



**2010
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting

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Boston, MA
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**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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October 2, 2010

Boston, Massachusetts

Chairman:
Rex A. Ferry

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms:
J. Michael Thompson

Call To Order: Chairman Ferry called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:00 a.m. on October 2. Mr. Ferry welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Regarding the conduct of the meeting, the following are applicable in accordance with sections 4.4 and 8 of the Bylaws:

- In all elections of officers, except when the candidate is unopposed, and in voting on amendments to the Bylaws, the Board of Governors shall take a ballot vote. On other matters, the usual form of voice voting shall prevail with each member of the Board of Governors having one vote. When a ballot is not required, any member of the Board of Governors may call for a ballot vote on any question before the question is put to the Board of Governors for a vote.
- On ballot votes, except on matters pertaining to Labor Relations, each Governor shall cast, as a unit, all the number of votes as provided in the Bylaws for the members of the chapter who are in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. On any matter pertaining to labor relations, the number of votes shall be limited to those attributable to members signatory to an I.B.E.W. labor agreement. The President, District Vice-Presidents and the Vice-President-at-Large shall cast one (1) vote each.
- Effective date of these proposals shall be immediate upon passage unless otherwise indicated.
- Robert's Rules of Order will govern such discussion as may be desired on these proposals.

ROSTER - The following is a list of the members of the NECA Board of Governors that were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Rex A. Ferry - Girard, Ohio
Vice President, District 1:	David R. MacKay - Weymouth, Massachusetts
Vice President, District 2:	Dennis F. Quebe - Dayton, Ohio
Vice President, District 4:	David Hardt - Chicago, Illinois
Vice President, District 5:	John Lambert - Austin, Texas
Vice President, District 6:	Mel A. Buttrum - Snohomish, Washington
Vice President, District 7:	Daniel G. Schaeffer - St. Louis, Missouri
Vice President, District 8:	Raymond K. Friend - Boise, Idaho
Vice President, District 9:	Stan Lazarian - Pasadena, California
Vice President, District 10:	William H. Green - Rural Hall, North Carolina
Vice President at Large:	Ron Autrey - Jacksonville, Florida

CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR

Alaska Mick E Manning
 Albany Simeon A Hunsdon
 American Line Builders Thomas M Wolden
 Arizona Gregory Russell
 Arkansas Jimmy D Coker
 Atlanta Alex Owen
 Atlantic Coast Terry J Lette (Alternate)
 Baton Rouge Hermon L Milton
 Boston Thomas M Driscoll
 California Central Coast John L Mussell
 Cascade Paul C Sorensen
 Central Florida Scott Maddox
 Central Illinois Steve C Gardner Sr
 Central Indiana Jeff W Cardwell
 Central Massachusetts Jonathan Ostrow
 Central Mississippi Glade McInnis
 Central Ohio Greg E Stewart
 Central Texas Jim Stuvison
 Chicago & Cook County Bradley R Weir
 Cincinnati David W Gronotte (Alternate)
 Connecticut Jack Fiora (Alternate)
 Contra Costa Rick Henry
 Dakotas Gregory A Rick
 East Tennessee Richard Hall
 Eastern Illinois Larry H Clennon
 Eastern Oklahoma Larry K LaFave
 Finger Lakes NY John S Kogut
 Florida West Coast Andy DeLaParte
 Georgia Brad Butler
 Greater Sacramento Richard Nogleberg (Alternate)
 Gulf Coast Charles Freeman
 Hawaii Steve T Watanabe
 Hudson Valley Jeffrey L Seidel
 Idaho Jeff L Wheeler
 Illinois Daniel M Wilcox
 Inland Empire David Peterson (Alternate)
 Intermountain Jim Havell
 Iowa Skip Perley
 Kansas Doug Hague
 Kansas City Jerry W Root
 Long Island Donald Leslie Jr
 Los Angeles County John S Everson
 Louisville William B Lich
 Mahoning Valley David A Dickey
 Maryland James H Cornelius
 Memphis David N Estes Sr
 Michigan Robert J Turner
 Milwaukee Michael Kelliher
 Minneapolis Paul Kosmides
 Missouri Valley Line Constructors Mitchell J Marquart
 Montana James McDonald (Alternate)
 Monterey Bay California Frederick A Jensen
 Northeastern Line Constructors George Troutman
 Northeast Louisiana Martin West

