

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday, June 11, 2021  
Virtual Meeting**

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

**John M. Grau ('86), Secretary**

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 11:30 am with the following present (*italics indicate those members not in attendance*):

**Present NECA Officers and Past NECA Presidents**

David A. Hardt ('07), Chairman	<i>Robert E. Doran III ('81)</i>	Dennis F. Quebe ('06)
<i>H. E. "Buck" Autrey ('73)</i>	<i>Rex A. Ferry ('02)</i>	Vincent Real ('17)
Larry Beltramo ('17)	<i>E. Milner Irvin III ('92)</i>	Earl Restine, Jr. (16)
Dillard R. "Rod" Borden, Jr. ('88)	David Long ('12)	Gregory A. Rick ('12)
Scott Bringmann (09)	<i>Michael E. McPhee ('13)</i>	Jody Shea ('13)
Craig Clark ('14)	Todd Mikec ('14)	Traci M. Walker ('13)
<i>William B. "Ben" Cook, Jr. ('96)</i>	David Nielsen ('19)	David M. Washebek ('20)
Kirk Davis ('11)		

**Elected Directors**

**Terms Expiring 2021**

Larry Cogburn ('09)  
Craig Martin ('09)  
Doug Martin ('15)  
Sonja Rheume ('16)

**Terms Expiring 2022**

Jerry Hayes ('12)  
Skip Perley ('06)  
Dan Walsh ('12)  
Daniel G. Walter ('02)

**Terms Expiring 2023**

Tom Parkes ('17)  
Clay Scharff ('13)  
Duane Seifert ('15)  
Paul Yesbeck ('18)

**Others Present**

John M. Grau, Secretary of the Academy  
Diane S. Jacobson, Academy Administrator

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 3, 2020 virtual Board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed.*

**JURY OF FELLOWS REPORT**

Jury Chairman Dennis F. Quebe reported on the activities of the Jury and recommended favorable action on the following eleven nominees for Fellowship into the Academy of Electrical Contracting. Their nomination forms have been reviewed at two consecutive meetings of the Jury and they have received unanimous votes on both occasions:

Andrew Berg  
San Diego Chapter, NECA  
San Diego, CA

Kurt Brinkman  
Intrepid Electronic Systems, Inc.  
Crockett, CA

Jerri L Champlin  
Monterey Bay California Chapter, NECA  
Salinas, CA

James A. Engler  
Engler Electric, Inc.  
Utica, NY

Francis "Fran" McDermott  
Greater Sacramento Chapter, NECA  
Sacramento, CA

Charles Markley "Mark" Melton  
Melton Electric, Inc.  
Houston, TX

Fred Neubauer  
Neubauer Electric, Inc.  
Los Alamitos, CA

Loyal D. O'Leary  
Wisconsin Chapter, NECA  
Madison, WI

Robert D. Rayburn  
Milwaukee Chapter, NECA  
Wauwatosa, WI

Robert Van Ert  
Van Ert Electric Company, Inc.  
Wausau, WI

Michael P. Weaver  
M & W Electric, Inc.  
Albany, OR

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the eleven nominees for induction into the Academy on Sunday, October 10, 2021 in Nashville, TN 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 nine nominations for their first reading. All nine nominations were approved, and they will be reviewed at next year's meeting for the required second approval.

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

Secretary John Grau reported on activities of the Academy since the last meeting. He noted the continued success of the new email process for the Annual Registration of Fellows and the mailing of the Academy Roster of Fellows. He also noted the assistance provided in the nomination process and the conduct of the Jury meeting. In addition, three papers have been prepared by Fellows and are ready for presentation at the fall meeting. He thanked the NECA meetings team for their work in planning and rescheduling meetings and expressed appreciation for Academy Administrator Diane Jacobson for her day-to-day management of Academy matters.

Grau noted that this year marks his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of induction into the Academy. While he is stepping down as Academy Secretary, he will continue to be active in the Academy and support new Secretary Traci Walker as needed. He will continue to serve as Secretary of the Jury.

Traci Walker thanked Grau for his service. Along with NECA CEO David Long, she described plans for the upcoming special Academy fall meeting and induction ceremony in conjunction with the NECA Convention in Nashville. She also announced new formats for improved regular communications with Fellows.

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

The following nine Fellows have requested Fellow Emeritus Status:

Russ Alessi ('03)	Doug Hague ('12)
Michael Bender ('10)	James Olliges ('18)
Bob Daoust ('01)	Jim Peterson ('96)
Bob Dixon ('91)	B. David Roberts ('13)
David Firestone ('01)	

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

### **FELLOWS NO LONGER WITH THE ACADEMY**

Grau reported that the following eight Fellows have passed away since the 2020 Annual Meeting:

Alvin Earl Bassett ('96)	Donald E. Lunnon ('80)
Charles L. Fuellgraf, Jr. ('01)	Hermon "H.L." Milton, Jr. ('92)
Clifford W. Henderson ('97)	Charles "Mike" Sloan ('95)
Morton D. Hoffman ('82)	Leo W. Weber, Jr. ('85)

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Hardt appointed the following Fellows as a **Nominating Committee** to present a slate of candidates to all Fellows at the General Meeting for the Board of Directors terms expiring in 2024:

Larry Beltramo ('17), Chair	Craig Martin ('09)
Larry Cogburn ('09)	Traci M. Walker ('13), Secretary

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Larry Beltramo reported that the committee met and nominated the following slate:

Wes Anderson ('16) of Springfield, IL	Rilo Stephens ('17) of Atlanta, GA
Mike Joyce ('14) of Moreland Hills, OH	Jim Willson ('14) of West Covina, CA

Chairman Hardt thanked the committee for their service.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

#### **Convention Dinner - The Country Music Hall of Fame**

Nashville, TN  
Thursday, October 7, 2021

#### **Business Meeting - TBD**

Nashville, TN  
Friday, October 8, 2021

#### **Formal Installation of the 2020 and 2021 Academy Inductees - General Opening Session**

Nashville, TN  
Sunday, October 10, 2021

#### **Annual Summer Meeting - Coeur d'Alene Resort**

Coeur d'Alene, ID  
June 8-10, 2022

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Grau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John M. Grau ('86)  
Secretary