

Minutes of the Meeting of
The Board of Directors
THE ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING
Monday, July 15, 1974
The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m. in Congress Room A of the Broadmoor South by Chairman Charles I. Berrell. Present in addition to Mr. Berrell were H. E. Autrey, R. G. Biermann, John S. Clark, Robert W. Colgan, Norman D. Ferguson, Robert G. Frame, Robert L. Higgins, L. R. McCord, Charles C. Nelson, Herb Schlater, Karl E. Siple, Gerald M. Wadleigh, C. C. Weiss, and Secretary Robert L. Wilkinson

On motion duly made and seconded, the 1973 minutes as printed and distributed were approved.

Chairman of the Jury of Fellows Berrell reported on the recommendation of the Jury that the following be accepted into Fellowship in the Academy on unanimous approval of the 1973 and 1974 Juries:

Willard N. Bain
Boston, Massachusetts

William E. Landers
Wichita, Kansas

Jules H. Friedland
Millburn, New Jersey

Dana H. Malins
Boston, Massachusetts

Carl L. Hagaman, Sr.
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Lawrence E. Martin
Dallas, Texas

L. C. Hansberger
Nashville, Tennessee

George L. Peterson
Atlanta, Georgia

William Heady
Hyde Park, New York

Norman D. Ferguson, Chairman of the Electrical Promotion and Education Committee, reported on the actions of that committee at its annual meeting and called attention of members of the Board to drafts of "Forecasts of Ten-Year Changes in the Electrical Contracting Industry," copies of which had been distributed. He reported that the committee recommended simplification of the charts used to illustrate the comparisons of attitudes of respondents to the Academy's questionnaire and re-arrangement and abridgement of the text material accompanying the charts. He stated that the committee felt that

the results are sufficiently significant to justify publication to the NECA membership and others and consideration of development of a seminar for local use in chapter areas to determine the opinions of other electrical contractors with the Academy's study as a beginning point of discussion. He also reported that the Electrical Promotion and Education Committee had tentatively decided on two future activities: (1) a study of causes of an apparent trend towards non-union operations and methods of reversing this trend; (2) utilization of the experience, knowledge and prestige of Academy Fellows to convince NECA members of the value of membership in NECA and to help convince prospective members of the need for their affiliation.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board endorsed a simplification of "Forecasts of Ten-Year Changes in the Electrical Contracting Industry" as recommended by the Electrical Promotion and Education Committee with a summary to be published for NECA membership utilization.

On motion duly made and seconded, the entire report of the Electrical Promotion and Education Committee was accepted.

The chairman directed the secretary to read a written report of acting chairman William Collins of the Heritage Committee on that committee's deliberations. The report indicated that the Heritage Committee will continue to address itself to the study of productivity and of retirement programs for managerial personnel. The report was accepted on motion duly made and seconded.

The chairman and secretary presented and explained prototypes of proposed smaller and lighter Academy medals and of frames to mount present type medals of existing and future Fellows for wall display. It was moved and seconded that the smaller medal be adopted with a polished gold eagle and a pin-type holder to fasten the medal to the wearer's shirt front and that a display frame for the larger medals be provided with horizontal mounting and embossed name plates containing the Fellow's name and date of induction. The motion carried.

Methods of stimulating presentation of more papers by Fellows at annual meetings were discussed, and it was proposed that chairmen of standing committees remind the members of their committees regularly of the need

to volunteer papers on matters of interest on which any Fellow might contribute significant knowledge and thoughts. It was suggested that this subject be placed on the agenda of each committee in 1975 to stimulate further thinking of possible future papers by members of that committee on subjects related to that committee's jurisdiction.

The chairman requested that vice presidents notify the secretary of the Academy as early as possible each year of tentative dates of district meetings to avoid conflicts between Academy meetings and district meetings. Some opinions were expressed that a wider choice of meeting sites might be desirable and that consideration might be given to scheduling of annual Academy meetings earlier in the year within the limitations imposed by the rules to avoid conflicts with district meetings and to make more sites feasible.

The chairman appointed the following Nominating Committee to nominate four candidates for three-year terms on the Board of Directors expiring in 1977 and one candidate for the remaining portion of the term to which Herb Schlater was elected prior to his being named a vice president of NECA and thereby automatically a member of the Board of Directors of the Academy: Charles Nelson, Chairman; L. R. McCord; Herb Schlater; Cliff Weiss, with Robert L. Wilkinson as Secretary.

Under other new business a question was raised regarding the eligibility for reinstatement to Fellowship of ex-Fellows who had left the industry and, accordingly, had been dropped from the Academy rolls in accordance with its rules and then again had become affiliated with the industry but had not yet completed ten years of uninterrupted affiliation. Questions were also raised as to whether the Board of Directors has authority to waive the rules of the Academy in individual cases of this type if it is determined that the rules do require such individuals to complete another ten years of uninterrupted affiliation prior to reinstatement and, if the Board has such authority to waive the rules, whether to do so is in the best interest of the Academy. Mr. Higgins agreed to secure opinion of legal counsel and inform the chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board was adjourned.