Nebraska Gary Demmel
 New Mexico Troy Beall (Alternate)
 New York City Steven Lazzaro
 North Central Ohio Laverne A Wolgamott
 North Florida Bradley S Giles (Alternate)
 North Louisiana Kirk Davis
 North Texas Steve Hargrove
 Northeastern Illinois Craig R Martin
 Northern California Gary R Walker
 Northern Illinois John Corsiglia
 Northern Indiana Anthony J Maloney III
 Northern New Jersey Neil C Vitale
 Northern New York Leo J Villeneuve
 Northwest Line Constructors Gary A Tucci
 Ohio/Michigan Russ Zimmerman
 Oklahoma Stephen F Young
 Orange County Robert E Meadows (Alternate)
 Oregon-Columbia George Adams
 Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Thomas R Kyle (Alternate)
 Puget Sound Marvin D Nelson
 Quad-Cities Daniel F Palmer
 Red River Valley Marvin L Groves II
 Redwood Empire Robert Smith
 Rhode Island & Southeast Massachusetts .. Henry Kandzerski Jr
 Rochester New York Brian W Haas
 Rocky Mountain Craig Clark
 San Diego County Thomas L Hedges
 San Francisco Leonard E Lynch Jr (Alternate)
 Southeastern Line Constructors Jody Shea
 Southeastern Michigan Jerry Dancey
 South Florida Jonathan R Borden
 South Texas Robert A Corbo
 Southeast Texas Wayne Brinkmeyer
 Southern Arizona John F Kostyo
 Southern Colorado James L Peterson
 Southern Indiana Dan Harpenau
 Southern Nevada Dennis F Nelson (Alternate)
 Southern New Jersey George Brestle
 Southern Sierras Thomas G Ispas
 Southern Tier Lindsay T Mills
 Southwest Washington Rocky Sharp
 St Louis Robert J Unterreiner
 St Paul William Lindberg (Alternate)
 Southwestern Line Constructors Leslie W Simmons
 Washington DC Michael D Toman
 West Virginia-Ohio Valley Ted Brady (Alternate)
 Western Line Constructors Terry Roberts (Alternate)
 Western New York State Joseph R Pellerite
 Western Ohio John S Frantz
 Western Pennsylvania Robert J Bruce
 Wisconsin Gerald W Schulz
 Wyoming Bob Blackham

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

- Bermuda Electrical Contractors
Association (BECA)..... Chris Montgomery (Alternate)
- Canadian Electrical Contractors
Association Inc..... Rick Brodhurst
- National Electrical & Communications Association
Western Australia John Sweeting (Alternate)
- NECA ACEH Honduras Charles H. George
- NECA - Americ (Mexico) -
National Office..... Jaime Quintana Covantes

The following were not represented:

Vice President, District 3

Domestic Chapters

- Augusta
- East Central California
- El Paso
- Greater Cleveland
- Kern County
- Penn-Del-Jersey
- San Mateo County
- Santa Clara
- South Louisiana
- Southwest Louisiana
- Twin Ports-Arrowhead
- West Texas
- Western Massachusetts

International Chapters

- ACEN NECA Monterrey
- MEA (Master Electricians Australia)
- NECA (Australia) - New South Wales
- NECA (Australia) - National Office
- NECA (Australia) - South Australia
- NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation: Richard Newcomer and Frank Piatt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, respectively.

Welcome from Host City: Thomas Driscoll, Governor of the Boston Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Boston.

Recognition of Fellows of the Academy of Electrical Contracting: Mr. Ferry requested that all Fellows stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Deceased Governors: A moment of silence honored all chapter governors who have died since the last meeting.

Report of the President: Mr. Rex A Ferry, President, presented a report on the state of the association.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. J. Michael Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the financial and membership status as of July 31, 2010.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer: Mr. John M. Grau, Chief Executive Officer, provided a current update on matters of substantial concern to the Association.

Report on Labor Relations: Mr. Geary M. Higgins, Vice President, Labor Relations, reported on the current status of Labor Relations issues.

Report of the ELECTRI International: Mr. Steve Hargrove presented a report on the status of ELECTRI International.

Report on Political Leadership Council: Mr. Larry Cogburn, National Chairman, reported on accomplishments of the Political Action Committee.

Presentation of Industry Partner Award: Mr. Ferry presented the 2010 award to Milwaukee Tools for their partnering efforts with NECA. Accepting for Milwaukee Tools was their President, Steven Richman.

