

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
June 9, 2018  
Montage, Laguna Beach, California**

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

**J. Michael Thompson ('92), Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m. Dennis F. Quebe ('06) led Fellows in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME TO NEW FELLOWS**

The following Fellows, attending their first annual meeting, were welcomed:

Larry Beltramo ('17)	Ciro Lupo ('17)
Larry Clennon ('17)	Shawn Murphy ('17)
Ron Cogburn ('17)	Tom Parkes ('17)
David Gill ('17)	Vince Real ('17)
Kellie Holland ('17)	John Riley "Rilo" Stephens ('17)
Susan King ('17)	Don Stockton ('17)
Bob LaLumiere ('17)	David White ('17)

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 10, 2017 General Meeting held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming were approved as distributed.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Thompson requested a moment of silence for the following nine Fellows who passed away since the 2017 Annual Meeting:

Mel A. Buttrum ('06)	Forrest D. Mallette ('91)
Jimmy D. Coker ('12)	Douglas L. Olson ('03)
Henry "Hank" Diaz ('89)	Jack I. Stein ('77)
Darrell Gossett ('13)	Wayne T. Wells ('84)
Thomas C. Halpern (94)	

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

Joseph S. Boddiford, Jr ('12)	Timothy Homer ('14)
Wayne Brinkmeyer ('02)	Don W. Jhonson ('13)
James H. Cornelius ('08)	Gervase Rose ('99)
Nicolaus Feldmann ('15)	

Thompson reported on the action by the Board of Directors to recommend an amendment to Article II, Sec 1(e) of the *Rules of the Academy*. This amendment will be submitted to NECA's Board of Governors for their action in Philadelphia in September. The amendment would give future recipients of the Robert L. Higgins Association Distinguished Service Award and the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award direct entry into the Academy (as are the winners of the McGraw, Comstock and Coggeshall Awards).

## JURY REPORT

Dennis F. Quebe ('06), Chairman of the **Jury of Fellows**, reported on the election of the following fifteen 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:

Kenneth C. Borden Kansas City Chapter, NECA Kansas City, MO	Michael L. Doyle Danard Electric Tacoma, WA	Thomas M. Morton LLD Electric Company, Inc. Gurnee, IL
Gregory Bowman NABCO Electric Chattanooga, TN	Karl Jensen West Side Electric Portland, OR	Andrew A. Porter Washington DC Chapter, NECA Annandale, VA
Kevin P. Connelly Connelly Electric Company, Inc. Addison, IL	Michael Kelliher Pieper Electric, Inc. New Berlin, WI	James A. Reed Century Electric San Francisco, CA
Luke R. Cunningham West Side Hammer Electric Bethlehem, PA	Thomas R. Kyle Kyle Electric North Bend, OR	Clyde J. Wetsch Skeels Electric Company Bismarck, ND
Brian D. Damant Central Ohio Chapter, NECA Columbus, OH	Gregory D Long Long Electric Company Napa, CA	Robert M. Zahn Chewing & Wilmer, Inc. Richmond, VA

Letters of notification and congratulation from Chairman Hardt were mailed immediately following the Board of Directors meeting. The mailing included an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in Philadelphia, PA for their installation ceremony into the Academy on September 30, 2018 at the Opening General Session.

## RECOGNITION

In keeping with the celebration of the Founding of the Academy 50 years ago, the following were recognized as the "oldest" Fellows in attendance:

Fred Sargent ('81), John Grau ('86), Rod Borden ('88), Dick McBride ('90), Bob Dixon ('91) and Walter Parkes ('91)

In addition, former NECA CEO Robert L. Higgins ('68) was recognized as a Founding Fellow who was responsible for conceiving and implementing the Academy 50 years ago.

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following paper was presented and is available on the Academy's website:

*Fifty Years of the Academy of Electrical Contracting* by J. Michael Thompson ('92)

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Hardt thanked the following Fellows for their service to the Board of Directors from 2016 to 2018: Orvil Anthony ('13); Russ Borden ('10); Brad Giles ('11) and Todd Mikec ('14). Hardt introduced David Long ('12), Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The committee included Orvil Anthony ('13), Jim Young ('16) and Dan Walter ('02) as Secretary.

Long reported that the committee proposed the following candidates for a three-year term on the Board of Directors (from 2019 through 2021).

Larry Cogburn ('08)  
Craig Martin ('09)

Doug Martin ('15)  
Sonja Rheume ('16)

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

#### **NECA ACTIVITY REPORT**

David Long ('12), President of NECA, discussed current activities and initiatives at NECA, including the pending retirement of NECA CEO, John Grau in June 2019. Grau will replace Thompson as Academy Secretary following the June 2019 meeting.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Hardt announced that the next gathering of the Academy is a formal dinner and program during the NECA Convention in Philadelphia where we will celebrate the founding of the Academy in 1968. It is scheduled for Sunday September 30, 2018 at The Franklin Institute.

The 2019 annual meeting will be at the Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Canada from June 12-14. The 2020 annual meeting will return to the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho from June 4-6.

Mike Thompson described opportunities awaiting us in the Quebec City area for next year's annual meeting.

#### **SPEAKER**

Chairman Hardt introduced the guest speaker, R. Nicholas Burns, to discuss *The Future of Foreign Affairs*. Burns has served as US Ambassador to NATO, Greece and Under Secretary of State for foreign affairs. Burns acknowledged that there is much pessimism in the world and in the US, but this is really a time of hope. He believes this hope is because:

- Our economy is headed in the right direction
- People are beginning to be lifted out of poverty
- Global public health
- Greater technological changes on the horizon
- Opportunities for women to succeed
- We are living in a period of "long peace"

Burns closed with a quote from Churchill: *"The price of greatness is responsibility!"*

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



J. Michael Thompson  
Secretary