Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
June 9, 2006  
La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad, California

William ‘Ben’ Cook, Jr., Chairman  
J. Michael Thompson, Acting Secretary

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS  
(*indicates that the member was not able to attend)

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with the following present:

Present Officers, Past Presidents of NECA, Fellows and others present

William B. Cook, Jr., Chairman  
*H. E. Autrey  
D. R. Borden, Jr.  
Richard Burns  
*Robert W. Colgan  
John R. Colson  
Robert E. Doran III  
Rex A. Ferry  
John Gueldner  
John M. Grau  
E. Milner Irvin III

Terms Expiring 2006  
*Frank Gleeson  
T. A. Huston  
*Ted Williams  
Max Landon

Terms Expiring 2007  
Jerrold Nixon  
Ted McPhee  
D. L. Smith  
*Don Surnbrock

Terms Expiring 2008  
Brian Christopher  
James McGlynn Sr.  
Gerv Rose  
*Jack Welborn

Staff  
Laura Capuco, Recorder

MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 12, 2005 Board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed.
JURY OF FELLOWS REPORT

Chairman D. R. Borden, Jr. reported on the activities of the Jury and recommended the election of the following 10 nominees to Fellowship in the Academy by the Board of Directors as a result of their unanimous approval at two consecutive readings by the Jury of Fellows:

1. James Abbott
   Abbott Electric, Inc.
   Canton, Ohio

2. Thomas Curran
   Red Top Electric Company
   Haywood, California

3. Larry Elder
   Dynalectric - Kentucky
   Owensboro, Kentucky

4. Ray Friend
   Electric Service & Contracting Company
   Boise, ID 83701

5. Howard Mayers
   Mayers Electric Company, Inc.
   Cincinnati, Ohio

6. Skip Perley
   Thompson Electric Company
   Sioux City, Iowa

7. Dennis Quebe
   Chapel Electric Company
   Dayton, Ohio

8. George Troutman
   M.J. Electric
   Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania

9. Joseph Tucci
   POTELCO, Inc.
   Sumner, Washington

10. Stephen F. Young
    Oklahoma Electrical Supply Company
    Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the above persons for induction into the Academy on October 8, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts at the General Session of the NECA Convention.

The Jury also reviewed 11 nominations for their first reading. Of these nominations, 7 were approved and will be reviewed at next year’s meeting; 4 were rejected either because the candidate did not appear to be qualified or the nomination form did not adequately make a case that merits Fellowship.

In addition to the normal review of nominations for Fellowship, the Jury also discussed two other items that were brought to the attention of the Board for possible action:

- The Jury reviewed an “agreement” whose purpose is to acknowledge the criteria for being selected into the Academy and to establish the etiquette for confidential treatment of candidates for Fellowship. The committee reviewed the “agreement” and, following a discussion, the Jury recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the “agreement” to be signed by future Jury members.
Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board adopted the 'agreement' to be signed by future Jury members

- The Jury reviewed some supplemental information that was submitted in support of one candidate. In addition to submitting the normal requirements for a nomination (the form, the narrative and optional letters from Fellows) this supplemental information included a DVD and an individual notebook prepared for each member of the Jury. Each notebook contained color photos, and numerous documents ~ many of which appeared to be irrelevant to the nomination ~ and all pages were included in plastic sheet protectors.

The Jury reviewed the information, discussed the advantages and disadvantages of consistent formats and recommended that the Board of Directors affirm its belief in the Rules of the Academy that state: "Nominations must be submitted on the forms provided by the Academy and must be forwarded to the Jury ... in accordance with instructions attached to the nomination form." Currently the instructions are silent about DVDs, photographs or other media. The Jury had concerns that the nomination process would become a "competition" and that it could discourage otherwise qualified candidates from being nominated. The Jury asked the Board of Directors to provide some further guidance about these types of supplemental submissions.

Upon motion made and duly seconded the Board affirmed that nominations should follow the Rules of the Academy and "must be submitted on the forms provided by the Academy...." No additional media is acceptable. The instructions for nominations will be revised to make this clear.

ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR FELLOW EMERITUS STATUS

The following Fellows have requested Fellow Emeritus Status:

Richard W. Boe
Terry Givens
Thomas C. Lloyd
William B. McGuire
Leo J. McMillan

E. A. Pastor
Keneath F. Robinson
Alfred M. Rotman
Watson B. Smith
Stephen J. Thorwegen Jr.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Fellows listed above were transferred to Fellow Emeritus status.

Also, Irving M. Butcher requested to be reinstated to active status.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Mr. Butcher was transferred from Fellow Emeritus to active status.
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Cook appointed the following Fellows as a Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates to all Fellows at the General Meeting for the four Board of Directors terms expiring in 2009:

Milner Irvin, Committee Chairman
John Negro
Frank Russell
Mike Thompson, Secretary

Chairman Cook appointed the following Fellows to an Escort Committee for speaker General Anthony Zinni:

Milner Irvin, Escort Committee Chair
Joe Devishi
John Gueldner
Jim Mackey
J. Michael Thompson, Escort Committee Secretary

ELECTRI INTERNATIONAL – THE FOUNDATION FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

ELECTRI COUNCIL Chairman, Jerry Nixon provided a report on the recent activities of the ELECTRI International. His report included:

1. Announcement of the Foundation’s name change since the last Academy meeting;
2. Information about the Program Review Committee’s task and the upcoming ELECTRI Council meeting to select projects;
3. An update on the Foundation’s financial strength;
4. An update on promotional initiatives including the Legacy Initiative and the Young Contractors program.

FELLOWS NO LONGER WITH THE ACADEMY

Fellows Deceased since the 2005 Annual Meeting:

Robert Brooks          Perry Shilts
Peter Cheche           Solomon Tannor
Dennis Kernan
Ronald Dudek
Robert Kaemmerlen
Thomas O'Dwyer
Frank Seal
NEW BUSINESS

Milner Irvin gave a brief overview on the Executive Committee meetings which preceded the Academy meeting at La Costa.

Chairman Cook asked members to consider reviewing the Rules of the Academy to determine if the Academy is meeting the needs of its members especially looking ahead to the next generation of members. Cook suggested that perhaps a survey be undertaken to look at what the Academy should retain or should let go. Discussion followed and included the role of the Academy in mentoring the next generation and having Steve Wilke, this year’s Academy Working Group Session presenter, involved in a survey process.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chairman reported on the future meeting schedule as follows:

2006 NECA Convention Reception
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum
Boston, Massachusetts
Sunday, October 8, 2006

2007
The Hotel Hershey
Hershey, Pennsylvania
June 8 – 10, 2007

2008
Barton Creek Resort & Spa
Austin, Texas
June 6 – June 8, 2008

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

J. Michael Thompson
Acting Secretary