

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Electrical Commission meeting held on July 19, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Smith at 8:00 AM.

The following members were present: Steve Nielsen, Robert Cronin, Steve Arne, Tim McIntyre, Jesse Smith (via phone), and Duane Mergen (via phone). Absent: Cam Becker. A quorum was present.

Others present were: JJ Linn – Executive Director and Diana Peterson – Office Secretary.

Motion by Cronin; Seconded by Nielsen to approve the minutes of April 19, 2012.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

Inspectors report:

- Reviewed minutes of the May 3, 2012 Inspectors meeting
- Tony Rath has completed his probationary period.
- Bob Jaskulka was hired as a full time Inspector in the Watertown area.
- Wayne Heuer was hired as a part-time inspector in the northeast part of the State.
- Doug Viet was hired as a part-time inspector in the Sioux Falls area.
- Reviewed updated district map. Commissioner Cronin suggested cities in close proximity such as Pierre and Fort Pierre be in the same district. Director Linn noted this will be done when the new database is implemented.

Old Business

- Director Linn reported the new database is coming along, yet renewal season slowed the process. BIT is approximately 75% complete at this time.
- Director Linn reported there have been no changes on the reciprocal agreement status sheet. He will be attending the National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance meeting in Lincoln, NE in August.
- Director Linn presented a policy proposal for the Undertaking Fund. The Members reviewed the policy and directed Director Linn to check with the other States as to the existence of similar funds and the manner in which other states manage the funds.

New Business

- Director Linn gave an update on the renewals. The number of renewals and non-renewals were very similar to the previous renewal cycle in 2010. Director Linn noted Roxi and Diana did a great job during the renewal period of processing renewals and completing their day to day duties.

- President Smith announced nominations are now in order for the office of President. Commissioner Cronin nominated Jesse Smith; Seconded by Arne. President Smith requested additional nominations. Seeing none President Smith declared Jesse Smith elected to the position of President by acclamation. President Smith announced nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner McIntyre nominated Cam Becker; Seconded by Arne. President Smith requested additional nominations. Seeing none President Smith declared Cam Becker elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.
- Motion by Arne; Seconded by Nielsen to send a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Youth Engineering Adventure in memory of Harlan Nielsen. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Reports

- The reports for April, May, and June were reviewed. Motion by McIntyre; Seconded by Arne to approve the reports. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Code Committee: No report.

President's report: President Smith thanked the Commission for letting him serve as President for an additional term. President Smith noted the Commission needs to be mindful of our finances and needs to continue to finalize the database process.

Director's report:

- Director Linn reported that we are involved in five prosecutions/investigations for wiring without the proper license or permit:
 - A licensee in the Pierre area is scheduled to be tried in November regarding conducting installations of which he was not at the required level of licensure and failed to pull a permit on the installations.
 - Frank Burton III of Lawrence County was sentenced to 10 years in the South Dakota penitentiary and is required to pay restitution.
 - Two licensees and one non-licensee in the Rapid City area are being investigated for conducting installation without the required level of licensure.
- Director Linn reported he attended the Roberts Rules of Order meeting presented by DLR.
- Director Linn reported a complaint had been received regarding the Aberdeen Pearson Vue site. ICC and Pearson Vue have been informed and are addressing the complaint.
- Director Linn reported a complaint had been received regarding the time required to attain one hour of continuing education by BlueVolt (online continuing education provider). BlueVolt has been contacted and a remedy has been implemented by BlueVolt.
- Director Linn noted he would be requesting to send at least two Inspectors to the Western Section IAEI in Arkansas. Director Linn asked if any Members would

be interested in attending. Member Arne requested to be considered pending his availability.

- Director Linn noted he had an inquiry from a local contractor regarding the availability for licensees to be able to sit for their Journeyman's exam immediately following schooling. Members noted retention is also an important part of the learning experience. Director Linn will review the law and inform the inquirer of the Members comment and the availability allowed by the law.
- Director Linn informed the Members of his additional duties as liaison between the Department of Labor and Regulation and the Appraiser Certification Board and the Abstractor's Board of Examiners.

The next meeting will be October 18, 2012 via conference call starting at 8:00 AM.

Motion by Mergen: Seconded by Cronin to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by roll call vote.

Cam Becker, Commission Secretary