

**Electrical Inspectors Association of British Columbia**  
**General Meeting of September 22, 2008**  
**Cheers Restaurant**  
**125 – East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North Vancouver, B.C.**

**MINUTES**

**Executive in Attendance**

**Jack Ball**  
**Bob Cornwell**

**George Razzo**  
**Eric Sipila**

**Rick Porcina**

**DINNER CALLED TO ORDER;**

**6PM - Jack Ball** called the Dinner to Order. Jack welcomed everyone and introduced the following guest speakers to the membership before the start of the dinner.

**Stephen Hinde**, the Electrical Safety Manager for the BC Safety Authority, and **Eric Voitic** and **Justin Morton** from Elec-Tech Sales Ltd.

**7PM** – Following dinner, Jack introduced the Executive members, and introductions proceeded from the rest of the tables. **Stephen Hinde** proceeded with his presentation and remarks regarding the latest news, plans, and changes taking place within the electrical industry, and at the BC Safety Authority.

Stephen spoke of the history of electrical inspections in BC, and the evolution of change undertaken by the Province and Municipalities to develop the method and policies that are in place today. Stephen spoke briefly of the differences between the Provincial Government's safety program and mandate versus the BCSA's mandate and methodology.

Explanations were provided regarding the change to Safety Officer from Inspector and Compliance Order from Certificate of Inspection if contents become prescriptive. The BCSA will maintain but minimize their SI Program, reserving the program for unique circumstances and locations due to private industry's increased number of agencies and qualified professionals. The Board of the BCSA has called for an increase in visibility and presence for SO's in the field and community. These are the BCSA's statistics for the 12 month period ending June 30, 2008.

Compliance Orders – 180 \* Disconnection Orders – 80 \* Monetary Penalties – 1 \* Discipline Orders – 12

Future change mentioned included resuming **Electrical Safety Matters** on a quarterly basis, and the quick adoption of 21<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Canadian Electric Code (2009). Although the Code was issued every 4 years, it will now be issued on a **3 year cycle** beginning in 2009. Stephen mentioned Provincial governments are working to minimize amendments to the Code to facilitate quicker adoption due to the 3 year cycle and to harmonize business and trade practice on a national basis. National Standards are being developed to enable tradespeople to work and be recognized throughout Canada as part of, and due to inter-Provincial trade agreements. The electrical trade is in better position due to the inter-Provincial Red Seal program, and with a decrease in jurisdictional amendments, portability of qualified people will be enhanced. Changes to the Electrical Safety Regulation will enable BCSA to make FSR upgrade training mandatory for every Code cycle. Stephen also mentioned that the new Arc Flash Standard (CSA-Z-462) will be available in a month.

**Eric Voitic** and **Justin Morton** from Elec-Tech Sales Ltd. put together a Power-Point presentation about their company, and their field of expertise. Elec-Tech Sales Ltd. Operates as a manufacturer's representative for a variety of companies that include 3M and Meltric.

A very interesting demonstration took place showing how Meltric's Decontactor Series Plugs & Receptacles can be used as a safe disconnecting means, a safe lock-out means, and can be configured to attach to different manufacturer's receptacles already in use in the field. Eric and Justin brought a number of samples for display as well.

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER;**

**Jack Ball called the meeting to order at 8:40 PM.**

#### **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES;**

Cam Duncan made a motion to adopt the Minutes from the previous meeting. Bill Burr seconded the motion.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Jack referred to the accidental passing of Jim Barker, and said a few kind words on his behalf. Jack mentioned that there will be a good article in the Newsletter, a card was sent to Jim's family, and that the Association had made a monetary donation in Jim's name to the Canadian Cancer Society.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Eric Sipila reported total funds for the EIA as being 5508.38. Michael Krieger moved that the reports be accepted. Cam Duncan seconded the motion.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

George Razzo reported that as of today, there are 66 paid memberships for 2008, 9 paid memberships for 2009, 5 paid memberships for 2010. There are 41 Life Time Memberships listed for a total membership of 121. George mentioned 1 new membership and 4 renewals at this meeting.

Michael Krieger moved that the report be accepted and Neil Ma seconded the motion.

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rick Porcina reported that the EIA Website has had a high level of activity, with most Code questions coming from outside of the electrical industry. The Website continues to have steady activity that peaks at Newsletter issue time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trevor Broden was introduced as a new member. Stephen Hinde (new member) announced that the ECA was sponsoring a Trade Show October 1st at the Pacific Coliseum, and that he would be a keynote speaker along with Ark Tsisserev, and that entry was free.

## **DOOR PRIZES**

Portfolios -     Bill Burr  
                      Don – BCIT  
                      Bill – BCIT

Free Dinner – Warren Hancock

## **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Krieger motioned for adjournment. Ali Alibum seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Minutes recorded by Bob Cornwell