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

Washington State Convention Center

October 7, 2017

Seattle, WA

Chairman:
David A. Hardt

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms:
Traci M. Walker

Call To Order: Chairman Hardt called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 7. Mr. Hardt 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 that are 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:	David A Hardt - Chicago, Illinois
Vice President, District 1:	Nicolaus Feldmann - Holtsville, New York
Vice President, District 2:	Daniel B Walsh - Louisville, Kentucky
Vice President, District 3:	David Long - Jacksonville, Florida
Vice President, District 4:	Wes Anderson - Springfield, Illinois
Vice President, District 5:	Doug Hague - Wichita, Kansas
Vice President, District 6:	Gloria Ashford - Kirkland, Washington
Vice President, District 7:	Skip Perley - Sioux City, Iowa
Vice President, District 8:	James McDonald - Missoula, Montana
Vice President, District 9:	Leonard E Lynch Jr - San Francisco, California
Vice President, District 10:	Thomas G Halpin - Hingham, Massachusetts
Vice President at Large:	Clayton M Scharff - St. Louis, Missouri

CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR

Alaska Chapter Scott Bringmann, Alternate
 Albany Chapter Joseph P Gross
 American Line Builders Chapter Thomas M Wolden
 Arizona Chapter Shane Snyder
 Arkansas Chapter Mike Komm
 Atlanta Chapter Rilo Stephens
 Atlantic Coast Chapter Terry J Lette
 Augusta Chapter Rudolph Dixon
 Boston Chapter Joseph J McCluskey Jr, Alternate
 Cascade Chapter Paul C Sorensen, Alternate
 Central Florida Chapter James MacDonald, Alternate
 Central Illinois Chapter Steve C Gardner Sr
 Central Indiana Chapter Darrell Gossett
 Central Massachusetts Chapter Jonathan Ostrow
 Central Mississippi Chapter Glade McInnis
 Central Ohio Chapter Susan Ernst
 Chicago & Cook County Chapter David Witz
 Cincinnati Chapter Kevin Broxterman, Alternate
 Connecticut Chapter Michael E McPhee
 Contra Costa Chapter Rick Henry
 Dakotas Chapter Gregory A Rick
 East Central California Chapter David J Helsel
 East Tennessee Chapter Turner Wood
 Eastern Illinois Chapter Gregory L Outsen
 Eastern Oklahoma Chapter Robert L. Holtz
 Finger Lakes NY Chapter John Amicucci
 Florida West Coast Chapter Andy DeLaParte
 Georgia Chapter Ricky Ellington
 Greater Cleveland Chapter David Haines
 Greater Sacramento Chapter Frank E Schetter
 Gulf Coast Chapter Charles Freeman
 Hawaii Chapter Steve T Watanabe
 Hudson Valley Chapter Joseph Deleonardis
 Idaho Chapter Jeffrey L Wheeler
 Illinois Chapter Terry Buhs
 Inland Empire Chapter David A Peterson
 Intermountain Chapter Frank D Rydalch
 Iowa Chapter Donald C Stockton
 Kansas Chapter Shawn P Smith
 Kansas City Chapter Don Laffoon
 Kern County Chapter Jack D Bellows
 Long Island Chapter Donald Leslie Jr
 Los Angeles County Chapter Fred Neubauer
 Louisville Chapter James E Strange Jr
 Mahoning Valley Chapter David A Dickey
 Maryland Chapter Jack F Beck Jr
 Memphis Chapter Scott A Seward
 Michigan Chapter Robert J Turner II
 Milwaukee Chapter David M Washebek
 Minneapolis Chapter Duane Hendricks
 Missouri Valley Line Constructors Chapter Steve Lindley, Alternate
 Montana Chapter Jim Michlig
 Monterey Bay California Chapter Frederick A Jensen
 Nebraska Chapter Richard J Milota Jr
 New York City Chapter Hal B Sokoloff
 North Central Ohio Chapter Vern Wolgamott, Alternate
 North Florida Chapter Edward E Witt Jr
 North Louisiana Chapter Kirk Davis
 North Texas Chapter Mark Huston
 Northeast Louisiana Chapter Martin West
 Northeastern Illinois Chapter Craig R Martin

Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter James C Atkins
 Northern California Chapter Lewis Frain
 Northern Illinois Chapter Lewis G Maffioli
 Northern Indiana Chapter Anthony J Maloney III
 Northern New Jersey Chapter Harry Sassaman, Alternate
 Northern New York Chapter Kevin Norsworthy, Alternate
 Northwest Line Constructors Chapter Mark Walter
 Ohio/Michigan Chapter Scott Korczynski
 Oklahoma Chapter Jeff L Lewis
 Orange County Chapter Jeff Perry
 Oregon-Columbia Chapter Ryan M Landon
 Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter Luke R Cunningham
 Puget Sound Chapter Marvin D Nelson
 Quad-Cities Chapter Greg Quinn, Alternate
 Red River Valley Chapter Marvin L Groves II
 Redwood Empire Chapter Jolene Corcoran, Alternate
 RI & SE Massachusetts Chapter George Ouellette, Alternate
 Rochester New York Chapter Daniel R Streicher
 Rocky Mountain Chapter Craig Clark
 San Diego County Chapter Timothy R McBride
 San Francisco Chapter James P Young
 Santa Clara Valley Chapter Timothy P Daniels
 South Florida Chapter Jonathan R Borden
 South Texas Chapter Vincent Real
 Southeast Michigan Chapter William M Darish
 Southeast Texas Chapter Matthew B Cappadonna
 Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter William H Green, Alternate
 Southern Arizona Chapter John F Kostyo
 Southern Colorado Chapter James L Peterson
 Southern Indiana Chapter Johnny C Dyke
 Southern Nevada Chapter Robert J Lisowski
 Southern New Jersey Chapter George Brestle
 Southern Sierras Chapter Thomas G Ispas
 Southern Tier Chapter Lindsay T Mills
 Southwest Washington Chapter Scott B Stephens
 Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter Randall Wisenbaker
 St Louis Chapter Brian J Kohnen
 St Paul Chapter William P Lindberg
 Twin Ports-Arrowhead Chapter Blair Mahan
 Washington DC Chapter David F McKay
 West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter Ted Brady
 Western Line Constructors Chapter Rich Holbeck
 Western NY State Chapter Kevin M Mislin
 Western Ohio Chapter John S Frantz
 Western Pennsylvania Chapter James J Ferry II, Alternate
 Wisconsin Chapter Mark A Hady
 Wyoming Chapter Richard Vignaroli

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

Canadian Electrical Contractors
 Association Inc (CECA) Colin Campbell, Alternate
 NECA Americ (Mexico) - National Office Andrés C Quintana

The following Chapters did not pick up their ballot books:

Baton Rouge Chapter
California Central Coast Chapter
Central Texas Chapter
El Paso Chapter
New Mexico Chapter
Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter
San Mateo County Chapter
South Louisiana Chapter
Southwest Louisiana Chapter
Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter
West Texas Chapter
Western Massachusetts Chapter

The following International Chapters were not represented:

Bermuda Electrical Contractors Association (BECA)
Canadian Electrical Contractors Association - Pacific (CECA Pacific)
Corporation of Master Electricians of Quebec
Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario
Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association
Korea Electrical Contractors Association
MEA (Master Electricians Australia)
NECA (Australia) - National Office
NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)
NECA Western Australia

Pledge of Allegiance: James McDonald led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome from Host City: Marv Nelson, Governor of the Puget Sound Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Seattle.

Recognition of Fellows of the Academy of Electrical Contracting: Mr. Hardt 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. David A. Hardt, President, presented a report on the state of the association.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer: Mr. John M. Grau, Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of important issues confronting the industry and actions NECA is taking to address them.

Report of the Chief Operating Officer: Mr. Daniel G. Walter, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the learning management system for online training and NECA Network.

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

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Traci M. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the current financial and membership status.

Remarks: Mr. Lonnie R. Stephenson, International President of the IBEW discussed the state of the electrical construction industry.

