



# THE INSPECTOR

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MARCH 1992

## INSPECTORS MAKE BIG DECISION

Before the largest number of members ever to attend an Association meeting, E.I.A. once again debated and finally decided that the Association would not join and become part of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, forming an individual Branch of that group. The decision was made through a secret ballot cast by the members and tabulated by officers Mike Krygier and Rick Porcina. The negative vote was about 61% of votes cast.

Going as far back as early in 1991 a committee was formed to find the facts and bring them forward to the members for decision. Dave Jackson was the chairman of that committee and he and his helpers were most diligent in assessing every aspect. In the December "Inspector" these facts were set out in a clear and unequivocal fashion and greatly assisted the members in deciding which way they wished their organization to go.

At the Annual General Meeting when the subject was discussed, Dave Jackson again presented facts and engaged in exhaustive discussion to clarify issues with the members. The vote was not held until all members had had an opportunity to present their views and comments.

At the present time there is a Branch of the International Association in Victoria. One of the reasons the amalgamation was considered was because of the difficulty of Lower Mainland members getting back and forth to meetings held in Victoria. Several EIA members, however, are also members of the International Association, as are Inspectors throughout various parts of the province.

With the decision made, the Association will now settle back to its own way of doing things and its own goals. The sense of uncertainty has ended and the new Executive begins with increased enthusiasm and plans for a fuller and more far-reaching program.



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## STAMP NEWS

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BIDBOARD

Karl Jessen has handed us this copy of the eleven very valuable stamps he has acquired. We have George Ward diligently researching the question of stamps for electrical and gas inspections and hope to have the story for the next issue. Meanwhile, if anyone out there has any information about inspection stamps please pass it along to the Executive.



Dave Jackson, Chief Electrical Inspector for the City of Vancouver, became the new head man for the Electrical Inspectors Association at the Annual General Meeting on February 24th.

Dave is a well known member of the Association and has filled many important posts at which he has displayed a capacity for hard work and organizational ability and the Association cannot fail to prosper under his leadership.

There are several lesser known members who have taken responsibility on the Executive.

Michael Krygier of the Provincial Electrical Safety Branch, who has assumed the Vice-Presidency, has been working hard in the job of Secretary for a couple of years. He has been ably assisted by Arlene MacLean from Canadian Standards Association, who now officially assumes the post of Recording Secretary.

Rick Porcina, of the Electrical Safety Branch, is a welcome addition to the Executive which he left on his move to Kelowna, after having served as President of the Association. He will now take on the duties of Membership Secretary.

Continuing in the post of Treasurer is Walter Bruegger of the City of Vancouver staff.

To serve as Director there is a new member in the person of Sal Pilato of the Electrical Safety Branch. Along with him are Bill Simpson of CSA, Jim Barker of Surrey; Ken Hoyem of C. T. & S. in North Vancouver; and Alfie Petracupa of New Westminster.

The Editorial Board, which was appointed in 1991 and will still continue, consists of Dave Jackson, Rick Porcina, Ken Hoyem and Jim Barker.

### SAFETY SEMINAR DAYS

Arrangements have been completed for a special two day seminar for April 7th and 8th, sponsored by Metro Vancouver Municipalities in cooperation with B. C. Telephone.

The seminar will be held at the British Columbia Telephone Theatre at 3777 Kingsway in Burnaby.

Admission is free but seating is limited. It is advisable to register as soon as possible. Phone numbers for registration are 922-1211 (Fax 922-6214) or 873-7542 (Fax 873-7100)

Several E.I.A. Members are assisting as speakers.

WHO'S IN THE NEWS?

The big news is that WALTER BRUEGGER, Who is the very capable Treasurer of the Association, is leaving the ranks of Inspectors to accept a new position as Superintendent of Electrical Services at Simon Fraser University

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Pleased to see ALF LITJENS at the meeting all the way from the Sunshine Coast. He says his wife says, "What retirement?" when someone asks. Alf is very busy teaching part time at the Open Learning Institute and doing various consultations stints. This year he never even got his boat in the water!

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JACK BALL is in the process of changing his home address. He is now ensconced in a townhouse and very comfortable. He is still in North Vancouver.

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JACK MUIR is trying to shed some of his jobs, preparing for his retirement sometime this year. There are plenty who have advice for him. He thought he was busy before retirement ?????

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UNIFORMITY TASK FORCE REPORT

At its beginning a general brainstorming session was held to determine the direction the committee would take and what would be its mandate for action.

