2017
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Washington State Convention Center          October 7, 2017          Seattle, WA

Chairman: David A. Hardt

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms: Traci M. Walker

Call To Order: Chairman Hardt called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 7. Mr. Hardt welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Regarding the conduct of the meeting, the following are applicable in accordance with sections 4.4 and 8 of the Bylaws:

- In all elections of officers, except when the candidate is unopposed, and in voting on amendments to the Bylaws, the Board of Governors shall take a ballot vote. On other matters, the usual form of voice voting shall prevail with each member of the Board of Governors having one vote. When a ballot is not required, any member of the Board of Governors may call for a ballot vote on any question before the question is put to the Board of Governors for a vote.

- On ballot votes, except on matters pertaining to Labor Relations, each Governor shall cast, as a unit, all the number of votes as provided in the Bylaws for the members of the chapter who are in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. On any matter pertaining to labor relations, the number of votes shall be limited to those attributable to members that are signatory to an I.B.E.W. labor agreement. The President, District Vice-Presidents and the Vice-President-at-Large shall cast one (1) vote each.

- Effective date of these proposals shall be immediate upon passage unless otherwise indicated.

- Robert’s Rules of Order will govern such discussion as may be desired on these proposals.

ROSTER - The following is a list of the members of the NECA Board of Governors that were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: David A Hardt - Chicago, Illinois
Vice President, District 1: Nicolaus Feldmann - Holtsville, New York
Vice President, District 2: Daniel B Walsh - Louisville, Kentucky
Vice President, District 3: David Long - Jacksonville, Florida
Vice President, District 4: Wes Anderson - Springfield, Illinois
Vice President, District 5: Doug Hague - Wichita, Kansas
Vice President, District 6: Gloria Ashford - Kirkland, Washington
Vice President, District 7: Skip Perley - Sioux City, Iowa
Vice President, District 8: James McDonald - Missoula, Montana
Vice President, District 9: Leonard E Lynch Jr - San Francisco, California
Vice President, District 10: Thomas G Halpin - Hingham, Massachusetts
Vice President at Large: Clayton M Scharff - St. Louis, Missouri
CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR
Alaska Chapter .........................................................Scott Bringmann, Alternate
Albany Chapter ..........................................................Joseph P Gross
American Line Builders Chapter .........................Thomas M Wolden
Arizona Chapter .........................................................Mike Komm
Arkansas Chapter ..........................................................Shane Snyder
Atlanta Chapter ..........................................................Riko Stephens
Atlantic Coast Chapter ...................................................Terry J Lette
Augusta Chapter ..........................................................Rudolph Dixon
Boston Chapter ............................................................Joseph J McCluskey Jr, Alternate
Cascade Chapter ..........................................................Paul C Sorensen, Alternate
Central Florida Chapter .............................................James MacDonald, Alternate
Central Illinois Chapter ..................................................Steve C Gardner Sr
Central Indiana Chapter ..............................................Darrell Gossett
Central Massachusetts Chapter .................................Jonathan Ostrow
Central Mississippi Chapter .........................................Glade McNiis
Central Ohio Chapter ....................................................Susan Ernst
Chicago & Cook County Chapter .................................David Witz
Cincinnati Chapter ......................................................Kevin Broxterman, Alternate
Connecticut Chapter .....................................................Michael E McPhee
Contra Costa Chapter ...................................................Rick Henry
Dakota Chapter .............................................................Gregory A Rick
East Central Florida Chapter ....................................David J Helsel
East Tennessee Chapter ..................................................Turner Wood
Eastern Illinois Chapter ..............................................Gregory L Ousden
Eastern Oklahoma Chapter .........................................Robert L. Holtz
Finger Lakes NY Chapter ............................................John Amicucci
Florida West Coast Chapter ........................................Andy DeLaParte
Georgia Chapter ..........................................................Ricky Ellington
Greater Cleveland Chapter .........................................David Haines
Greater Sacramento Chapter ....................................Frank E Schetter
Gulf Coast Chapter ......................................................Charles Freeman
Hawaii Chapter ..............................................................Steve T Watanabe
Hudson Valley Chapter ..............................................Joseph Deleanaris
Idaho Chapter ..............................................................Jeffrey L Wheeler
Illinois Chapter ..............................................................Terry Buhs
Inland Empire Chapter ..................................................David A Dick
Intermountain Chapter ..................................................Frank D Rydalch
Iowa Chapter ...............................................................Donald C Stockton
Kansas Chapter ............................................................Shawn P Smith