Actions:

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Boston, MA on October 7, 2016, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Action to Reaffirm Standing Policy Statements:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Standing Policy Statements 1-6, 8 and 10-18 were reaffirmed by voice vote.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #1:

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to change the name of the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award to the Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Ordinary Proposal #1 – Regarding proposed name change of the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award Submitted by the NECA Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award was established in 1989 by the Board of Governors; and,

WHEREAS, the award is presented each year to honor that staff executive or chapter manager who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, has made the greatest contribution to the advancement of the National Electrical Contractors Association; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served NECA for a total of 37 years - 16 years of field and chapter service (1949 to 1965) and 21 years as NECA's executive vice president and chief staff officer (1965 to 1986); and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was a World War II Veteran who served with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division from 1941 to 1946; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was appointed by President Nixon in 1969 to serve on the wage board that was temporarily responsible for approving labor agreement settlements in the construction industry; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served many years as co-chair of the Council on Industrial Relations; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served as trustee and co-chair of the National Electrical Benefit Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions of Robert L. Higgins include the expansion of NECA management services and education, as well as the development of the associates training program; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was responsible for the modernization of NECA's government affairs effort, leading up to the development of NECA's PAC; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins created the Academy of Electrical Contracting almost 50 years ago, to recognize exceptional and outstanding service to the electrical contracting industry; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins passed away May 14, 2012 and NECA would like to honor his memory for all of his significant contributions to the advancement of NECA,

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award be renamed the Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #2:

*Being properly submitted by the Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA, this proposal to adopt the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Ordinary Proposal #2 – Regarding adoption of Lincoln Leadership Award
Submitted by Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA

WHEREAS, NECA is the leading organization in advancing and improving the union electrical construction industry;

WHEREAS, The advocacy mission of NECA reaches across all levels of government at the federal, state, and local level;

WHEREAS, NECA members and chapters are highly engaged in the policymaking and political process;

WHEREAS, NECA District Six, the Government Affairs Committee, and the Executive Committee have endorsed and supports the chapter recommendations;

RESOLVED, That the NECA Board of Governors endorses and supports the recommendations of the chapter, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That there shall be a new award, named the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award, that will be presented annually at the NECA annual convention and trade show. The NECA Executive Committee shall determine the award qualifications and nomination process and will select the recipient accordingly.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #3:

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Codes and Standards Committee, this proposal to amend Standing Policy 9 regarding Electrical Inspections was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

ORDINARY PROPOSAL #3 – Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #9, Electrical Inspections
Submitted by the NECA Codes & Standards Committee

Proposed Language

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NECA supports the inspection of electrical installations ~~construction work~~ by qualified inspectors. Inspection services provided by qualified inspectors in order to protect the public, ~~both owners and users, from harm to life and property, by reducing the possibility of~~ against potential hazards ~~resulting from due to~~ incorrectly installed electrical products, ~~and systems, and to improve the reliability and performance of installed electrical systems, thus increasing their value to owners.~~ In addition to decreasing hazards, properly installed electrical systems are more reliable and efficient, which adds to their long-term value. NECA endorses the following principles with respect to electrical inspections:

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Proposed Final Language

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1. In order to protect public safety, most states and localities require electrical installations to comply with the National Electrical Code®, and electrical products to be “listed” by nationally recognized safety testing

organizations. Electrical inspections help confirm that electrical wiring and systems are installed “according to Code,” using only properly listed products meeting U.S. safety standards.

2. The benefits of electrical inspections are not limited to power or line-voltage wiring systems, including alternative energy systems and energy storage systems. In order to insure safety, all installations of wiring and equipment covered by the National Electrical Code® should be required to have permits and electrical inspections. This includes, but is not limited to, such low-voltage and limited-energy systems as telecommunications, security, nurse call, computer networks, audio and video distribution, optical fiber, emergency voice/alarm signaling systems, and cable television.

3. In addition to their public safety benefits, electrical inspections confirm that qualified electrical contractors are on the job and help protect the public against untrained or unprofessional contractors and electricians.

Too often, unqualified installers perform improper electrical installations out of ignorance, cut corners in order to reduce costs, and use products that don’t meet national safety requirements or local laws and codes. The result can be unsafe installations that pose shock and fire hazards to users, and which also damages the public’s confidence in the safety of, and therefore the value of, properly constructed electrical installations ~~brings the entire electrical contracting profession into disrepute.~~

4. The cost of electrical inspections should be supported by permit and inspection fees paid directly by builders and electrical contractors. The cost of this vital public safety function should not be paid indirectly out of general funds, because this makes it vulnerable to fiscal cycles experienced by state and local governments. By the same token, revenues from electrical permit and inspection fees should be used only to provide and maintain a strong, professional electrical inspection function that protects public safety. They should not be regarded as a source of general public revenue.

