

DATE: January 15, 2015

TO: James Brown
Warren Coklow
Michael Cronk Jr.
Ray Litt
Ric Preuss
Marian Swint

FROM: Bert McAlister, Acting Chairman

RE: **BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS MEETING**

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
2. Board Hearings
 - Mr. David Vance: Journeyman Exam Applicant
3. Board Considerations
 - Accommodation Request: Hosea Williamson
4. Applications for Approvals and Reviews
5. Correspondence
 - David Vance: Invitation to the Board
 - Revision Chart of *Sec. 406.0 of Ordinance 604-H*
 - Revision of the Board's Mission Statement
 - Revision of "About the Board" Newsletter submission
 - Revision of "In Honored Memory" for Jimmi Smith
 - *Proceedings of the 1999 ASME/IEEE Joint Railroad Conference (M1 Rail)*
6. Unfinished Business:
 - Apprentice Coordinator Forum Update
 - Board's Administrative Rules: Review of revised *Section 406.0*
 - Traveling Electricians
 - M1 Rail Update
7. New Business
 - Accommodation Request: Drafting Failure Procedures
8. Adjournment



MINUTES OF MEETING FOR DECEMBER 18, 2014

POSITION	MEMBER	PRESENT
ACTING CHAIRMAN	BERT MCALISTER	YES
SECRETARY	MARIAN SWINT	YES
CONTRACTOR		
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	RAY LITT	YES
ELECTRICAL UTILITY	JAMES BROWN	YES
EX-OFFICIO	MICHAEL CRONK JR.	YES
JOURNEYMAN	RIC PREUSS	YES
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	WARREN COKLOW	YES
PUBLIC LIGHTING REP.		
RESIDENT TAXPAYER	BERT MCALISTER	YES

NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, LOCATED IN THE FIRST FLOOR EAST LOBBY, OF THE COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER, TWO WOODWARD AVENUE.

The meeting convened at 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Durand Capers: Supervising Electrical Inspector was present at the meeting.

Mr. Warren Coklow joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Litt.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Litt to approve the minutes of November 20, 2014: **Motion carried.**

BOARD HEARINGS:

None

BOARD CONSIDERATIONS:

None



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APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS:

Vance, David: Denied for Journeyman Examination-Mr. Vance currently works as an overhead lineman which does not qualify him for the Journeyman exam.

APPRENTICE REGISTRATION

Doku, Jonas

Muniz, Alex

Haliburton, Tobias

APPLICANTS NOT APPROVED

Vance, David-Mr. Vance's work experience as an overhead lineman disqualifies him from obtaining an Apprentice Registration.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

Anything Electrical Contracting Registration

B-N-S Electrical Updated Paperwork Submitted

Conti-HTE, LLC. License

Industry Electric Registration

MJM Electric Inc. Registration

Wired Up Electrical Construction Registration

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chrysler Apprenticeship Curriculum: An Apprentice applicant submitted his application last month with a questionable curriculum from Chrysler. The acting chairman spoke with the Chrysler Coordinator, who stated that Chrysler sends their Apprentices either to Henry Ford or Macomb County Community Colleges for their required classes, which are both approved training courses. The coordinator also emailed Mr. McAlister a copy of the curriculums offered through Macomb and Henry Ford which is now presented to the Board for review. The coordinator also informed Mr. McAlister that Chrysler has two types of Apprenticeship programs:

1. A program for newly hired employees.
2. Employees who have completed their apprenticeship through Chrysler, but are required to have additional training if they have not yet obtained their Journeyman License.

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN

None

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

None

**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR DECEMBER 18, 2014****FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR**

None

FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN'S LICENSE

None

FIRE ALARM APPRENTICE

None

SIGN SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

None

SIGN SPECIALIST LICENSE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.

- ***The Board's Mission Statement:*** Mr. Litt submitted his draft for the Board Mission Statement at November's meeting for review. Mr. Litt made a motion that the Mission statement be accepted with the suggested modifications. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- ***Jimmi Smith Newsletter Article:*** Mr. McAlister submitted an article for the newsletter in tribute to the late Jimmi Smith. After review, Mr. McAlister made a motion to accept as written with modifications. Mr. Litt seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Mr. McAlister will email Mrs. Smith a revised copy for approval before going to print.
- ***Electrical Newsletter Article: Introduction to the Board:*** Mr. McAlister submitted an article for the Board's space in the Electrical Division's newsletter: *About the Board*. Mr. Litt made a motion to accept as written with modifications. Mr. Pruess seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- ***Apprentice Coordinator Forum Update:*** Mr. McAlister went to see the Building Authority regarding reserving the auditorium on the 13th floor for the forum. Mr. McAlister was given two dates: March 18, 2015 and April 15, 2015. Based on last month's discussion, the March date is out. Therefore, a request submittal was put in for April 15, 2015. The request was submitted to BSEED's Administration through Lillian Ortiz, and now awaiting confirmation of the date. An agenda needs to be drafted such as, consideration for applications that are rejected and primary reasons for such, and what can the coordinators do to better interact with the Electrical Division?



