Southern Colorado	James L. Peterson
Louisville	William B. Lich	Southern Indiana.....	Johnny Dyke
Maryland.....	James H. Cornelius	Southern Nevada.....	Robert J. Lisowski
Memphis	Claud O. McCrory, III	Southern New Jersey.....	Thomas J. McAdam, Jr.
Michigan.....	Ronald C. Lindberg	Southern Sierras.....	Francis E. Fehlman
Middle Tennessee	Bertram B. Noll	Southern Tier	Lindsay T. Mills, Alt.
Milwaukee	Gregg B. Eisenhardt	Southwest Louisiana	James M. Stark
Minneapolis	Douglas L. Olson	Southwest Washington.....	Jerome S. Geissler

Southwestern Line Constructors Robert A. Asher
 Twin Ports-Arrowhead..... Jeff D. Tyllia
 Washington, DC Michael F. Dugan
 West Texas Daniel McCracken
 West Virginia-Ohio Valley Daniel E. Bane
 Western Line Constructors Bob Briscoe, Alt.
 Western Massachusetts Thomas Schmitt
 Western New York State Robert E. Hobba
 Western Ohio John Carlisle
 Western Oklahoma Stephen F. Young
 Western Pennsylvania..... Robert J. Bruce, Jr.
 Wisconsin Bruce Companik
 Wyoming Bob Blackham

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

Canadian Electrical Contractors Association, Inc.
 Toronto, Ontario, CanadaRick Lavergne

NECA (Australia) - National Office
 Victoria, Australia..... Peter Vandenheuvel

Electrical Contractors Association Queensland
 Queensland, Australia Kev Sellwood

Electrical Contractors Association of New Zealand
 Wellington, New Zealand Murray Hughes

Electrical Contractors Association of Western Australia
 Western Australia, Australia Rocky Mussilino

NECA (Australia) - New South Wales
 New South Wales, Australia Reg Young

NECA (Australia) - South Australia
 South Australia, Australia Peter Vandenheuvel

NECA AMERIC – National Office
 Mexico City, MexicoAndrés C. Quintana

ACEN NECA Monterrey (Mexico)
 Monterrey, Mexico Jorge Triana

NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)
 Guadalajara, Mexico..... Oscar A. Torres

The following domestic chapters were not represented:

Baton Rouge
 California Central Coast
 El Paso
 Northeast Louisiana
 Southwest Louisiana
 Western Line Constructors
 Western Massachusetts

The following international chapters were not represented:

NECA (Australia) - National Office
 Electrical Contractors Association Queensland
 Electrical Contractors Association of New Zealand
 Electrical Contractors Association of Western Australia
 NECA (Australia) - New South Wales
 NECA (Australia) - South Australia
 ACEN NECA Monterrey (Mexico)

ACTION ON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Washington, DC on October 19 – 20, 2001 were approved.

WELCOME FROM HOST CITY: David A. Hardt, President of the Chicago & Cook County Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Chicago.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER: Mr. J. Michael Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer, presented a report with financial and membership data as of August 31, 2002. The formal report as of June 30, 2002 is contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CEO: Mr. John M. Grau, Executive Vice President & CEO, presented a synopsis of his prepared report and a current update on all matters of substantial concern to the Association. The formal report is contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. William G. Dale, Jr., Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE MARKETING COMMITTEE: Mr. Gervase R. Rose, Chairman of the Marketing Committee, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT ON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR MAGAZINE: Mr. John Maisel, Publisher, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Howard D. Hughes, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Robert F. Daoust, Chairman of the Management Development Committee, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT ON LABOR RELATION: Mr. Geary M. Higgins, Vice President, Labor Relations, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. E. Milner Irvin, Chairman of the Manpower Development Committee, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT BOARD: Mr. Lawrence J. Bradley, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Employees Benefit Board for the Electrical Contracting Industry, presented a synopsis of his formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

ADDRESS: Mr. Edwin D. Hill, International President of the IBEW discussed issues confronting the industry.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:50 a.m. AND
RECONVENED AT 9:00 a.m. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
WITH CHAIRMAN COOK PRESIDING

RECOGNITION OF FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING: Mr. Cook requested that all Fellows stand and be recognized.

REMARKS: Mr. Mike Gossman, Vice President of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) addressed the group on items of common interest between the two associations.

REMARKS: Mr. Ron Rodgers, President of the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Inc. (SMACNA) addressed the group regarding similar trends in their association.

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING FOUNDATION: Mr. Brian N. Christopher, Electri'21 Council member, presented a synopsis of the formal report as contained in "Reports of Staff Officers and President's Standing Committees-Board of Governors Meeting 2002" and it is incorporated in these minutes by reference.

REPORT OF THE VDV TASK FORCE: Mr. David F. Firestone, Chairman of the Voice/Data/Video Task Force presented a report on items of interest in the voice-data-video market.

ELECTION OF MEMBER OFFICERS:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2003:

Vice President, District 2	Rex A. Ferry, Girard, OH
Vice President, District 4	Gervase Rose, Milwaukee, WI
Vice President, District 6	James E. Mackey, Seattle, WA
Vice President, District 8	William G. Dale, Cheyenne, WY
Vice President, District 10	Walter T. Parkes, Victor, NY

Special thanks were offered to retiring Vice Presidents Ted C. Williams and Max N. Landon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

BRIEFING ON MID-TERM ELECTIONS:

Stuart Rothenberg, a CNN Political Analyst, addressed the Governors and guests. He talked about some important aspects of the coming elections. Following some questions, the meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

J. Michael Thompson
Secretary