

## Recap of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Academy in Coeur d'Alene

**David Hardt** ('07) chaired the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Academy of Electrical Contracting meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. One-hundred-four (104) Fellows and 96 guests enjoyed the beautiful surroundings ~ overlooking a stunning alpine lake in a quaint, friendly downtown lakeside atmosphere, The Academy programs and networking opportunities were similarly excellent and very well received.

We will be sending an online survey to all attendees and ask that you respond so we can share the success of the meeting.

There were many **highlights and memories**:



**Fellows and their Guests arriving at the Hagadone Event Center**

- The opening reception was held on the **Mish-an-Nock** during a 30-minute cruise across Lake Coeur d'Alene to the **Hagadone Event Center** where dinner was served. Named for Duane Hagadone, founder of The Coeur d'Alene Resort, the Hagadone Event Center was a stunning space overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Floating Green at the resort golf course. The weather was as perfect as was the view. It was a great setting for greeting old friends and welcoming new Fellows.

- The **Working Group** on Thursday morning was led by Josh Bone, Executive Director, ELECTRI International and focused on *Innovations Transforming Electrical Contracting*. Josh discussed project delivery methods and building's systems are growing increasingly complex. Owners and GCs continue to push tighter schedules, control cost all while we are expected to adapt to their ever-changing expectations . How do electrical contractors meet these growing demands and position themselves to be successful in our fast-changing industry? In this presentation we will discuss what is driving these changes and what resources are available to help ECs shift from a low bid mindset to being seen as a trusted project consultant. We will explore how these new technologies expose strengths and weaknesses and help us identify opportunities to increase margins while reducing risk. Josh's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed [here](#).

- The **spouse breakfast and program** on Thursday morning was a huge hit. Participants cruised via the **Mish-an-Nock** while enjoying a delicious breakfast in route to the **Hagadone Casco Bay Home** where they were able to tour the beautiful grounds and gardens. The Hagadone gardens are in a beautiful setting on Casco Bay, with a breathtaking view of the lake. Known as the largest, privately-owned gardens in the Pacific Northwest, more than 300,000 plants and flowers habitat there.



**Hagadone Casco Bay Home Gardens**

- The **Board of Directors** held their annual meeting to act on Academy business including recommendations from the Jury of Fellows and requests for Change in Fellow Status.
- We tried something new this year and held the **formal dinner** on Thursday evening. The evening was magnificent and the menu outstanding! Chairman Hardt introduced Chef Bill Hill, who has been in the culinary industry for 35 years...34 of those years with the Coeur d'Alene Resort and welcomed those attending their first annual meeting.

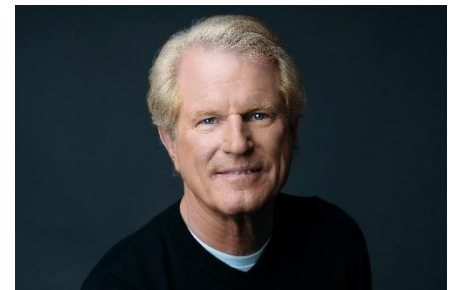


**Chairman David Hardt introduces Chef Bill Hill**



**Stevie Nicks Illusion**

- **Stevie Nicks Illusion** ~ referred to as the most authentic sounding tribute to Fleetwood Mac to date provided some great tunes and got people up on the dance floor.



**Roy Spence**

- On Friday morning, our General Meeting speaker, **Roy Spence**, Co-founder and Chairman of GSD&M, delivered some inspiring remarks and discussed the Power of Purpose.

The **Jury of Fellows**, chaired by Dennis Quebe, selected the following 7 individuals for induction into the Academy in Austin, Texas on October 16, 2022:

Anthony (Tony) Cook  
Atlanta Chapter, NECA  
UpTime Electric Company  
College Park, GA

Christopher M. Foster  
Atlanta Chapter, NECA  
Whitehead Electric Company  
Mableton, GA

Duane J. Hendricks  
Minneapolis Chapter, NECA  
Egan Company  
Brooklyn Park, MN

James R. Hess  
Oregon Pacific-Cascade Chapter, NECA  
Pacific Electrical Contractors, Inc.  
Medford, OR

Paul Kosmides  
Minneapolis Chapter, NECA  
OlympiaTech Electric  
Plymouth, MN

Edwin Lopez  
New York City Chapter, NECA  
New York, NY

Bruce D. Shelly  
Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA  
Shelly Electric Company, Inc.  
Philadelphia, PA

**Recognition** is a key component at the annual meeting. During the General Meeting, the Fellows elected **John Grau ('86), Todd Mikec ('14), Earl Restine ('16), and Jody Shea ('13)** to the **Academy Board of Directors** for the **term ending in 2025**. Thanks were offered to Fellows going off the Board, as follows: Jerry Hayes ('12), Skip Perley ('06), Dan Walsh ('12), and Dan Walter ('02).

The following **three Academy Papers** were presented:

- It Could Happen to Anyone: Malware, Ransomware Attacks and Protecting Your Company*** ..... Kent Baker ('92)
- Participation Breeds Participation: A Route to Greater Profits*** ..... Jerry Hayes ('12)
- Forty Years an ESOP*** ..... Brad Weir ('13)

All three Academy papers and Weir's PowerPoint can be viewed [here](#).

Chairman Hardt announced that the next gathering of the Academy will be a reception for Academy Fellows and guests during the NECA Convention in Austin, TX. New Fellows will be installed on Sunday morning, October 16, 2022 at the General Session and the Academy reception will be held at The Austin Club that evening.

The 2023 annual meeting will be at The Cliff House in Cape Neddick, ME from June 13-15.

If you would like to see and download photos from our meeting, please click <https://quicksilverphotography.smugmug.com/Events/NECA/>.

We look forward to seeing you all in Austin, TX!



Traci M. Walker ('13)  
Academy Secretary