Kansas City Chapter .....................................................Don Laffoon
Kern County Chapter .....................................................Jack B Bellows
Long Island Chapter ....................................................Donald Leslie Jr
Los Angeles County Chapter ......................................Fred Neubauer
Louisville Chapter .......................................................James E Strange Jr
Mahoning Valley Chapter .............................................David A Dickey
Maryland Chapter ........................................................Jack F Beck Jr
Memphis Chapter ........................................................Scott A Seward
Michigan Chapter ........................................................Robert J Turner II
Milwaukee Chapter ......................................................David M Washbeek
Minneapolis Chapter .....................................................Duane Hendricks
Missouri Valley Line Constructors Chapter ............Steve Lindley, Alternate
Montana Chapter ..........................................................Jim Michlig
Monterey Bay California Chapter ...............................Frederick A Jensen
Nebraska Chapter ........................................................Richard J Milota Jr
New York City Chapter ..................................................Hal B Sokoloff
North Central Ohio Chapter .......................................Vern Wolgamott, Alternate
North Florida Chapter ....................................................Edward E Wirt Jr
North Louisiana Chapter ..............................................Kirk Davis
North Texas Chapter ......................................................Mark Huston
Northeast Louisiana Chapter .........................................Martin West
Northeastern Illinois Chapter .........................................Craig R Martin
Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter ..................James C Atkins
Northern California Chapter .....................................Lewis Frain
Northern Illinois Chapter ..............................................Lewis G Maffioli
Northern Indiana Chapter .........................................Anthony J Maloney III
Northern New Jersey Chapter .....................................Harry Sassaman, Alternate
Northern New York Chapter .......................................Kevin Norworthy, Alternate
Northwest Line Constructors Chapter .....................Mark Walter
Ohio/Michigan Chapter ..................................................Scott Kozcynski
Oklahoma Chapter ........................................................Jeff L Lewis
Orange County Chapter ................................................Jeff Perry
Oregon-Columbia Chapter .............................................Ryan M Landon
Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter ..............................................Luke R Cunningham
Puget Sound Chapter ...................................................Marvin D Nelson
Quad-Cities Chapter ....................................................Greg Quinn, Alternate
Red River Valley Chapter .............................................Marvin L Groves II
Redwood Empire Chapter ..........................................Jolene Corcoran, Alternate
RI & SE Massachusetts Chapter ...............................George Ouellette, Alternate
Rochester New York Chapter .......................................Daniel R Streicher
Rocky Mountain Chapter .............................................Craig Clark
San Diego County Chapter .........................................Timothy R McBride
San Francisco Chapter ................................................James P Young
Santa Clara Valley Chapter .........................................Timothy P Daniels
South Florida Chapter ..................................................Jonathan R Borden
South Texas Chapter .....................................................Vincent Real
Southeast Michigan Chapter ........................................William M Darish
Southeast Texas Chapter .............................................Matthew B Cappadonna
Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter ..................William H Green, Alternate
Southern Arizona Chapter .........................................John F Kostyo
Southern Colorado Chapter .......................................James L Peterson
Southern Indiana Chapter .............................................Johnny C Dyke
Southern Nevada Chapter ..........................................Robert J Lisowski
Southern New Jersey Chapter .....................................George Brezile
Southern Sierras Chapter ............................................Thomas G Iqas
Southern Tier Chapter ..................................................Lindsay T Mills
Southwest Washington Chapter ..................................Scott B Stephens
Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter ..................Randall Wisenbaker
St Louis Chapter ..........................................................Brian J Kohnen
St Paul Chapter ..........................................................William P Lindberg
Twin Ports-Arrowhead Chapter ..................................Blair Mahan
Washington DC Chapter .............................................David F McKay
West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter ..............................Ted Brady
Western Line Constructors Chapter .........................Rich Holbeck
Western NY State Chapter ...........................................Kevin M Mislin
Western Ohio Chapter ................................................John S Frantz
Western Pennsylvania Chapter .................................James J Perry II, Alternate
Wisconsin Chapter ........................................................Mark A Hady
Wyoming Chapter ........................................................Richard Vignaroli

