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The ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

NEWS



LETTER

Box 564, New Westminster B C

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A Note from the President

I thank you Gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me to preside over the deliberations of your organization during the coming year. I hope in my humble way, I may aid you in the accomplishment of that object for which we labor in common.

I cannot foresee what the future will be. That is always uncertain; but I hope that our work together will be both pleasant and productive of good results.

I enter upon my duties with a full realization of the fact that my success will depend largely upon your support and co-operation. Hoping for that I assume the position and trust that I may discharge its duties, partially at least to your satisfaction.

My appointments of committee chairmen for the ensuing year:

- Membership - D. McIntyre  
M. Schwartz  
E. Duff  
F. Moore
- Program - President and Executive
- Qualifications - A. Luck
- Constitution and Bylaws - M. Schwartz  
L. Fedewa
- News Letter - Jack Smith  
A. Luck
- Entertainment - L. Fedewa  
F. Moore

E. Hammersmark

## A S M A S H I N G S U C C E S S

The above headline summarizes the many comments received from those who attended the E.I.A. Workshop & Trade Show held February 21st & 22nd, in Victoria.

A total registration of 141 for the Workshop Sessions, and an estimated 250 attending the Trade Show, indicates a real interest, and this attendance made the many hours of preparation worthwhile. Of particular interest was the attendance of E.I.A. members. According to our records, 23 active, 21 associates and 1 life member registered for the workshop.

As a result of the interest shown, we are pleased to advise that we are actively pursuing the formation of a Vancouver Island Chapter of the Electrical Inspector's Assn. All Island active and associate members can expect to receive, in the near future, a notification of a Charter Meeting to be held in this regard.

The participation and support received for this event has caused us to think in terms of an annual Workshop & Trade Show, and we are pleased to report that planning has already started. In this regard we would solicit your comments, while your memories are fresh, for improvements to the programme. From our own observations, we think the following may provide a better type of Programme:

1. Increase the number of exhibitors and allow more time for the Trade Show. Improve the accommodation for the exhibitors and put space available on a business-like basis, i.e. a planned space allotment worked out well in advance.
2. Reduce the number of sessions for the Workshop and increase time allotment so that there can be definite conclusions. Include a session for a well qualified speaker to present a paper.
3. Conclude the intire function with a private banquet and social evening.

We would appreciate receiving your comments and would particularly like to hear from those who would exhibit in the Trade show. We have had several enquiries from Manufacturers, and as we wish to limit the Trade Show, enquiries will be recorded on a first come first accommodated basis and a schedule will be kept. This advance notification should be sufficient for those who may have budget responsibilities.

All three sessions of the Workshop provided everyone attending an opportunity to gain knowledge in all aspects of the industry. For those who did not attend, we can only suggest that a workshop of this type is surely worth the effort. We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all speakers and panel members who participated and most able presented their views, comments, interpretations, etc. The next workshop will have more on the 10th edition C.E. Code and a much longer time slot for the "eight ball" session.

We believe this Workshop & Trade Show was of tremendous value in regards to education and in creating the liaison necessary for better communication and understanding of each others problems between all segments of the Industry. The greatest benefactor of this type of function is the public. They can expect a more economical, better functional, and most important, a safer electrical installation than may otherwise have been possible.

Accordingly, we would sincerely suggest to those who have the opportunity to read this report, and are in a position to recommend and/or support the E.I.A. in their efforts, that they seriously consider the advantages for all concerned when assessing requests for participating in and supporting our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Schwartz  
Immediate Past President

#### SEEN IN PASSING - VANCOUVER ISLAND

Eight Lower Island Electrical Inspectors attending a luncheon meeting recently. Could it be interpretations of Regulations may be more uniform in this area?

A local Victoria Inspector picking dates for a return trip to the "Ol Sod" only to learn, on enquiring, that ant date requires a resignation and loss of seniority. Something about a harp being missing may have influenced this wild day dreaming.

A local Chief Inspector almost being "sucked in" by a local Electrical Contractor who decided to use an unused toilet as convenient step ladder for making connections in a meter socket, filling the bowl with water and then leaving same for the Inspector to adjudicate if he should approve a meter and main switch immediately above an active an active toilet.

#### NAMES IN THE NEWS + VANCOUVER ISLAND

##### Mr. Dennis Scott Burke

Dennis was appointed to the permanent staff of the City of Victoria Inspection Staff in June, 1968. He was employed as a holiday relief Inspector for several summers prior to his permanent appointment.

He was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, and attended Collegiate, Meistershaft College, the Ontario Provincial Institute of Technology, and completed apprenticeship training prior to moving to Victoria in 1958. He has held positions as Supt., Foreman, Estimator, and Journeyman in Victoria and Toronto.

Dennis is married and his good wife, Hilla, recently presented him with a bouncing baby girl, as the first addition to the family.

He is a very active member of the E.I.A., and was responsible for co-ordinating the recent Code workshop held in Victoria.

The E.I.A. welcomes Dennis.

# ODDS N ITEMS

We are pleased to announce that Fred Moore of Fred Moore Electrical Services and an associate of the Inspectors' has graciously taken over the duties of treasurer from West Van's Frank Holden. Frank, who has ably filled the post this past year was advised by his doctor to take life a little easier. Thank you Frank for a job well done, you will still turn up at our regular meetings and voice an opinion.

Who amongst the inspectors are interested in a refresher course in fundamentals and code? With 15 or more applications a class can be started next fall under the roof of the B.C. Vocational School. Sing out - those of you who are interested. The executive will be governed by your response.

To out of town members - write the Secretary, Box 564, New Westminster, or phone 521-3947 Monday or Wednesday evenings. We would like to hear from you as to what you want to see in print or what subjects you would like discussed at the general meetings and workshops.

We are sorrowed deeply by the passing of Len Hume, a life member of our organization and a staunch supporter in it's formative years. He will be well remembered by those who came in contact with him while he was chief Electrician in the City of New Westminster and those who worked with him in the inspection field.

To those who have got to pay their '69 dues, the address is Box 564, New Westminster and remember the spoken word becomes stronger when we all speak as one for the common good.