

Electric League Code Committee

Meeting notes from 3-16-2011

Submitted by Jeff Yamane

Attendance:

Linda Howell	Electric League	Dan Steinert	McKinstry
Syd France	PSE	Tom Ripple	Siemens Industry
Al Hewitt	Bussman	Bob Schneider	D. Hittle & Associates
Cameron Clark	GE	Ken McGowan	HDR Engineering
Jeff Yamane	GE	Tom Tomlinson	Cummins NW
Joe Andre	MEMA	Allan Toole	Power Plus
Dick Becker	EES	Charlie Beck	Tetra Tech
Bob Fuhr	Power Studies	Rich Arneson	Tacoma Power
Rick Allen	Snohomish PUD (Phone)		

Opening

Allan Toole opened the meeting at 7:30am and introductions were made

Previous Minutes

Reviewed and Approved

Reports

State of Washington Not Present (2) people are retiring

Review NEC2011 letter written by Al Hewitt and Joe Andre

- discussed Energy Code as well
 - Charlie Beck volunteered to make further mods to the letter
 - Will send out for comments, word doc, turn on tracking for changes
 - Syd France moved for Charlie to edit, Linda to circulate for review
- Approved with 1 opposed to motion

City of Seattle Not Present

City of Bellevue Not Present

City of Tacoma Not Present

How can we get more cities involved?

PSE Syd France No major updates, transition to new CEO complete, reviewing safety in depth

Tacoma Power Rich Arneson Advocated to keep 2009 Energy Code in place

Ken McGowan

Seminar in May in Olympia by the Washington State Society of Professional Engineers
St. of WA strategic plan for energy
Will discuss climate change

Snohomish PUD Rick Allen

LED Products qualifications for rebates, not required if product has Energy Star or DLC rating already

- Many groups have been involved

- Have a qualification tool, passes or fails products

- Lightingdesignlab.com will review product for the list

- Rebates not approved till product is on the list

L&I request for project data

- Customer, Contractor, Address, Project Type, Date completed

- Get consistent data to send to inspectors

- Helps to verify when permits were pulled

Issue with inspecting approvals- review one aspect of job but inspector writes up violations from other installers. City of Bellevue in the past approved that portion of the job that was being inspected and wrote up violations separately for other issues that came up

Changes in Energy Efficiency Dept

- Resi rebates going away, not enough time to review the volume

Energy Code- Workbooks being redone

UL Not Present Handout available for electric signs (Diamond Head Sign Co. Las Vegas, NV) out in market with unauthorized UL labels

IEEE Dick Becker No input

NEMA Joe Andre Carbon monoxide and exemptions discussion
In building code
Meeting next Tues 10am to 3pm in Renton
Further information at

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/apps/sbcc/default.aspx>

IAEI Not Present

Electric League Linda Howell

Luncheon on 3-17

- (6) Companies with EV Charging Stations,

- Nick Chambers and Ron Johnston-Rodriguez

- (4) Electrical Vehicles will be available (2) Tesla's, (1) Leaf, and (1) Whego

- Still room to attend

April 21 Luncheon-LED Lighting is the topic; Speaker is from Lighting Design Lab

Powerful Business Conference on June 8th

- Sending out flyers and postcards

- Sponsorships available

- Table Tops available

New Business

Bob Fuhr Studies required prior to Electrical Permits

Cities requiring Selective Coordination Studies (Seattle) and Arc Flash Studies (Bellevue) prior to pulling Electrical Permits

Adds cost to jobs and showing Time-Current curves and setting is not a regulation requirement for pulling permits

Per Joe Andre may want to talk to City Electrical Committee. They meet once per month

Bob will write a letter for review at the next meeting. May be good to write a recommendation and ask for concurrence.

Dan Steinert Chapter 16 of 2010 Code

2010 Energy Code

Chapter 16-renewable energy-spaces greater than 5000 sq ft shall have renewable energy

May be enforced by 4-1-2011

Al Hewitt

NECA Code Question of the Day

Interesting info at <http://www.neca-neis.org/>

Business adjourned at 9:07 am