

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting
General Meeting
Minutes
June 7, 2024
Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, ID**

David A. Hardt ('07), Chairman

Traci M. Walker ('13), Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Joe Kaluhiokalani ('22) 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 15, 2023, General Meeting held in Cape Neddick, ME were approved as distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Walker requested a moment of silence for the following eight Fellows who passed away since the 2023 Annual Meeting:

James L. Davis, Jr. ('04)

Robert L. Gotham ('05)

Eddie E. Horton ('96)

Anton Klingler ('83)

Gervase Rose ('99)

Victor Salerno ('20)

Tom G. Smith ('03)

Lester O. Wuerfl, Jr. ('85)

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

David Dickey ('04)

Greg Gossett ('19)

G. Wallace Hook ('12)

Michael Kelliher ('18)

Thomas Moore ('11)

Mark Nemshick ('14)

David Pinter ('08)

Edward Shikany ('14)

Joseph Tucci ('06)

Robert Turner ('19)

Steve Watts ('19)

Brad Weir ('13)

Robert Zahn ('18)

JURY REPORT

Dennis F. Quebe ('06), Chairman of the Jury of Fellows, reported on the election of seventeen candidates for Fellowship in the Academy by the Board of Directors because of their unanimous approval by the Jury of Fellows.

Last year, the Board of Directors approved a change to Article 2, Section 3a 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 which must have been conducted at 2 annual meetings.

The change that was approved eliminates the 2 annual meeting requirement – a nominee would need only one unanimous vote by the Jury and could be installed the following fall. The change to the rules was approved by NECA’s Board of Governors, at their September meeting in Philadelphia. This action is taking effect this year and moving forward.

The following nominees were approved for Fellowship into the Academy of Electrical Contracting:

- John Banks, Motor Shop Electrical Construction Company, Inc. in Battle Creek, MI
- Jeffrey T. Barber, VEC, Inc. in Girard, OH
- Thomas Braley, Pritchard Electric Company in Huntington, WV
- Ben D'Alessandro, L.K. Comstock and Company in Farmingdale, NY
- Harold Danforth, Buffington - Burns Electric, Inc. in Conyers, GA
- Robert W. Davies, Jr., Davies Electric Company in San Diego, CA
- Kevin E. Gini, Collins Electrical Company, Inc. in Stockton, CA
- Richard Hall, Tennessee Associated Electric in Knoxville, TN
- Richard A. Jamerson, Jamerson and Bauwens Electrical Contractors, Inc. in Northbrook, IL
- Frederick A. Jensen, J M Electric in Salinas, CA
- Patrick J. Maloney, Tice Electric Company in Portland, OR
- Debra Margraf, Arizona Chapter, NECA in Phoenix, AZ
- Todd T. Michaelsen, Ohio/Michigan Chapter, NECA in Rossford, OH
- Christopher Olson, RME Electrical Corporation in Aurora, CO
- Marvin “Barney” Pottebaum, Thompson Solution Group in Sioux City, IA
- Jeffrey L. Seidel, Hudson Valley Chapter, NECA in Central Valley, NY
- Jules W. Weaver, Western Line Constructors Chapter, NECA in Cottonwood Heights, UT

Text messages on behalf of Chairman Hardt, notifying those selected, were sent following the Board of Directors meeting. Confirming letters of congratulation were mailed to each new Fellow and included an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in San Diego, CA for their installation ceremony into the Academy on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at the Opening General Session.

ACADEMY PRESENTATIONS

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

- Amping Up Skills: NECA’s Educational Pathways for Estimators and Admin Personnel
- An Overview of NECA-Offered Estimating Courses..... Jim Johannemann ('15)

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Hardt thanked the following Fellows for their service to the Board of Directors from 2022 to 2024: Wes Anderson ('16); Michael B. Joyce ('14); Rilo Stephens ('17) and James M. Willson ('14). 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 2025 through 2027).

- Bruce Creen ('19)
- Chris Foster ('22)
- Tom Kyle ('18)
- Bob Van Ert ('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 San Diego, CA. New Fellows will be installed on Sunday morning, September 29, 2024, at the Opening General Session and the Academy reception will be held at The Ultimate Skybox at DiamondView Tower that evening.

The 2025 annual meeting will be at The Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, SC from June 4-6.

SPEAKER

Futurist and Business Strategist, Daniel Burrus, spoke on “Retirement Reinvented: Why Learning, Experimenting, and Serving Others Hold the Key to a Prosperous Future!”. Daniel also spoke about industry trends and artificial intelligence, including applications in our work and personal lives.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.



Traci M. Walker
Secretary