Attention largely centred around information and its dissemination from the provincial office.

It was decided that there would be a survey on electrical requirements applied to secondary suites. Also to be studied and discussed later are the W. C. B. regulations.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to these new members of the Electrical Inspectors Association:

RICHARD ROGERS, Provincial Electrical Safety Branch, Vancouver, Inspector.

GREG LAVIA, District of Surrey, Inspector

DUNCAN F. IRVINE, District of Surrey, Inspector.

PAUL STEVENS, Reid Crowther, North Vancouver, Associate.

GURMIT S. ROOPRAI, Self employed, Vancouver, Associate.

DAVID N. THOMPSON, I. B. E. W., Mission, Associate

BRUCE ENGLISH, I. B. E. W., Burnaby, Associate.

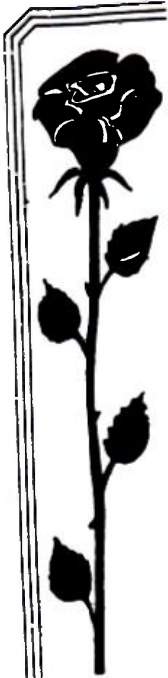
E.S.A.C.

Jack Ball, EIA representative on this Committee, reported on two meetings which have been held recently.

One of the important acts was the formation of a Uniformity Task Force, of which Jim Barker is the chairman;

At one of the meetings representation was made by the B. C. Telephone company explaining their position on electrical work on federally owned lands.

At the most recent meeting Roy Broderick of E.S.B. gave a branch status report, and Jim Barker gave a report from his Uniformity Task Force committee. George Ward talked about the Alberta Oil and Gas Regulations.



This year's Annual General Meeting starts us off on another two-year cycle. A very special thanks to retiring President Karl Jessen who has led us through two busy years involving the Code Seminar and adjustment to major regulation changes. Thanks also to the members of the past Executive for their hard work and especially to Jack Muir, who is leaving the Executive, winding down for retirement. (Jack supplied all that free coffee and juice at executive meetings.)

The membership decision on the I.A.E.I. vote has provided a clear indication of their preference to maintain a strong local British Columbia association. This will hopefully trigger a major initiative in promoting the E. I. A. throughout the Province. Membership feedback has also suggested that we review the objects of the Association listed in Article 2 of the E. I. A. Constitution to realign or reassess our direction.

One of the "hot" topics in the electrical industry these days is code uniformity, interpretation and communication. I think that there is room for the E. I. A. to get more directly involved in these issues.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new Executive in organizing the ongoing activities of our Association this year.

## **EVELYN FINGARSON RETIRES AS EDITOR**

by Jim Barker

This copy of the Newsletter will be the last issue Evelyn Fingarson will oversee. Evelyn is retiring as Editor and is handing the reins to Pat Maertz who works with B. C. I. T.

More than ten years ago the then President of the Association, Jim Law, made arrangements to have Evelyn Fingarson join us as Editor of the Newsletter. It was evident very quickly that Evelyn would be one of the Association's most valuable assets. Jim Law had done us a great favour. We have so enjoyed Evelyn's wit, charm and talents over the years.

Evelyn has spent her entire life writing, public speaking and acting and has won numerous awards for her talents. Recently she has been working hard toward completion of a book called "Meetings - All you Need to Know."

Evelyn has worked with the Council of Women for more than thirty five years and has spent many years with the Board of Trade where she holds an Honorary Life Membership.

You're quite a lady, Evelyn! We wish you much happiness and success.

From all the members of the Association, we thank you!

**NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

The first official action of the new Executive at the Annual General Meeting on February 24th was to name two new Life Members to the Association in the persons of HAROLD STEENSON and AL HORWELL

**E.I.A. EXECUTIVE****PRESIDENT**

*Dave Jackson*

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

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**JIM MUIR TALKS ABOUT CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

In a lively discussion, aided by overhead slides, Jim Muir, of Westinghouse Canada Inc., brought information about circuit breakers to the members of EIA at the Annual General Meeting on February 24.

Muir used a number of charts and graphs to illustrate points and had with him a supply of the books used by his firm in their training program. Many of the members availed themselves of the material. Muir mentioned that any members who wished additional copies of the material may obtain it by writing to him.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

May 4, 1992

at

**DIEGO'S**

6669 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC

5:15 - social hour

6:00 - dinner

7:00 - meeting

Contact re attendance:

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Alfie Pietracupa - 521-3711 Local 230

**Last Word .....**

***I am a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.***

**.....Stephen Leacock**