

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
June 15, 2023  
The Cliff House, Cape Neddick, ME**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Max Landon ('98) led the Fellows in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME TO NEW FELLOWS**

Chairman Hardt welcomed those Fellows attending their first Academy meeting.

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 10, 2022, General Meeting held in Coeur d'Alene, ID were approved as distributed.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Walker requested a moment of silence for the following six Fellows who passed away since the 2022 Annual Meeting:

Stephen E. Chilton ('92)

Richard E. Manrod ('95)

Russell W. Fesler ('89)

Robert V. Rydalch ('01)

Robert L. Harrison ('92)

Dan A. Shine ('89)

Walker reported on the action taken by the Board of Directors to change Article II, Section 3 (a) of the Rules of the Academy. Section 3 outlines the election procedures and indicates that the election of a nominee to the Academy shall be by unanimous vote of the Jury of Fellows and must have been conducted at two annual meetings. The change that was approved eliminates the two annual meetings requirement – a nominee would need only one unanimous vote by the Jury and could be installed the following Fall. Proper notice was given to all directors and the Board voted by ballot vote according to the Rules of the Academy. The change to the rules is pending approval by NECA's Board of Governors, at their September meeting in Philadelphia. This action would be effective for future nominees, not those considered by the Jury at this meeting.

Walker also reported on the action by the Board of Directors in approving twelve Fellows for the transfer from Active to Emeritus status effective immediately:

Wes Anderson ('16)

Craig Martin ('09)

Ron Autrey ('07)

Shawn Murphy ('17)

Mike Doyle ('18)

Fred Sargent ('81)

Ray Friend ('06)

George Troutman ('06)

Jim Mackey ('02)

Don Turner ('13)

Blair Mahan ('14)

Clyde Wetsch ('18)

**JURY 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.

**ACADEMY PRESENTATIONS**

The following were presented and are available on the Academy's website:

***Drafting the Top-Ranked Talent***..... Brad Giles ('11)

***Growth Mindset in Today's Electrical Contractor*** ..... Sonja Rheume ('16)

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Hardt thanked the following Fellows for their service to the Board of Directors from 2021 to 2023: Tom Parkes ('17); Clay Scharff ('13); Duane Seifert ('15) and Paul Yesbeck ('18). 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).

Scott Bringmann ('09)  
Henry Brown ('21)

Joe Kaluhiokalani ('22)  
Mike Weaver ('21)

*There being no additional nominations from the floor, the above slate of candidates was elected upon motion duly made and seconded.*

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Hardt announced that the next gathering of the Academy will be a reception for Academy Fellows and guests during the NECA Convention in Philadelphia, PA. New Fellows will be installed on Saturday morning, September 30, 2023, at the Opening General Session and the Academy reception will be held at The Bellevue Hotel that evening.

The 2024 annual meeting will be at The Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, ID from June 5-7.

Traci Walker presented a video highlighting the opportunities awaiting us in Sun Valley for next year's annual meeting.

### **SPEAKER**

Our speaker, Mike Eruzione, Olympic Legend, delivered some inspiring remarks and discussed the importance of pride, commitment and most importantly, **respect**. He also reminded us to always search for the positives and not dwell on the negatives.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.



Traci M. Walker  
Secretary