March 7, 2017

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on March 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members – Romeo Dupuis, Jr, Vice Chairman and Jack Grube, State Fire Marshal Representative – Matthew LaBonte, Division Director Linda Capuchino, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos and Electrical Inspector Denis Laurendeau. Also present James Grant, BCRB representative, Jeffrey Sargent, NFPA, Steven Rancourt, ECBA, James Maxfield and Matthew Markham.

Interview/meeting/hearing – none

2. Reading of the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting – Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the minutes.

3. Reading of Communications – none.

4. Applications for Board action –

a. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Timothy Fleurie, Jr's new apprentice application.

b. Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to deny Mark Fournier's new master reciprocal application.

5. Requests for Board action –

a. Request by Bryan Bennett, master license #7693 expired in 2005, to receive an apprentice card until he could take the full exam. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present to allow Mr. Bennett to receive an apprentice card provided that if he does not pass the exam within one year he would be bound by the apprentice continuing education requirements.

6. Unfinished Business –

a. The Board reviewed HB 85 – AFCI and, HB 538 - temporary licensing amended, HB 298 - retained, HB 92 - retained, HB 155D – retained, SB 135 has not been on the full floor yet.

b. The Education Committee - no requests.

c. James Grant, BCRB representative reported that El17-03-17 from BCRB (same as HB 85) will have a public hearing at 10 am on March 10th . The next Building Code Review Board meeting is March 10, 2017. Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the BCRB report.

d. LaBonte reported that the FMO was looking to hire one full time or two part time electrical inspectors Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the report from the FMO.

e. Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept Probation reports.

f. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the ICC test results.

g. Grube moved, Romeo seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the mid-year tri-annual reports from Pinkerton, Dover, Nashua South and MST. They noted that Pinkerton had stellar results in apprentice registration. Grube noted there is shortage of qualified instructors. He asked if there was a possibility of adding a section on what it entails to be an electrical instructor in one of these programs. He would be willing to be the contact person for those having questions.

h. Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the following John Bagni, Mike Holt, Electrical Controls of Maine (Michael Gervais), My Electrical CEU (Charles Clemons) as providers for the 2017 NEC 15 hour continuing education requirement.

i. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present not to accept the proposed agreement with Iowa which does not include schooling. A letter will be sent to the state of Iowa.

j. The Board received the signed contract back from Prov for exams on the 2017 NEC starting January 1, 2018 and preparation for the exam starting July 1, 2017. Volunteers for a committee work on exam questions will be needed. Jeffrey Sargent volunteered to be on that committee.

k. Dupuis moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to send an amendment to the reciprocation for continuing education to include that it would only apply to providers giving courses in the state of MA not ones giving any courses in the state of NH and that we would table the reciprocation until we received a reply back from the state of MA.

7. New Business –

a. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the BCRB will have a public hearing on March 10th to review and vote on four proposed amendments:

1. El-17-01-17 amends section 334.10 and 334.12 for the use of NM, NMS & NMC cables.
The board voted to support this amendment to the 2017 NEC.

2. El-17-03-17 – changes the 2014 NEC amendment EL-14 – 02 -15 for the AFCI medical exception, to add exception number 2 allowing AFCI replacement for any nuisance tripping. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted on by all members present to not support this change.

3. El-17-04-17 to continue the 2014 NEC amendment EL-14 – 02 -15 to the 2017 NEC to allow for the AFCI replacement when nuisance tripping occurs with medical equipment. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted on by all members present to not support a change but if needed, they could support El17-03-17 with the changes to reporting as suggested by Mr. Jeff Sargent.

4. El 17-05-17 Retires the 2014 NEC and adopts the 2017 NEC with amendments effective January 1, 2018.

Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos discussed a complaint received regarding a new single family dwelling in Conway, where it was discovered that an unlicensed individual performed the electrical installation. During the investigation it was also discovered that three additional new houses in the same development were also wired by the same unlicensed individual. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted by all members present to send a cease & desist order to the unlicensed individual, and to notify the owners of two of the new houses that had been previously sold and closed that their electrical installation was performed by an unlicensed individual and does not comply with the 2014 NEC to be written by Director Capuchino. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported on the NERA teleconference held on February 21, 2017 and on the annual NERA meeting that we will be hosting will be August 15 & 16, 2017 at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside. A list will be made of events with costs for sponsors to donate. Grube moved, Dupuis seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept Chief Sotirakopoulos' report.

b. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Dupuis, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing matters that if discussed in public would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons other than a member of the body itself and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

c. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Dupuis, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold/seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

d. Date and time of the next meeting – ***Tuesday April 4, 2017 at 9:00a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.***

8. Adjournment – 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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