5. NECA believes that electrical inspectors should be trained electricians with at least five years practical field experience in electrical construction, and that they should be certified by a nationally recognized organization such as the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) and the International Code Council (ICC). NECA also believes that such certification or equivalent credentials should include mandatory continuing education for renewal processes as new NEC editions are published. Only persons with substantial National Electrical Code® knowledge and experience, which has been verified by an independent

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agency, should be entrusted with performing this important public safety function.

(Adopted Oct. 25, 1997)

(Revised Oct. 3, 2015, Oct. xx, 2017)

Action on Ordinary Proposal #4:

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Safety Task Force, this proposal to amend Standing Policy 19 regarding Safety Programs and Safe Workers was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Ordinary Proposal #4 – Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #19, Safety Programs and Safe Workers Submitted by the NECA Safety Task Force

Proposed Language

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NECA believes that safety is an integral part of achieving excellence in the electrical contracting business by maintaining the highest productivity, quality, and safety standards in a proactive, practical, and cost effective approach to manage organizational loss control. NECA members demonstrate safety professionalism and responsibility through every aspect of work and services they provide including designing, planning, construction, service work, and implementing operations with a minimum of disruption to customers. NECA's commitment to jobsite safety is reinforced by placing special emphasis in quality safety training programs that integrate safety into project pre-planning and project management.

NECA, historically, has supported and continues to support the highest safety standards in construction for the benefit of its members, the industry and the consuming public. NECA actively advocates maintaining the safest and most productive workplace possible. NECA members appreciate the benefits of a workplace free from injuries, the advantage of a productive work force, and the responsibility of offering a safe working environment. To that end, NECA believes that to achieve zero injuries in the workplace, contractors must strive for zero ~~energy~~ energized work environments as the normal and best practice, whenever achievable.

NECA members understand jobsite safety is an important responsibility shared between employers and employees and affirms that implementing safe work practices is not optional. The association believes that a trained and qualified workforce has responsibility to recognize and avoid workplace hazards and, where necessary, employers provide ~~appropriate~~ the required personal protective equipment for workers exposed to workplace hazards.

NECA remains active in government relations and rulemaking processes related to worker safety. The association actively participates in electrical safety standard development, such as NFPA 70 the National Electrical Code, and NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace and other safety legislation that affects the

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industry. NECA is committed to supporting collaborative effective efforts in industry alliances and partnerships sharing common safety objectives.

The goal of NECA members is to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees and to foster efficient operations, thereby offering the best possible product and services to the ~~construction~~ customer. Effective safety-related work practices and principles must be integrated into the planning and installation of electrical work as well as into design.

NECA members recognize that implementing effective safety programs and safe work practices is often ~~challenged by cultural differences and other distraction that are not in the best interest of employees or employers challenging. And they are dedicated to solving these problems~~ NECA members are dedicated to addressing these challenges while establishing and maintaining safety in the workplace. Safety Excellence results from safe work practices that continuously strive for Zero Injuries. NECA's commitment to safety excellence and safe work environments remains active, focused and constant.

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(Adopted Sept. 12, 2009)
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Establishment of the NECA Executive Committee:

Election of President:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidate was elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2018:

President David Long, Jacksonville, Florida

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, 2018:

Vice President, District 1	Michael E McPhee, Farmington, Connecticut
Vice President, District 3	Kirk Davis, Shreveport, Louisiana
Vice President, District 5	Vincent Real, San Antonio, Texas
Vice President, District 7	Gregory A Rick, Moorhead, Minnesota
Vice President, District 9	Earl Restine Jr, San Diego, California

Announcement of Executive Committee Selection for Vice President At Large

President Hardt announced that the Executive Committee had appointed Larry Beltramo as the Vice President at Large for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2018. Mr. Beltramo represents Rosendin Electric of San Jose, California.

Special thanks were offered to retiring Vice Presidents Nicolaus Feldmann, David Long, Doug Hague, Skip Perley, Leonard Lynch and Clayton Scharff.

Action on Honorary Membership for President Hardt

The Executive Committee had nominated David A. Hardt for honorary membership. Mr. Hardt relinquished the chair to President Elect David Long.

*An Honorary Membership for Mr. Hardt, based upon his significant contributions to the industry, was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

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 12:09 p.m.



Traci M. Walker
Secretary

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