



**2016  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Boston Convention Center  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**October 7, 2016**

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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:	Gerald W Schulz - Neenah, Wisconsin
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:	Robert May - Salt Lake City, Utah
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	North Texas Chapter .....	Mark Huston
Albany Chapter .....	Joseph P Gross	NorthEast Louisiana Chapter .....	Martin West
American Line Builders Chapter .....	Thomas M Wolden	Northeastern Illinois Chapter .....	Craig R Martin
Arizona Chapter .....	Martin Skalon, Alternate	Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter .....	James C Atkins
Arkansas Chapter .....	Mitchel C Hughes	Northern California Chapter .....	Lewis Frain
Atlanta Chapter .....	Harold Danforth	Northern Illinois Chapter .....	Lewis G Maffioli
Atlantic Coast Chapter .....	Terry J Lette	Northern Indiana Chapter .....	Anthony J Maloney III
Augusta Chapter .....	Rudolph Dixon	Northern New Jersey Chapter .....	Joseph A Lacerenza
Baton Rouge Chapter .....	Hermon L Milton	Northern New York Chapter .....	Joel Bovee
Boston Chapter .....	Joseph H Bodio	Northwest Line Constructors Chapter .....	Gary A Tucci
Cascade Chapter .....	Paul C Sorensen	Ohio/Michigan Chapter .....	Raymond S Brint
Central Indiana Chapter .....	Darrell Gossett	Oklahoma Chapter .....	Jeff L Lewis
Central Massachusetts Chapter .....	Jonathan Ostrow	Orange County Chapter .....	Ted M Kristensen, Alternate
Central Ohio Chapter .....	Susan Ernst	Oregon-Columbia Chapter .....	Ryan M Landon
Chicago & Cook County Chapter .....	David Witz	Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter .....	Jim Hess
Cincinnati Chapter .....	Kevin J Broxterman, Alternate	Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter .....	Luke R Cunningham
Connecticut Chapter .....	Michael E McPhee	Puget Sound Chapter .....	Marvin D Nelson
Contra Costa Chapter .....	Rick Henry	Red River Valley Chapter .....	Marvin L Groves II
Dakotas Chapter .....	Gregory A Rick	Redwood Empire Chapter .....	Robert Smith
East Central California Chapter .....	David J Helsel	RI & Southeast Massachusetts Chapter .....	Christopher O'Rourke
East Tennessee Chapter .....	Michael L Young	Rochester New York Chapter .....	Daniel R Streicher
Eastern Illinois Chapter .....	Gregory L Outsen	Rocky Mountain Chapter .....	Craig Clark
Eastern Oklahoma Chapter .....	Larry K LaFave	San Diego County Chapter .....	Earl Restine Jr
Finger Lakes NY Chapter .....	John Amicucci	San Francisco Chapter .....	James P Young
Florida West Coast Chapter .....	Andy DeLaParte	Santa Clara Valley Chapter .....	Medford 'Pepper' Snyder, Alternate
Georgia Chapter .....	Brad Butler	South Florida Chapter .....	Paul Maggi, Alternate
Greater Cleveland Chapter .....	David Haines	South Texas Chapter .....	John C Wright
Greater Sacramento Chapter .....	Frank E Schetter	Southeast Texas Chapter .....	Matthew B Cappadonna
Gulf Coast Chapter .....	Charles Freeman	Southeastern Michigan Chapter .....	William M Darish
Hawaii Chapter .....	Steve T Watanabe	Southern Arizona Chapter .....	John F Kostyo
Hudson Valley Chapter .....	Joseph Deleonardis	Southern Colorado Chapter .....	James L Peterson
Idaho Chapter .....	Jeffrey L Wheeler	Southern Indiana Chapter .....	Johnny C Dyke
Illinois Chapter .....	Wes Anderson	Southern Nevada Chapter .....	Robert J Lisowski
Inland Empire Chapter .....	David A Peterson	Southern New Jersey Chapter .....	Raymond Palmieri
Intermountain Chapter .....	Chris Thomson	Southern Sierras Chapter .....	Thomas G Ispas
Iowa Chapter .....	David J Gill	Southern Tier Chapter .....	Matthew P Labosky
Kansas Chapter .....	Shawn P Smith	Southwest Washington Chapter .....	Scott B Stephens
Kansas City Chapter .....	Don Laffoon	St Louis Chapter .....	Brian J Kohnen
Kern County Chapter .....	Bret Smith, Alternate	St Paul Chapter .....	William P Lindberg
Long Island Chapter .....	Donald Leslie Jr	Twin Ports-Arrowhead Chapter .....	Blair Mahan
Los Angeles County Chapter .....	Fred Neubauer	Washington DC Chapter .....	David F. McKay, Alternate
Louisville Chapter .....	James E Strange Jr	West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter .....	Ted Brady
Mahoning Valley Chapter .....	David A Dickey	Western Line Constructors Chapter .....	James Stapp
Maryland Chapter .....	Jack F Beck Jr	Western Massachusetts Chapter .....	Lawrence F Eagan
Memphis Chapter .....	David N Estes	Western NY State Chapter .....	Kevin M Mislin
Michigan Chapter .....	Robert J Turner II	Western Ohio Chapter .....	John S Frantz
Milwaukee Chapter .....	David M Washebek	Western Pennsylvania Chapter .....	Todd A Mikec
Minneapolis Chapter .....	Tim Holmberg	Wisconsin Chapter .....	Mark A Hady
Montana Chapter .....	Jim Michlig	Wyoming Chapter .....	Brad Reece
Monterey Bay California Chapter .....	Frederick A Jensen		
Nebraska Chapter .....	Daniel M Smith		
New Mexico Chapter .....	Troy L Beall		
New York City Chapter .....	Hal B Sokoloff		
North Central Ohio Chapter .....	Anthony L Shreve		
North Louisiana Chapter .....	Kirk Davis		

**INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS**

Canadian Electrical Contractors  
Association (CECA)..... Colin Campbell, Alternate  
Canadian Electrical Contractors  
Association – Pacific (CECA Pacific).....Robert Alger  
Corporation of Master Electricians of  
Quebec..... Simon Bussiere  
Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario..... Dan Lancia

**The following were not represented:**

**Domestic Chapters**

California Central Coast Chapter  
Central Florida Chapter  
Central Illinois Chapter  
Central Mississippi Chapter  
Central Texas Chapter  
El Paso Chapter  
Missouri Valley Line Constructors Chapter  
North Florida Chapter  
Quad-Cities Chapter  
San Mateo County Chapter  
South Louisiana Chapter  
Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter  
Southwest Louisiana Chapter  
Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter  
West Texas Chapter

**International Chapters**

ACEN NECA Monterrey  
Bermuda Electrical Contractors Association (BECA)  
Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association  
Korea Electrical Contractors Association  
MEA (Master Electricians Australia)  
NECA (Australia) - National Office  
NECA ACEH Honduras  
NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)  
NECA Americ (Mexico) - National Office

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Robert May led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome from Host City:** Joseph H. Bodio, Governor of the Boston Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Boston.

**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 development of a learning management system for online training. Funds for this program were authorized by the Board of Governors at their 2015 meeting.

**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.

**Presentation of Industry Partner Award:** Mr. Hardt presented the 2016 award to Thomas & Betts for their partnering efforts with NECA.

**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 San Francisco, CA on October 3, 2015, were approved as submitted by voice vote.*

**Action on Bylaw Amendment Proposal #1:**

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to amend Section 6.3 regarding Chapter Affiliation Requirements was **ADOPTED**. A ballot vote was required and the results showed 4,146 votes cast FOR and 0 votes cast AGAINST. A two-thirds majority was required to adopt this amendment.*

**Bylaw Amendment Proposal #1**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT #1** — Proposal to amend Section 6.3 (g) re Chapter Affiliation Requirements (submitted by District 10)

**Current Language**

**Proposed Language**

**ARTICLE VI CHAPTERS**

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(~~strikeover~~ indicates deleted language; underline indicates new language)

**Section 6.3. Chapter Affiliation Requirements.** All Chapters affiliated with this Association shall be required to:

(a) through (f) and (h) through (i) – no changes.

(g) Maintain with this Association, four (4) copies of all agreements, which the Chapter enters into with labor organizations and all supplements or amendments thereto. This Association shall not be party to, or responsible for a Chapter's compliance with, any such agreements, irrespective of whether such agreements contain a provision calling for or requiring "National Association" approval of such agreement. No local chapter, its employee(s), officer(s) or representative(s) is authorized to act on behalf of this Association. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to impose any duty or liability on this Association. No District shall enact a Districtwide labor agreement without prior approval of the Board of Governors of this Association.

(g) ~~Maintain with~~ Submit to this Association, ~~four (4) copies of in the required format,~~ all agreements, which the Chapter enters into with labor organizations and all supplements or amendments thereto. This Association shall not be party to, or responsible for a Chapter's compliance with, any such agreements, irrespective of whether such agreements contain a provision calling for or requiring "National Association" approval of such agreement. No local chapter, its employee(s), officer(s) or representative(s) is authorized to act on behalf of this Association. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to impose any duty or liability on this Association. No District shall enact a Districtwide labor agreement without prior approval of the Board of Governors of this Association.

*(Adopted Jan. 4, 1955)*

*(Revised Oct. 23, 1965; Oct. 6, 1979; Sept. 30, 1989; Oct. 7, 1995; Oct. 23, 1999; Oct. 2, 2010)*

**Establishment of the NECA Executive Committee:**

**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, 2017:*

Vice President, District 2	Daniel B. Walsh, Louisville, Kentucky
Vice President, District 4	Wes Anderson, Springfield, Illinois
Vice President, District 6	Gloria Ashford, Kirkland, Washington
Vice President, District 8	James McDonald, Missoula, Montana
Vice President, District 10	Thomas G. Halpin, Hingham, Massachusetts

Special thanks were offered to retiring Vice Presidents Jerry Schulz and Robert May.

**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 11:47 a.m.



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