

Minutes of the Meeting of
The Board of Directors
THE ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING
Thursday, July 9, 1970
The Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mr. Richard W. Osborn, Chairman of the Academy of Electrical Contracting, called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order promptly at 2:30 in the afternoon. The roll call revealed the following members of the Board to be present:

S. S. Adams	F. E. Keith
A. B. Baumgartner	Milton Minto
John A. Beck	Charles C. Nelson
A. L. Berg	C. E. Oesterle
Charles I. Berrell	Richard W. Osborn
Paul L. Briggs	Charles L. Scharfe, Jr.
Oliver Burnett	Dewey Smith
Robert W. Colgan	Milton Staub
Denis J. Crimmins	J. E. Swan
Norman Ferguson	Harold A. Webster
Robert L. Higgins	C. C. Weiss

The minutes of the 1969 meeting of the Board of Directors at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, were reviewed and accepted.

Chairman Osborn then called on Mr. Harold A. Webster, Chairman of the Jury of Fellows, for a report of the proceedings of the Jury meeting which had taken place earlier that morning. Chairman Webster reported that they had reviewed and found qualified for fellowship in the Academy the following individuals:

Richard E. Arbogast, Newberry Electric Corp., Los Angeles,
Calif.
Donald Close, Donald W. Close Co., Seattle, Wash.
William H. Gillard, Gillard Electric, Inc., Redwood City,
Calif.
Ernest C. Graham, Belmont Electric Service, Inc., Denver,
Colo.
Rex M. Grissom, Grissom & Johnson, Inc., Santa Ana,
Calif.
O'Neal Mattox, Mattox Electric Co., Jacksonville, Fla.
John Ostrow, Ostrow Electric Co., Worcester, Mass.

Chas. Scholibo, NECA, Washington, D. C.
Perry T. Shilts, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, NECA,
Detroit, Mich.
B. Stahmer, Industrial Electrical Works, Inc., Omaha,
Neb.
Karl F. Stolting, Stolting Electric Co., Santa Rosa, Calif.
Emil J. Weber, Emil J. Weber Electric Co., San Francisco,
Calif.
Edwin W. Wismer, Wismer & Becker Contracting Engineers,
Sacramento, Calif.

Chairman Webster recommended their admission to fellowship in the Academy of Electrical Contracting and upon motion duly made and seconded, fellowship in the Academy was bestowed. Chairman Osborn then directed the Secretary to inform the Fellows elected to fellowship of their election by wire as soon as possible.

Chairman Osborn then called on Mr. Norman D. Ferguson, Chairman of the Electrical Promotion and Education Committee, and Mr. Milton R. Minto, Chairman of the Heritage Committee, to report on their Committee meetings, which had been held simultaneously during the morning sessions. The substantive reports of both chairmen are contained in the minutes of their respective committees, which are attached.

Following these reports, there was a general discussion of the impact of the Metric System on the electrical construction industry. As reflected in the attached minutes, the Metric System was reviewed and discussed in the meetings of both committees. It was the feeling of the Board that the Metric System will necessarily come to the construction industry and, with the electrical construction industry doing the amount of developmental work that it is, it should find the Metric System easier to adapt to than perhaps had been previously anticipated.

Chairman Osborn reported on his work as Chairman of the Academy with the National Bureau of Standards of the U. S. Department of Commerce and with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It was Chairman Osborn's feeling that with the information available on the Metric System through the Academy survey, NECA would lead the construction industry in presenting to the government and to the concerned agencies the effects which the introduction of the Metric System might have on the construction industry.

Following the discussion of the Metric System and reports of the chairmen of the two committees, there was a general discussion by the Board regarding the work of the committees of the Academy and it was the general consensus that the members of the Academy were becoming more and more familiar

with the functions of these committees as outlined in the rules of the Academy of Electrical Contracting, and that while the work of the Academy cannot duplicate the work of the National Association and its standing committees, the experience embodied in the members of the Academy can, and most properly, should aid the various activities and study programs of the National Association.

The Board then received a progress report on the development of an appropriate medal for the Academy. Three proposed medallions were displayed for the Board in large scale through the use of a slide projector. The three medallions that were displayed were selected from more than 300 preliminary sketches developed by Mr. Sam Holvey, a well respected artist and sculptor and a member of the faculty of the Corcoran School. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to accept the rendering presented as rendering A-1 as the Academy symbol. Chairman Osborn then requested the Secretary to proceed with the production of the medal in as timely a fashion as possible.

A general discussion then followed concerning the activities which take place at the annual Academy meeting and it was generally felt that as many group functions as possible be made part of the Academy meeting so that the Fellows of the Academy would have more time with each other and get to know each other better.

Mr. Webster suggested that since the founding of the Academy and the selection of a number of gentlemen for fellowship in the Academy, consideration be given to the development of an appropriate name tag or badge for informal use at the general sessions of the Academy and at other meetings where its use would be appropriate.

Chairman Osborn discussed in general terms the need for original papers to be prepared by Fellows of the Academy on various subjects of interest in the electrical construction industry and specifically those subjects on which individual members of the Academy would have abundant knowledge. Chairman Osborn then indicated that he would be giving consideration to topics for possible papers and that he would be communicating with the individual Fellows of the Academy for their paper preparation in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P. M.