

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
June 14, 2023  
The Cliff House, Cape Neddick, ME**

**David A. Hardt ('07), Chairman**

**Traci M. Walker ('13), Secretary**

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with the following present (*italics indicate those members **not** in attendance*):

**Present NECA Officers and Past NECA Presidents**

David A. Hardt ('07), Chairman  
*H. E. Autrey ('73)*  
*D. R. Borden, Jr. ('88)*  
Craig Clark ('14)  
*William B. Cook, Jr. ('96)*  
Kirk Davis ('11)  
Robert E. Doran III ('81)  
Charles W. Fairchild II ('23)  
Rex A. Ferry ('02)  
Stephen Gianotti ('20)  
Mark Harasha ('22)  
*E. Milner Irvin III ('92)*

Donald G. Laffoon ('20)  
Terry J. Lette ('16)  
Steve Lindley ('22)  
David Long ('12)  
Gregory D. Long ('18)  
Steven M. Petri ('22)  
Dennis F. Quebe ('06)  
Shawn P. Smith ('21)  
Traci M. Walker ('13)  
Mark Walter ('22)  
David M. Washebek ('20)

**Fellows Elected to the Board**

**Term Expires in 2023**

Tom Parkes ('17)  
*Clayton M. Scharff ('13)*  
Duane A. Seifert ('15)  
Paul J. Yesbeck ('18)

**Term Expires in 2024**

*Wes Anderson ('16)*  
*Michael B. Joyce ('14)*  
*Rilo Stephens ('17)*  
James M. Willson ('14)

**Term Expires in 2025**

John M. Grau ('86)  
Todd Mikec ('14)  
Earl Restine, Jr. ('16)  
*Jody Shea ('13)*

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 9, 2022, Board of Directors meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID were approved as distributed.*

**JURY OF FELLOWS REPORT**

Dennis F. Quebe ('06), Chairman of the **Jury of Fellows**, reported on the election of the following seven candidates for Fellowship in the Academy by the Board of Directors because of their unanimous approval at two consecutive reviews by the Jury of Fellows:

Ricky Ellington  
Georgia Chapter, NECA  
J.M. Clayton Construction Company  
Thomaston, GA

Anthony B. Mulizio  
Northeastern Illinois Chapter, NECA  
Preferred Electric  
Bloomington, IL

James J. Ferry II  
Western Pennsylvania Chapter, NECA  
Ferry Electric Company  
Pittsburgh, PA

Gregory L. Outsen  
Eastern Illinois Chapter, NECA  
Outsen Electric, Inc.  
Kankakee, IL

Michael J. Holmes  
Puget Sound Chapter, NECA  
Holmes Electric Co  
Kent, WA

Chase Pendergraft  
East Tennessee Chapter, NECA  
Chattanooga, TN

Ryan Landon  
Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA  
McCoy Electric Company  
North Plains, OR

Text messages on behalf of Chairman Hardt, notifying those selected, will be sent following the Board of Directors meeting. Confirming letters of congratulation will be mailed to each new Fellow and will include an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in Philadelphia, PA for their installation ceremony into the Academy on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Opening General Session.

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the seven nominees for induction into the Academy on Saturday, September 30, 2023, in Philadelphia, PA at the Opening General Session of the NECA Convention.*

In addition to those favorably reviewed for the second time at this meeting, the Jury also reviewed 22 nominations for their first reading. Ten nominations were approved, and they will be reviewed at next year's meeting for the required second approval.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR FELLOW EMERITUS STATUS**

Academy Secretary, Traci Walker, reported that the following twelve Fellows have requested Fellow Emeritus Status:

Wes Anderson ('16)  
Ron Autrey ('07)  
Mike Doyle ('18)  
Ray Friend ('06)  
Jim Mackey ('02)  
Blair Mahan ('14)

Craig Martin ('09)  
Shawn Murphy ('17)  
Fred Sargent ('81)  
George Troutman ('06)  
Don Turner ('13)  
Clyde Wetsch ('18)

*Upon motion made and duly seconded, these twelve Fellows were approved for a change to Emeritus status effective immediately.*

**CHANGES TO ACADEMY RULES**

In accordance with Article VIII, Secretary Walker reported on the suggested amendment to Article II, Section 3 (a) of the *Rules of the Academy*. In accordance with the *Rules*, information about this amendment was sent to all directors on May 24 advising of the impending action at the meeting.

**Rules of the Academy of Electrical Contracting  
Article II Fellowship in the Academy  
Sec. 3 Election Procedures**

**Existing Language**

Each nomination for Fellowship shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Jury of Fellows, a committee of twelve Fellows of the Academy. Election of a nominee to Fellowship in the Academy shall be by:

- (a) vote of the Jury of Fellows (which vote must be unanimous and must have been conducted at two Annual Meetings of the Jury of Fellows) and
- (b) subsequent approval, by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed Language**

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- (b) subsequent approval, by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

*Upon motion made and duly discussed (and a ballot vote taken), the motion to amend Article II, Section 3 (a) was adopted unanimously, and the new language will be recommended for approval to the NECA Board of Governors via an Ordinary Proposal in Philadelphia, PA this fall.*

**FELLOWS NO LONGER WITH THE ACADEMY**

Secretary Walker reported that the following six Fellows have passed away since the 2022 Annual Meeting:

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| Stephen E. Chilton ('92) | Richard E. Manrod ('95) |
| Russell W. Fesler ('89)  | Robert V. Rydalch ('01) |
| Robert L. Harrison ('92) | Dan A. Shine ('89)      |

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Hardt introduced Traci Walker, Secretary of the Nominating Committee, who reported that the following candidates were nominated for a three-year term on the Board of Directors (from 2024 through 2026).

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| Scott Bringmann ('09) | Joe Kaluhiokalani ('22) |
| Henry Brown ('21)     | Mike Weaver ('21)       |

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Chairman reported on the schedule of future meetings as follows:

**Convention Reception**

The Bellevue Hotel (Rose Garden Room)  
Philadelphia, PA  
September 30, 2023

**Summer Meeting**

The Sun Valley Resort  
Sun Valley, Idaho  
June 5 to 7, 2024

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.



Traci M. Walker  
Secretary