

**The Academy of Electrical Contracting
General Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2017
Four Seasons, Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Dennis F. Quebe ('06), Chairman

J. Michael Thompson ('92), Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Quebe called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Rex Ferry ('02) offered an invocation and Lenny Lynch ('13) led Fellows in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME TO NEW FELLOWS

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

Wes Anderson ('16)

Earl Restine, Jr ('16)

Susan Ernst ('16)

Sonja Rheaume ('16)

Glenn Kingsbury ('16)

David Samuels ('16)

Terry Lette ('16)

Steve Washburn ('16)

James McDonald ('16)

Jim Young ('16)

Lindsay Mills ('16)

Russ Zimmerman ('16)

MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 11, 2016 General Meeting held in Asheville, North Carolina were approved as distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Thompson requested a moment of silence for those **Fellows deceased** since the last meeting:

John Alfred Battisson ('94)

Patrick L Mark ('98)

Cyrus "Cy" N Fox ('91)

Edgar "Ed" Walton ('81)

Thomas P Hanlon, Jr ('85)

Charles P "Jed" Wilson ('69)

John W Hahn ('80)

Thompson reported on the action by the Board of Directors in approving Fellows for the transfer from **Active to Emeritus status** effective immediately:

Jimmy Coker ('12)

Charles E Mink ('97)

Tom Demcsak ('12)

Andres Quintana ('02)

Michael Glasman ('12)

Frank Russell ('92)

Steve Kohnen ('09)

Dan Shine ('89)

Howard Mayers ('06)

Michael Toman ('13)

Thomas McClure ('14)

Edward Witt, Sr ('89)

James McGlynn ('98)

Thompson reported on a discussion by the Board of Directors to recommend an amendment to Article II, Sec 1(e) of the *Rules of the Academy*. This amendment would give future recipients of the NECA Association Distinguished Service Award direct entry into the Academy (as are the

winners of the McGraw, Comstock and Coggeshall Awards). The Board agreed to submit an Ordinary Proposal requesting this change to NECA's Board of Governors.

JURY REPORT

Rex Ferry ('02), Chairman of the **Jury of Fellows**, reported on the election of the following thirteen candidates for Fellowship in the Academy by the Board of Directors as a result of their unanimous approval at two consecutive reviews by the Jury of Fellows:

Larry Clennon Clennon Electric Company Wilmington, IL	Francis Marcotte Sturgeon Electric Henderson, CO
Jeffrey Collins York Electric, Inc. Dayton, OH	Shawn Murphy Wasatch Electric Salt Lake City, UT
David Gill Metro Electric Sioux City, IA	Thomas Parkes O'Connell Electric, Inc. Victor, NY
Kellie Holland Empire Electric Inc Broomfield, CO	John Riley "Rilo" Stephens Eckardt Electric Atlanta, GA
Susan King Southern Colorado Chapter, NECA Colorado Springs, CO	Donald Stockton Baker Electric, Inc. Des Moines, IA
Robert LaLumiere American Line Builders Chapter, NECA Vandalia, OH	David White Premier Electric, Inc. Evansville, IN
Ciro Lupo Commercial Electrical Contractors, Inc. Long Island City, NY	

Letters of notification and congratulation from Chairman Quebe were mailed immediately following the Board of Directors meeting. The mailing included an invitation to attend the NECA Convention in Seattle, WA for their installation ceremony into the Academy on October 8, 2017 at the Opening General Session.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Quebe thanked the following Fellows for their service to the Board of Directors from 2015 to 2017: Stan Lazarian ('05); Anthony Maloney ('12); Greg Rick ('12) and Dan Schaeffer ('09). Quebe introduced David Hardt ('07), Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The committee included Skip Perley ('06) and Dan Walter ('02) as Secretary.

Hardt reported that the committee proposed the following candidates for a three-year term on the Board of Directors (from 2018 through 2020).

David Pinter ('08)	Brad Weir ('13)
Greg Stewart ('08)	Jim Young ('16)

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

NECA ACTIVITY REPORT

David Hardt ('07), President of NECA, discussed current activities and initiatives at NECA.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following papers were presented and are available on the Academy's website:

Partnerships and Joint Ventures: A Business Strategy for Success by Darrell Gossett ('13)

The Evolution of Technology in the Electrical Construction Industry by Mike Joyce ('14)

FUTURE MEETINGS

Chairman Quebe announced that the next gathering of the Academy is a reception during the NECA Convention in Seattle. It is scheduled for Sunday October 8, 2017 at the Benaroya Hall. Quebe explained that 2018 marks fifty years of Academy meetings and we will celebrate this milestone at our two meetings next year:

- The Annual Meeting is June 7-9, 2018 at the Montage in Laguna Beach, California
- The Convention Reception will be at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia (near the site of the original Academy gathering in 1968) on September 30, 2018.

The 2019 annual meeting will be at the Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Canada from June 12-14.

Mike Thompson described opportunities in the Laguna Beach area for next year's annual meeting.

SPEAKER

Chairman Quebe introduced the guest speaker, John Stufflebeem, who told his story: *Some Kind of Life!* Veterans were asked to stand for recognition at the beginning of his remarks. He described the good fortune he had as a Navy Pilot; moving through the ranks to become an Admiral; his football career at the Naval Academy and the NFL; flying and befriending Jimmy Buffet; and acting as the face of the Pentagon in the aftermath of 9-11. He shared his military perspective: "Where a good day was going to bad places and doing bad things to bad people!" He also shared a mosaic that showed where **light** is prevalent in the world; pointing out that light generally indicates civilized, progressive societies where good people usually live. His remarks were well received.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



J. Michael Thompson
Secretary