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS
Canadian Electrical Contractors
Association Inc (CECA).................................................Colin Campbell, Alternate
NECA Americ (Mexico) - National Office ....................Andrés C Quintana

October 7, 2017

Seattle, Washington
The following Chapters did not pick up their ballot books:

Baton Rouge Chapter
California Central Coast Chapter
Central Texas Chapter
El Paso Chapter
New Mexico Chapter
Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter
San Mateo County Chapter
South Louisiana Chapter
Southwest Louisiana Chapter
Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter
West Texas Chapter
Western Massachusetts Chapter

The following International Chapters were not represented:

Bermuda Electrical Contractors Association (BECA)
Canadian Electrical Contractors Association - Pacific (CECA Pacific)
Corporation of Master Electricians of Quebec
Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario
Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association
Korea Electrical Contractors Association
MEA (Master Electricians Australia)
NECA (Australia) - National Office
NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)
NECA Western Australia
Pledge of Allegiance: James McDonald led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome from Host City: Marv Nelson, Governor of the Puget Sound Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Seattle.

Recognition of Fellows of the Academy of Electrical Contracting: Mr. Hardt requested that all Fellows stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Deceased Governors: A moment of silence honored all chapter governors who have died since the last meeting.

Report of the President: Mr. David A. Hardt, President, presented a report on the state of the association.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer: Mr. John M. Grau, Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of important issues confronting the industry and actions NECA is taking to address them.

Report of the Chief Operating Officer: Mr. Daniel G. Walter, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the learning management system for online training and NECA Network.

Report on Labor Relations: Mr. Geary M. Higgins, Vice President, Labor Relations, reported on the current status of Labor Relations issues.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Traci M. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the current financial and membership status.

Remarks: Mr. Lonnie R. Stephenson, International President of the IBEW discussed the state of the electrical construction industry.

Actions:

Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Boston, MA on October 7, 2016, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Action to Reaffirm Standing Policy Statements:
Upon motion duly made and seconded, Standing Policy Statements 1-6, 8 and 10-18 were reaffirmed by voice vote.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #1:
Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to change the name of the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award to the Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award was ADOPTED by voice vote.

Ordinary Proposal #1 – Regarding proposed name change of the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award Submitted by the NECA Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award was established in 1989 by the Board of Governors; and,

WHEREAS, the award is presented each year to honor that staff executive or chapter manager who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, has made the greatest contribution to the advancement of the National Electrical Contractors Association; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served NECA for a total of 37 years - 16 years of field and chapter service (1949 to 1965) and 21 years as NECA's executive vice president and chief staff officer (1965 to 1986); and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was a World War II Veteran who served with the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division from 1941 to 1946; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was appointed by President Nixon in 1969 to serve on the wage board that was temporarily responsible for approving labor agreement settlements in the construction industry; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served many years as co-chair of the Council on Industrial Relations; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins served as trustee and co-chair of the National Electrical Benefit Fund; and,
WHEREAS, the contributions of Robert L. Higgins include the expansion of NECA management services and education, as well as the development of the associates training program; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins was responsible for the modernization of NECA’s government affairs effort, leading up to the development of NECA’s PAC; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins created the Academy of Electrical Contracting almost 50 years ago, to recognize exceptional and outstanding service to the electrical contracting industry; and,

WHEREAS, Robert L. Higgins passed away May 14, 2012 and NECA would like to honor his memory for all of his significant contributions to the advancement of NECA,

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award be renamed the Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #2:
Being properly submitted by the Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA, this proposal to adopt the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award was ADOPTED by voice vote.