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- ***M1 Rail Project:*** There have not been any inspections requested for this project as of yet. Mr. Preuss stated that the General Contractor (Stacy Woodbeck) is performing the electrical work right now with employees that reside in and out of the state, and are not electricians. Rauhorn Electric is doing the PLD duct bank work only. Mr. Preuss stated all the underground work and branch circuits are done, and are now encased in concrete. Mr. Preuss stated that he caught some guys last week putting in conduit on Woodward who would not answer him in regard to whom they were employed, but did inform him that they were from out of state. A motion was made by Mr. Litt to send a letter to BSEED's Director, Mr. Eric Jones, regarding the Board's concern and ask Mr. Jones to advise as to what if any action will be taken by Mr. Jones, along with a copy of the Board's minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Preuss. **Motion carried.**
- ***Administrative Rules Revision: Ordinance 604-H Section 406.0:*** The revisions proposed in November of Sec. 406.0 were presented to the Board this month. Mr. McAlister spoke with Mr. Wayne Robinson and Mr. Glenn Davis and they stated that the Department is in the process of re-writing this Ordinance. Mr. McAlister stated that he informed them that the Board has its own proposals for changes in the Ordinance that will be submitted. Further revisions were suggested and will be re-submitted to the Board next month for review. Mr. McAlister suggested that the Board review Public Act 217. Mr. McAlister stated that he would like to submit the Board's proposal for the Ordinance no later than February 2015.
- ***Apprentice Residency Update:*** This issue will be tabled for the January 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***IAEI(International Association of Electrical Inspectors) Winter Meeting:*** Mr. McAlister attended the winter meeting in Frankenmuth. The IAEI sponsors a program four times a year. While attending the meeting, the coordinator of the committees asked Mr. McAlister to join one of the committees. Mr. McAlister stated that at one time Detroit was one of the anchors of the Electrical Industry for decades. Now, Detroit no longer has the presence in the Industry it once held. Mr. McAlister suggested that the Board members should consider participating in the IAEI meetings and events, and perhaps even give a presentation in order to expand Detroit's presence. Mr. Litt asked for more clarification on why the Board should be involved in the IAEI. Mr. Cronk stated exposure, and Mr. Preuss stated support to the industry. Mr. McAlister stated that he was not sure if any opportunities would be present, but it is a suggestion he would like open to the Board. The Board is representative of the Electrical Industry in Detroit, and why shouldn't the Board participate and represent at the meetings.

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Mr. Preuss stated there is an effort to dismantle the Electrical Inspection Divisions throughout the state of Michigan, and if we don't become more involved and engage each other, the industry will become more prone to legislation such as Senate Bill 358. If these pieces of proposed legislation become an agenda item in Congress, we will see more and more systematic dismantling of Inspection Divisions throughout the state. Mr. Capers volunteered to become a member of the IAEI. Mr. Preuss made a motion for the Board to participate and be more active and engaged by participating in the IAEI. Mr. Litt seconded the motion. **Motion is lost, tie vote received.**

Mr. Preuss amended his motion: This body will select and appoint a person to represent the Board at the IAEI and attend the meetings. Mr. Litt seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Mr. McAlister stated that he is already a member and attends most of the meetings. Therefore, Mr. McAlister will be the Board's representative. The next forum meeting will be the first week of January 2015.

Also, Mr. McAlister had a chance to speak with Mr. Dan O'Donnell, Chief, State of Michigan Electrical Division. In speaking with Mr. O'Donnell, the topic of Apprenticeship came about. If an Apprentice is brand new, and completes Apprenticeship training, there will be no additional classes required. The Apprentice can continue to be an Apprentice as long as she/he sees fit, without any additional educational training required.

Mr. O'Donnell extended an invitation to Mr. McAlister to discuss any further issues regarding the Board. Mr. Capers stated he would like to be included in that invitation. Mr. McAlister agreed. Mr. McAlister stated when visiting Mr. O'Donnell they should address the primary concerns of the Board and the Department.

Mr. O'Donnell also mentioned that the State plans on adopting the 2014 *National Electrical Code* around the middle of this year. Therefore, the Code update will be needed for the 2017 License renewal year.

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- ***Traveling Electricians:*** Due to the new projects beginning in Detroit, there is an expectation of electricians coming for work from out-of-state. These electricians will hold licenses that do not reciprocate with the State of Michigan. Therefore, depending on the municipality in which the applicant lives, the applicant must go to the licensing agency, and sit for an exam. Historically with this Board, if an applicant came from another state as a Journeyman, and could provide comparable work experience documentation, the Board would waive the 8,000 hour requirement, and allow that applicant to take the exam. If the applicant passed the exam they would become a licensed person.

However, one of the reasons for there not being any reciprocity is the different requirements held by each state. Mr. Litt stated that this is a very important concern. The Board will be inundated with people coming to get these jobs and the Board needs a clear, effective, efficient way of handling this concern. The question becomes: What of their experience allows them to forgo some of the process? The board has to look at what would be acceptable. Would their out-of-state License, if applicable, be acceptable? This will be tabled for next month's meeting.

CORRECTIONS:

None

ACTING CHAIRMAN MCALISTER

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in Room 418, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Bert McAlister

Acting Chairman, Board of Electrical Examiners

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