Confirmation of Interim Actions:

Mr. Thompson reported on the results of two special mail ballots that were taken in October 2009 and March 2010:

A National Outside Construction Emergency Response Agreement between NECA and the IBEW became effective August 1, 2009 and will remain in effect until August 1, 2012. The results of the Mail Ballot were unanimous with 3,155 votes cast FOR and 0 votes cast AGAINST.

The provisions of this agreement will be effective whenever a utility, municipality, or rural electric cooperative has called for a response to an "emergency" in their service area. The agreement will continue until the contractor has been released by the utility.

A National Outside Portability Agreement between NECA and the IBEW became effective January 15, 2010 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2012. The results of the Mail Ballot were unanimous with 3,157 votes cast FOR and 0 votes cast AGAINST.

The agreement shall apply to all outside line transmission construction work as follows: For each transmission job or project of 100kv or above, the employer may bring in the first ten workers employed by the employer under portability, provided they have been employed for at least two weeks prior to the start of the job. Subsequent employees shall be employed on a one to one basis with the first from the local union where the work is being performed (site), followed by an employee of the employer and so forth and so on.

Actions:

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Seattle, WA on September 12, 2009, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Action on Bylaw Amendment Proposal #1:

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to amend Section 5.4(a) and (b) regarding a dues increase was **LOST**. A ballot vote was required and the results showed 2,686 votes cast FOR and 1,480 votes cast AGAINST. A two-thirds majority was required to adopt this amendment.*

Action on Bylaw Amendment Proposal #2:

*Being properly submitted by the Central Texas Chapter, this proposal to amend Section 3.4 regarding the Objects and Purposes regarding CIR was **LOST**. A ballot vote was required and the results showed 612 votes cast FOR and 3,520 votes cast AGAINST. A two-thirds majority was required to adopt this amendment.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #1:

*Being properly submitted by the Government Affairs Committee and the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to replace Standing Policy 2 regarding National Legislation was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Ordinary Proposal #1

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors is the ultimate governing body for NECA and has the authority to formulate the association’s policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Government Affairs Committee is charged with bringing to the attention of the industry national legislation that may impact the industry, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the existing policy does not address federal regulation or political action; and,

WHEREAS, the process prescribed in the existing policy is too cumbersome to be practical when decisions on proposed legislation need to be made in a timely manner.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Electrical Contractors Association adopt the following policy as a replacement for the existing Standing Policy 2.

**Proposed Standing Policy 2
National Legislation, Federal Regulation and Political Action**

The National Electrical Contractors Association affirms its belief in the American system of free enterprise and the growth of the United States economy and the advancement of the electrical construction industry.

To the extent that legislation or proposed legislation or the administration thereof impacts the industry, NECA will:

- (a) bring such matters to the attention of the membership for it to take action for the protection of its rights and interests;
- (b) take an active part by informing the respective branches of the government as to the views and interests of the industry;
- (c) assess collaborating with other elements of the construction industry and business community;
- (d) keep the industry and the public informed of the effect of the actions and attitudes of the legislators and executive officials with respect to such legislation or the administration thereof; and,
- (e) encourage membership involvement in developing and supporting qualified candidates for federal elective office in order to maintain a favorable legislative environment.

The Government Affairs Committee is responsible for reviewing legislative and regulatory positions at its annual meeting and throughout the year; the Committee reports any new positions or recommended changes on legislative positions to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee affirms, rejects, or revises the Government Affairs Committee recommendation and includes these positions along with the other existing position in the annual report to the Board of Governors for review at the annual convention. While the Board of Governors and Executive Committee will exercise

oversight over all policy and legislative matters, the Government Affairs Committee will be responsible for the tactics and response strategies employed to support, defeat, or amend legislation and regulatory policy.

Establishment of the NECA Executive Committee:

Election of Member Vice Presidents:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2011:

Vice President, District 2	Greg E. Stewart, Columbus, Ohio
Vice President, District 4	David Hardt, Chicago, Illinois
Vice President, District 6	George Adams, Portland, Oregon
Vice President, District 8	Raymond K. Friend, Boise, Idaho
Vice President, District 10	Gary A. Tucci, Sumner, Washington

Election of President Elect

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, Dennis F. Quebe of Dayton, Ohio was elected President Elect to a one-year term commencing January 1, 2011. Mr. Quebe represents Chapel Electric Company in Dayton, Ohio.

Special thanks were offered to retiring Vice Presidents Mel Buttrum and Bill Green.

Other Business:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.



J. Michael Thompson
Secretary

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