

Meeting Minutes: Board of Electricity

Date: April 10, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Minnesota Room, Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present:

David Curtis
Alfreda Daniels
Cole Funseth
Derrick Givens
Duane Hendricks – Sec. (via
teleconference)
Laura Karow
Scott Novotny – Vice Chair
Joe Vespa (via teleconference)
Daniel Westberg – Chair
John Williamson
Weston Wilson

Members Absent:

Peter Lindahl

DLI Staff & Visitors:

Jeff Lebowski (DLI)
Lyndy Logan (DLI)
Suzanne Todnem (DLI)
John Williamson (DLI)
Dean Hunter (DLI)
Todd Green (DLI)
Charlie Durenberger (DLI)
Marty Kumm (DLI)
Michelle Dreier (MEA)
Gary Thaden (NECA)
Ray Zeran (IBEW 292)
Andy Snope (IBEW)
David Fisch (MNESTA)
Stacy Miller (Dept. of Commerce)
Penrick Atkins (MPLS JATC)
Russ Ernst (MNESTA)
Ed Lethert (ESDPA)
Jim Freichels (Dell-Comm, Inc.)
Dan Moynihan (City of St. Paul)
Adam Hanson (ABC)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Westberg. Roll call was taken by Secretary Hendricks and a quorum was declared with 11 of 12 voting members present or via teleconference.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Karow, to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Givens, to approve the January 9, 2018, meeting minutes. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

4. Regular Business

- a. **Expense Approval** – reviewed and approved the per diem and expenses. A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Givens, to approve per diem and expenses. The roll vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.
- b. **Enforcement & licensing update**
No updates
- c. **Inspections update**
Williamson referred to the following handouts:
 - Minnesota, Solar Jobs Consensus 2017 – visit:
<https://www.thesolarfoundation.org/solar-jobs-census-factsheet-2017-mn/>
 - CCLD Review, Spring 2018, pages 5-6 – visit:
<http://www.dli.state.mn.us/CCLD/PDF/review46Summer18.pdf>

5. Special Business

Westberg asked the Board to review possible code changes and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

6. Committee Reports

Construction Codes Advisory Council

The next CCAC meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018.

7. Complaints

No complaints brought forth

8. Open Forum

Ed Lethert, Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association (ESDPA).



The ESDPA is focused mainly on marinas and spreading awareness of the dangers of going into the water where electricity is involved. Lethert showed a “No Swimming!” warning sign that marinas have been asked to post. Electric shock drowning can also occur in swimming pools and irrigation canals. He asked the Board to help get the word out to save lives.

The ESDPA, with respect to Article 555 of the NEC, is assisting code making authorities determine what safe levels of ground protection should be by visiting marinas and measuring ground fault currents at the docks. The code needs to take these issues into account.

9. Board Discussion

Williamson gave Board members a handout titled “The Laws and Rules Regulating Licensing of Electricians and Inspections of Electrical Installations” dated November 1, 2017.

10. Announcements

Next regularly scheduled meetings – 9:00 a.m. Minnesota Room, DLI

- a. July 10, 2018 (annual meeting)
- b. October 9, 2018

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Givens, to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane Hendricks

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Secretary