

Electric League Code Committee

Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2010

Attending:

Gary Lydum	Ken McGowan	Randy Wilson
Len Whalen	Bob Lloyd	Kristyn Clayton
Dan Steinert	Joe Andre	Syd France
Tim Hingtgen	Murray McKinney	Bob Schneider
Larry Boyer	Tam Tran	Linda Howell

Meeting called to order at 7:34AM.

Introduction of meeting participants followed.

Previous Meeting Minutes approved with discussion:

- 2011NEC – posting requires SCCA, not Arc Fault

A. State: Tim

1. There is a House Bill proposing mandatory continuing education for Professional Engineers
 - a. ASCE is promoting
 - b. WSPE is suggesting “not mandatory”
 - i. Active PE’s should have not problem meeting the requirements – if passed
2. There will be a “full” TAC for the proposed 2011 State Code changes.
3. Announcement for opening for proposals should be forthcoming

B. PSE: Syd France

1. There has been avid staff review of the approved State Energy Code revisions

C. UL: Is looking to fill Warren Shill’s position

D. IEEE

1. There is a meeting today at noon to view the emergency system at the Renton Sewage Treatment plant

E. NEMA: Joe Andre

1. There is a federal initiative to standardize plug-in hybrid auto outlets
2. California UL Representative is proposing that Factory torqued buss connections be checked in the field – “significant” quantity of loose connections are being found

F. IAEI

1. Tri-Chapter Meeting is March 12/13 in Tukwilla at the Embassy Suites
2. Meeting includes 4-hour training on Energy Code revisions

G. Washington State Building Code

1. Energy Code Revisions – PASSED – effective July 1, 2010 (unless legislation to block is passed)
2. Chapter 12 requires individual sub-metering
 - a. At lease change time
 - b. For new construction
 - c. Not necessarily by the Utility
3. Control Changes for Lighting near windows
4. Chapter 9 (controversial)
 - a. Requires home builders to utilize High Efficient components
 - i. Basis for “approval” is a point system
 - ii. Must get (1)point
5. Lighting Power Allowances changed
6. There’s a “right to sue” for up to 7-years if efficiency isn’t correct
7. Additional qualifications required for Contractors
8. There is a “Green Inspection” test with Certification (see IAEI above)
9. There is a House Bill, endorsed by State Building Code Council to move enforcement of the Energy Code from the Dept. of Commerce to L&I. (Editors note: the Dept. of Commerce is at least concerned with the Economic Impact of too stringent codes) – this may die, leaving enforcement with DoC.

10. There is a Washington Assoc. of Building Officials in Olympia, 1/21/10, hot topics:
 - a. Energy Code (Tech. Advisory Group looking at)
 - b. Commissioning (3rd party)
11. Vehicle Charging outlet rough-in required in all new homes:
 - a. Separately controlled
 - b. Metered with possible “feedback” provisions

H. City of Bellevue

1. Enforcement of Energy Code:
 - a. Reviewed at initial plan review
 - b. Re-inspected in the field
2. Work load is level with a full staff
3. Ordinance change to Washington Cities Electrical Code is on the calendar for February 1st Council meeting – therefore 23.30 would be going away
4. Washington Cities Electrical Code is supported by (19) cities, (6) have adopted, this group is looking into establishing a process for outside input
5. Bellevue is looking to Enforce WA Cities Code on March 1, 2010 with some amendments
6. Bellevue has met and will continue to meet with PSE re Vault Architectural and connection requirements

I. Electric League

1. Luncheon January 21, 2010 – (4) Utilities re their “Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs
2. February 18th – Jim Heber will present the “State of the local economy”
3. The new Association Management Software will improve the Leagues online directory

Meeting adjourned 9:08AM

Next meeting February 17th, 7:30AM

Respectfully submitted,

Len Whalen
Secretary emeritus