The Academy of Electrical Contracting
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 5, 2009
Silverado Resort, Napa, California

E. Milner Irvin III, Chairman
J. Michael Thompson, Secretary

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Chairman Irvin called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. with the following present (italics indicate that the member did not attend):

Present NECA Officers and Past NECA Presidents
E. Milner Irvin III, Chairman
H. E. Autrey
D. R. Borden, Jr.
Mel A. Buttram
Robert W. Colgan
John R. Colson
William B. Cook, Jr.
Robert E. Doran III
Rex A. Ferry
William H. Green
John Gueldner
John M. Grau
David A. Hardt
David R. MacKay
John Negro
Richard Nogleberg
Dennis Quebe
Frank Russell
J. Michael Thompson
Dan Walter
Leo Weber

Elected Directors
Terms Expiring 2009
David Firestone
Howard Hughes
Richard McBride
Tony Walsh

Terms Expiring 2010
Arthur Ashley
Robert Corbo
Stan Lazarian
Gary Whitehead

Terms Expiring 2011
Wayne Brinkmeyer
Sandy Mahon
Walter Parkes
George Troutman

Staff
Russ Alessi
Laura Capuco

MINUTES
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 9, 2007 Board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed.

JURY OF FELLOWS REPORT
Acting Jury Chairman Rod Borden reported on the activities of the Jury and recommended favorable action on the following six nominees for Fellowship into the Academy of Electrical Contracting. Their nomination forms have been reviewed at two consecutive meetings of the Jury and they have received unanimous votes on both occasions:
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the above persons for induction into the Academy on Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Seattle, Washington at the General Session of the NECA Convention.

In addition to those favorably reviewed for the second time at this meeting, the Jury also reviewed 9 nominations for their first reading. Of these 9 nominations, 6 were approved and will be reviewed at next year’s meeting; 3 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.

Borden also reported on the Jury’s discussion regarding two issues from their meeting:

- Is current IBEW membership a “conflict of interest” for a candidate? The consensus of the discussion was that IBEW membership should not be considered to be in conflict with the goals of the Academy and should not be held against a candidate for Fellowship.

- Requested a clarification regarding the qualifications for staff candidates for Fellowship. The consensus regarding the qualifications for chapter or national staff was that the current charge of the Jury is to determine if the nominee has “rendered to the industry, either nationally or locally, services so outstanding and exceptional as to be beyond any normal call of duty or loyalty.” This criteria should be appropriate for members and staff alike.

The guidelines for the Jury will be updated to include the results of this discussion.

**ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR FELLOW EMERITUS STATUS**

The following Fellows have requested Fellow Emeritus Status:

- W. D. Pirkle (‘99)
- Larry Plunkett (‘87)
- Turner Smith (‘88)
- Jack Welborn (‘90)

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

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Irvin 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 2012:

- Rex Ferry, Chair
- Stan Lazarian
- John Negro
- Russell Alessi, Secretary

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Chairman Irvin appointed the following Fellows to an Escort Committee for speaker Jeff Rosensweig:

Rex Ferry, Chair
Ron Autrey
Rod Borden

Ed Witt
Russ Alessi, Secretary

FELLOWS NO LONGER WITH THE ACADEMY
Fellows Deceased since the 2008 Annual Meeting:

Robert Appel ('90)
Neale Beil ('83)
Irving Butcher ('80)
Kenneth Conwell ('82)
Terry Givens ('87)
Jimmy Haynes ('92)
Bill Heller ('05)

Jerry Hill ('88)
Wally Hultgren ('87)
Jake Jakowsky ('05)
Hal Kilburg ('90)
Allen Knickrehm ('72)
Jerry Nixon ('98)

FUTURE MEETINGS
The Chairman reported on the schedule of future meetings as follows:

Convention Reception
Columbia Tower Club
Seattle, Washington
Monday, September 14, 2009

Summer Meeting
Ponte Vedra Beach Resorts
Ponte Vedra, Florida
June 4-6, 2010

In June 2011 the meeting will return to the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS
Secretary Thompson reported that he will research a new style of medal and will report on this at next year’s meeting.

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

J. Michael Thompson
Secretary