

**Board of Electricity  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 13, 2010  
Minnesota Room – Department of Labor & Industry  
443 Lafayette Road No, St Paul 55155  
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**Members Present:**

Douglas Fingerson  
James Freichels  
William Hoskins  
Kim Huxford  
Daniel Klein  
John McConnell  
John Schultz  
(DLI Commissioner's Designee)  
Thomas Seanger  
Jeffrey Slimmer  
Anthony Toft  
Joe Vespa

**Members Absent:**

Timothy Malooly

**Staff Present:**

Bill Bierman  
Sandy Arndt

**Visitors:**

John Ploetz  
Scott Nutting  
Dan McConnell  
Tony Maghrak  
Russ Ernst  
Gary Thaden  
Jim Nimlos  
Judy Cook  
David Fisch

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vespa at 9:04 a.m. and role was taken.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Freichels and seconded by Fingerson to approve the meeting agenda. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

A member pointed out the misspelling of "rued" which should be "ruled" located on page 2, last paragraph in the last sentence. A motion was made by Fingerson and seconded by Hoskins to approve the April 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes as amended. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

#### **IV. Regular Business**

##### A. Expense Approval

- i. A motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Freichels to approve Expense Reports and Per Diems. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

##### B. Enforcement

- i. Updates

#### **V. Special Business**

##### A. Election of Officers - The meeting was turned over to Schultz for election of Officers.

- i. Chair – Toft nominated Vespa. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and Vespa was re-elected as Chair.
- ii. Vice-Chair – Seanger nominated Hoskins. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and Hoskins was elected as Vice-Chair.
- iii. Secretary – Freichels nominated Toft. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and Toft was re-elected as Secretary.

The meeting was turned back over the re-elected Chair Vespa.

##### B. Reciprocal Agreement(s)

- i. Update on MN State Master Reciprocity Agreement (with SD) – Schultz informed the Board that the South Dakota Electrical Commission will be meeting July 15, 2010 and they will be addressing the Reciprocal Agreement should hear a response afterwards.
- ii. Update on South Dakota's ICC exam and Update on Multi State Reciprocity Agreement – On August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bismarck, Schultz will be attending the annual Multi State Reciprocal Agreement meeting at which there will also be discussion of licensing process and exams. Schultz will have an update at the Board of Electricity Meeting in October.

##### C. 2011 National Electric Code –

- ii. Schultz made a motion and seconded by Seanger to publish a Request for Comments for Adoption of the 2011 NEC. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### A. Construction Codes Advisory Council – Tom Seanger

Seanger was unable to attend the meeting. Schultz has the update.

### B. Legislative Update – John Schultz

The most of the CCAC meeting was comprised of legislative report. There were a number of bills that impacted DLI and only a few bills affected the electrical industry. HF927 was 2009 DLI housekeeping bill that reinforces the enforcement tools. SF2510, is a bill dealing with DLI's license fee restructure that will go into effect on January 1, 2012. HF1671 is a bill increasing the surcharge fee from 50 cents to \$5 on fixed fee permits. This increase will only be in effect for 1 year and is estimated to generate \$1.2 million. This was in an effort to partially offset the \$1.515 million transfer to the general fund.

The department has begun a plan review and inspection fee study in a similar manner that it did with license fees. It's likely that fees will be recommended to be adjusted as part of this study. There will be more information at the October 2010 meeting.

There are new Electrical Inspection Forms available on the website which include the \$5 surcharge. The number of forms has increased to coincide with the new database that the division is now using. It's anticipated that within the month or so homeowners and electrical contractors will be able to file and pay on-line.

Schultz also identified that all CCLD license types can now be searched from the department's homepage at [www.dli.mn.gov](http://www.dli.mn.gov). The links are in the left margin.

## **VII. Complaints**

No complaints were directed to the Board.

## **VIII. Open Forum**

Schultz explained the online permit system will be available for Electrical within the next couple of months. Since this new system supports all of CCLD they are implementing each unit in stages.

Schultz explained when the new laws go into effect that information will be on the department's website. Bierman offered to give the members who are interested in this information the direct website link.

### **IX. Board Discussion**

Thank you to the new Officers and all the extra work they will be putting forth.

### **X. Announcements**

#### A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- i. Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- ii. Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- iii. Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- iv. Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- v. Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

### **XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Hoskins, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Electricity, the vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Board adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Anthony Toft*

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