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NEWS BULLETIN

I. 1986 WISCONSIN CHAPTER ANNUAL CODE SEMINAR TO BE HELD JOINTLY WITH MILWAUKEE WESTERN SECTION CONFERENCE.

The Wisconsin Chapter-IAEI normally holds its annual Code Seminar each May. In 1986, however, the Western Section-IAEI which encompasses 16 states is holding its Annual Conference at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee on September 22-24, 1986. The Western Section last met in Milwaukee in 1959.

To provide our members with a greater opportunity to attend a Western Section Conference, we are not holding a May Wisconsin Chapter Seminar but rather are combining it with the September Western Section Conference.

The Western Section Conference will be utilizing many national code authorities to discuss the major changes in the 1987 NEC which will be available by then. Inspector field problems will also be discussed.

Since the Wisconsin Chapter is sponsoring the Western Section Conference in Milwaukee, plan to attend and help us make this the most successful Section Conference held in recent years. Look for future announcements.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MILWAUKEE WESTERN SECTION CONFERENCE WILL QUALIFY FOR ONE-AND TWO-FAMILY ELECTRICAL RECERTIFICATION.

II. DELAY IN ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ch. ILHR 17 RULES ON ELECTRICAL INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION.

The proposed ch. ILHR 17 rules covering certification of master electricians and commercial electrical inspectors, and state-wide electrical inspection of commercial buildings was discussed in depth at our 1985 Wisconsin Chapter Seminar in Green Bay. These rules were presented at Public Hearings last October and after a few minor revisions, a Final Draft was prepared for adoption.

Following a detailed staffing and fiscal analysis, however, the DILHR's Secretary's Office would not approve the rules because of concerns regarding the inspection program. Although it was agreed that the proposed inspection rules were well written, they may not be practical for a state-wide program with the large geographical areas involved.

There were no concerns expressed regarding the proposed certification rules, however. Consequently, rather than delaying the entire chapter ILHR 17 until the inspection rule questions can be resolved, the Division is recommending proceeding with the adoption of the Final Draft form with the exception of Subchapter II. If the proposed certification rules are adopted without further delay, the master electrician certification rules should now become effective May 1 with the inspector certification rules becoming effective 3 months later. Commercial electrical inspectors will then have 6 months to become certified. The first examinations should be scheduled for early June.

III. COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM.

Last summer DILHR's Safety and Buildings Division sent out a questionnaire inquiring into the interest of attending a 60-80 hour training program in Madison for commercial electrical inspectors. It appears that there is sufficient interest to proceed. Because of the delay in the adoption of the certification rules, however, a program will not be scheduled until the late fall of 1986. Further information will be forthcoming later.

IV. IAEI FIRE AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

Ray Weber, Electrical Inspector for Wisconsin Rapids, is Chairman of the IAEI Western Section's Fire and Accident Committee. He is interested in receiving any electrical fire and accident information to report to the Annual Western Section Conference. Please send any such reports that you may have to Raymond W. Weber, Electrical Inspector, City Hall, 444 W. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

V. DILHR SAFETY & BUILDINGS STEVENS POINT OFFICE PHONE NOS.

DILHR's S & B Division has 2 electrical staff members working out of its Stevens Point office, Don Covill and John Theberath. Since their phone numbers have been changed during the past year, please note their current numbers listed as follows:

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| Don Covill | 715-345-5332 |
| John Theberath | 715-345-5333 |

VI. TWO FLOOR LEVEL OIL CHANGE SHOPS.

Currently, a number of two floor level oil change shops are being constructed in Wisconsin. Normally, these buildings have a first floor and a basement. An opening is provided between the floor levels to provide access for servicing the vehicles from below. Although NEC 511-2 provides classifications for commercial garages, both the electrical staff for the NFPA and the Chairman of NEC Panel No. 14 which is responsible for Article 511 agree that 511-2 does not specifically address this type of two floor level construction.

For more information, see the attached memorandum from John Eagon to Building Officials and Plan Submitters, and the attached Electrical Code Bulletin.