

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
June 9, 2012  
The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

**Rex A. Ferry ('02), Chairman**

**J. Michael Thompson ('92), Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferry called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. David Firestone ('01) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME TO NEW FELLOWS**

The following Fellows were attending their first annual meeting and were welcomed:

Kirk Davis ('11)

Brad Giles ('11)

Thomas Driscoll ('11)

Thomas Ispas ('11)

Charles Ewton ('11)

Tom Moore ('11)

John Frantz ('11)

Alex Owen ('11)

Charles Freeman ('10)

**MINUTES**

*Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 11, 2011 General Session held at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia were approved as distributed.*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed for those Fellows deceased since the last meeting:

Bill E Coburn ('85)

Tom Kenney ('99)

William (Bill) Cooper ('88)

Alfred (Al) Louis Rotman ('95)

Robert M Davis Jr ('85)

Grady Turner Smith ('88)

George Gadberry ('89)

Riley T Stephens Jr ('02)

Ernest C Graham ('70)

William Stith ('85)

Stanley L Heine Jr ('83)

William J (Doc) Weaver ('95)

Robert L Higgins ('68)

Albert G Wendt ('85)

**JURY REPORT**

Milner Irvin ('98), Chairman of the **Jury of Fellows**, reported on the election of the following ten candidates for 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:

Joseph S Boddiford Jr

Thomas Demcsak

Lee's Electrical Contracting Inc  
Baltimore, Maryland

Scholes Electric & Communications  
Piscataway, New Jersey

Jimmy D Coker

Michael T Glasman

Coker Electric Company

Groff Electric Inc

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Tacoma, Washington

Douglas Hague  
Shelley Electric Inc  
Wichita, Kansas

Anthony J Maloney III  
Koontz-Wagner Construction Services  
South Bend, Indiana

Jarrett D (Jerry) Hayes  
United Electric Company  
Marietta, Georgia

Gregory A Rick  
Rick Electric Inc  
Moorhead, Minnesota

David Long  
Miller Electric Company  
Jacksonville, Florida

Daniel B Walsh  
United Electric Company Inc  
Louisville, Kentucky

Letters of notification and congratulation from Chairman Ferry were mailed immediately following the Board of Directors meeting. The mailing included an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in Las Vegas for their installation ceremony into the Academy on September 30, 2012 at the Opening General Session.

#### **WORKING GROUP PROGRAM REPORT**

Program Chairman Steve Young ('06) reported on the activities of the Working Group Program. The program was divided into two topics: Estate Planning Strategies presented by Vince Garone and Social Media presented by Joanna Pineda, CEO with Matrix International.

The Estate Planning session included information about asset transfers, probate, beneficiary designations and the establishment of trusts. The Social Media session included a discussion about social media for business and cautioned about information becoming public.

#### **REQUESTS FOR FELLOW EMERITUS STATUS**

Secretary Thompson reported on the action by the Board of Directors in approving Fellows for the transfer to Fellow Emeritus:

Robert E Doran ('81)  
Kenneth W Hart ('09)  
Floyd Krickhahn ('90)

William R Masters ('94)  
Theo Thomson ('00)

#### **NECA ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dennis Quebe ('06), President of NECA, discussed current activities and initiatives at NECA.

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Dennis Quebe, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the proposed slate of candidates for three-year terms on the Board of Directors (from 2013 through 2015):

Scott Bringmann ('09)  
Larry Cogburn ('08)

Lanny Thomas ('09)  
Don Wilson ('04)

*There being no additional nominations from the floor, the above slate was elected upon motion duly made and seconded.*

#### **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented to the Fellows:

*A New Paradigm for Electrical Contractors: Using Electrical Installation Shop Drawings for Jobsite Labor Savings* by Lanny Thomas ('09)

*Seeing the Forest Through the Trees by using ELECTRI International Products by Russ Alessi ('03)*

These papers are available on NECA's website.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Ferry announced that the next gathering of the Academy will be a reception at the NECA Convention in Las Vegas. It is scheduled for Sunday September 30, 2012 at Bank Nightclub at Bellagio. He also announced that the next Annual meeting of the Academy will be June 13-15, 2013 at Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Secretary Thompson presented information about opportunities in Colonial Williamsburg.

#### **SPEAKER**

Chairman Ferry introduced the guest speaker, Eric Greitens, the author a best-selling book *The Heart and the Fist: the Education of a Humanitarian, the Making of a Navy SEAL*. Greitens was a Rhodes Scholar who spent his summers as a humanitarian in Rwanda, Cambodia, Albania, Mexico, Israel, India, Bosnia and Bolivia. Following his humanitarian efforts he survived Navy SEAL training and served as an officer for 10 years, deploying 4 times during the global war on terrorism, including Iraq and Afghanistan. Greitens remarks were very inspirational ~ especially those regarding the psychological attitude necessary to survive Navy SEAL training.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



J. Michael Thompson  
Secretary