Ordinary Proposal #2 — Regarding adoption of Lincoln Leadership Award
Submitted by Oregon-Columbia Chapter, NECA

WHEREAS, NECA is the leading organization in advancing and improving the union electrical construction industry;

WHEREAS, The advocacy mission of NECA reaches across all levels of government at the federal, state, and local level;

WHEREAS, NECA members and chapters are highly engaged in the policymaking and political process;

WHEREAS, NECA District Six, the Government Affairs Committee, and the Executive Committee have endorsed and supports the chapter recommendations;

RESOLVED, That the NECA Board of Governors endorses and supports the recommendations of the chapter, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That there shall be a new award, named the Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award, that will be presented annually at the NECA annual convention and trade show. The NECA Executive Committee shall determine the award qualifications and nomination process and will select the recipient accordingly.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #3:
Being properly submitted by the NECA Codes and Standards Committee, this proposal to amend Standing Policy 9 regarding Electrical Inspections was ADOPTED by voice vote.

ORDINARY PROPOSAL #3 — Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #9, Electrical Inspections
Submitted by the NECA Codes & Standards Committee

Proposed Language
{strikeover indicates deleted language; underline indicates new language}

NECA supports the inspection of electrical installations provided by qualified inspectors. Inspection services provided by qualified inspectors in order to protect the public, both owners and users, from harm to life and property, by reducing the possibility of potential hazards resulting from improperly installed electrical products, systems, and to improve the reliability and performance of installed electrical systems, thus increasing their value to owners. In addition to decreasing hazards, properly installed electrical systems are more reliable and efficient, which adds to their long-term value. NECA endorses the following principles with respect to electrical inspections:

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Proposed Final Language

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1. In order to protect public safety, most states and localities require electrical installations to comply with the National Electrical Code®, and electrical products to be "listed" by nationally recognized safety testing
organizations. Electrical inspections help confirm that electrical wiring and systems are installed “according to Code,” using only properly listed products meeting U.S. safety standards.

2. The benefits of electrical inspections are not limited to power or line-voltage wiring systems, including alternative energy systems and energy storage systems. In order to insure safety, all installations of wiring and equipment covered by the National Electrical Code® should be required to have permits and electrical inspections. This includes, but is not limited to, such low-voltage and limited-energy systems as telecommunications, security, nurse call, computer networks, audio and video distribution, optical fiber, emergency voice/alarm signaling systems, and cable television.

3. In addition to their public safety benefits, electrical inspections confirm that qualified electrical contractors are on the job and help protect the public against untrained or unprofessional contractors and electricians.

Too often, unqualified installers perform improper electrical installations out of ignorance, cut corners in order to reduce costs, and use products that don’t meet national safety requirements or local laws and codes. The result can be unsafe installations that pose shock and fire hazards to users, and which also damages the public’s confidence in the safety of, and therefore the value of, properly constructed electrical installations brings the entire electrical contracting profession into disrepute.

4. The cost of electrical inspections should be supported by permit and inspection fees paid directly by builders and electrical contractors. The cost of this vital public safety function should not be paid indirectly out of general funds, because this makes it vulnerable to fiscal cycles experienced by state and local governments. By the same token, revenues from electrical permit and inspection fees should be used only to provide and maintain a strong, professional electrical inspection function that protects public safety. They should not be regarded as a source of general public revenue.

5. NECA believes that electrical inspectors should be trained electricians with at least five years practical field experience in electrical construction, and that they should be certified by a nationally recognized organization such as the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) and the International Code Council (ICC). NECA also believes that such certification or equivalent credentials should include mandatory continuing education for renewal processes as new NEC editions are published. Only persons with substantial National Electrical Code® knowledge and experience, which has been verified by an independent
agency, should be entrusted with performing this important public safety function.

