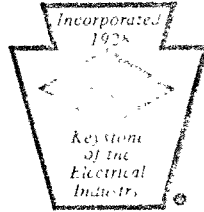


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WISCONSIN CHAPTER

The 49th annual meeting and code seminar was held May 1-3, in LaCrosse, at the Holiday Inn. The attendance numbered 120 men and 58 ladies. A class of 20 apprentices was also present for the Code sessions.

The opening session was called to order by Chairman, Don Healy, with the appointment of the auditing, nominating and resolutions committees.

Sec'y-Treas. Ray Miller reported a treasury balance of \$2920 and a Chapter membership of 238.

Gary Hacker, membership chairman, spoke on the benefit and need for more associate membership and urged the members to give thought to obtaining more associates.

The program began with a report by Ed Lawry on the status of State Electrical Inspection legislation which was not optimistic. It appears that before any legislation is passed to upgrade the quality of wiring in the non-inspection areas (75% of the State) it would take a half dozen electrocutions and a dozen major fires before the politicians move on it.

Norm Davis, from U. L. Chicago, showed a few slides and brought us up to date on News from U. L. Reginald Kilps, Electrical Inspector, Madison, gave a presentation entitled "an Electrical Inspector's approach to NEC 230-98. A lively question and answer period followed on interrupting capacity and short circuit current. The program ended for the day with a welcome hour at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday A.M. began with late registration, followed by a welcome to LaCrosse by Mayor W. P. Gilbertson.

A discussion followed on revisions approved for the 1974 NE Code. Leading the discussions were Lou LaFehr, Chicago NEC Panel No. 1; Elwood Curtis, Clinton, NEC Panel No. 9; Ed Lawry, Madison, NEC Panel No. 11; John Troglia, Milwaukee, Panel No. 13, and Bob Pullen, NEMA, Indianapolis.

Following the coffee break, the code panel went to work on a number of questions that had been submitted prior to the meeting, duplicated and distributed for answering and discussion. Sam Mazlack, Inspector, West Allis, served as the moderator. Panel members were Bill Raymond, Ass't. Manager NECA, Milwaukee; Bob Pullen, NEMA, Indianapolis; Lou LaFehr, IAEI, Chicago; Bernie Wisniewski, Chief Electrical Inspector, Milwaukee; Ed Lawry, Electrical Engineer, Madison; Norm Davis, UL, Chicago.

During the afternoon session a presentation was given by Roy Mita, Ass't. Attorney General, Madison, entitled "Law Suits Against the Electrical Inspector."

The evening hospitality hour, banquet and entertainment was attended by 170 persons who had a most enjoyable evening.

Friday morning session began with a short business meeting. The nominating committee's report was given by Harold Blaasch, and the slate of officers nominated were subsequently elected. The new officers elected were Rolland Felix, Chairman; Ed Lawry, 1st Vice Chairman; Lloyd Knapp, 2nd Vice Chairman; Ray H. Miller, Sec'y-Treas. Gary Hacker, Manitowoc, was the newly elected member to the Executive Committee.

The code panel continued with questions and answers. New panel members were Reginald Kilps, Madison; John Theberath, Shorewood; and Daniel Boone, from the Federal Pacific Co. The meeting adjourned at noon Friday. The code questions and answers were to be edited and duplicated by Ed Lawry and Sam Mazlack, and each member will be mailed a copy of the many questions submitted.

Spacial thanks go out to Jack Snider, Electrical Inspector of LaCrosse; J. Don Healy, Chairman; and Raleigh Fisher, of Wausau Homes who helped with the ladies' program.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S

To our guests and new members present, welcome. The association hopes you will come back again and join with us in the promotion of safe wiring installations.

Our Chapter will be 50 years old next year and possibly we should put some effort forth and celebrate it in a fitting manner.

If any of you have any suggestions as to how we could do it up right, where we should meet next year and what you would like on the program, please let the officers or executive committee know.

Our treasury is certainly in a position to expend some monies next year in some special way so as to benefit the membership. The balance in our account the first of the year was \$2920. In fact the last 3 years it has been in the \$2900 area. If this seems unusual, I can report that last week the books were audited by Ed Lawry and Ralph Zabel, and I still have possession of the check book.

A reminder that if any of you are interested in applying for certification as an Electrical Safety Inspector/Engineer get in touch with me for an application blank.

Last January our association was asked to accumulate data regarding hazardous, sub-standard wiring that has been and is being installed in areas of the State where there is no inspection. Of course, you realize that we are talking about 75% of the State. I wish to thank those that responded with testimonials, opinions, photos, descriptions and places where this work is being installed. There were about a dozen replies that I forwarded to an attorney in Madison, Mr. Robert Kay, who is representing the National Electrical Contractor's Association in the promotion of the electrical safety legislation. This type of information is still needed. -- Listen to what an electrical contractor has to say. This is one of the letters.

Read letter

I can also report of a recent \$200,000 apartment building fire in the town of Menasha.

The fire alarm system in the fairly new structure was wired with plastic cable which is in violation of the State Electrical Code. The need for inspection of new wiring is certainly evident throughout the State.

Our Chapter membership continues to increase and another gain is noted. Active members number 123, associate 115, for a total of 238 compared to 221 at this same time last year. A net gain of 17 members. The following have joined our Association since last May.

Read the list.

On behalf of our Chapter, I wish to thank the following contributors who have helped with the expenses involved.

The complete Ladies' program has been paid for by the following:

Read the list.

Also, the Electric Materials Co. of Wis. is sponsoring a hospitality room which you are invited to visit. Room #183.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray H. Miller, Sec'y