(Adopted Oct. 25, 1997)

Action on Ordinary Proposal #4:
Being properly submitted by the NECA Safety Task Force, this proposal to amend Standing Policy 19 regarding Safety Programs and Safe Workers was ADOPTED by voice vote.

Ordinary Proposal #4 – Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #19, Safety Programs and Safe Workers Submitted by the NECA Safety Task Force

Proposed Language
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NECA believes that safety is an integral part of achieving excellence in the electrical contracting business by maintaining the highest productivity, quality, and safety standards in a proactive, practical, and cost effective approach to manage organizational loss control. NECA members demonstrate safety professionalism and responsibility through every aspect of work and services they provide including designing, planning, construction, service work, and implementing operations with a minimum of disruption to customers. NECA’s commitment to jobsite safety is reinforced by placing special emphasis in quality training programs that integrate safety into project pre-planning and project management.

NECA, historically, has supported and continues to support the highest safety standards in construction for the benefit of its members, the industry and the consuming public. NECA actively advocates maintaining the safest and most productive workplace possible. NECA members appreciate the benefits of a workplace free from injuries, the advantage of a productive work force, and the responsibility of offering a safe working environment. To that end, NECA believes that to achieve zero injuries in the workplace, contractors must strive for zero energized work environments as the normal and best practice, whenever achievable.

NECA members understand jobsite safety is an important responsibility shared between employers and employees and affirms that implementing safe work practices is not optional. The association believes that a trained and qualified workforce has responsibility to recognize and avoid workplace hazards and, where necessary, employers provide appropriate the required personal protective equipment for workers exposed to workplace hazards.

NECA remains active in government relations and rulemaking processes related to worker safety. The association actively participates in electrical safety standard development, such as NFPA 70 the National Electrical Code, and NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace and other safety legislation that affects the

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industry. NECA is committed to supporting collaborative effective efforts in industry alliances and partnerships sharing common safety objectives.

The goal of NECA members is to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees and to foster efficient operations, thereby offering the best possible product and services to the customer. Effective safety-related work practices and principles must be integrated into the planning and installation of electrical work as well as into design.

NECA members recognize that implementing effective safety programs and safe work practices is often challenged by cultural differences and other distraction that are not in the best interest of employees or employers challenging. And they are dedicated to solving these problems NECA members are dedicated to addressing these challenges while establishing and maintaining safety in the workplace. Safety Excellence results from safe work practices that continuously strive for Zero Injuries. NECA’s commitment to safety excellence and safe work environments remains active, focused and constant.

(Adopted Sept. 12, 2009)
(Revised Oct. 7, 2017)
Establishment of the NECA Executive Committee:

**Election of President:**
*There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidate was elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2018:*

President
David Long, Jacksonville, Florida

**Election of Member Vice Presidents:**
*There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2018:*

Vice President, District 1  Michael E McPhee, Farmington, Connecticut
Vice President, District 3  Kirk Davis, Shreveport, Louisiana
Vice President, District 5  Vincent Real, San Antonio, Texas
Vice President, District 7  Gregory A Rick, Moorhead, Minnesota
Vice President, District 9  Earl Restine Jr, San Diego, California

**Announcement of Executive Committee Selection for Vice President At Large**
President Hardt announced that the Executive Committee had appointed Larry Beltramo as the Vice President at Large for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2018. Mr. Beltramo represents Rosendin Electric of San Jose, California.

Special thanks were offered to retiring Vice Presidents Nicolaus Feldmann, David Long, Doug Hague, Skip Perley, Leonard Lynch and Clayton Scharff.

**Action on Honorary Membership for President Hardt**
The Executive Committee had nominated David A. Hardt for honorary membership. Mr. Hardt relinquished the chair to President Elect David Long.

An Honorary Membership for Mr. Hardt, based upon his significant contributions to the industry, was ADOPTED by voice vote.

**Other Business:**
There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

\[signature\]

Traci M. Walker
Secretary

October 7, 2017