



November 4, 2010

NCSCB Inc. Board Meeting
Houston, Texas

Introductions by those who attended: Steve Anderson, Vern Breuer, Mike Iacobellis, Tom Moore, John Honigsberg Sr., Carley Abner, Bob Baird, Mark Tibbetts, Dale Merson, Ed Pulaski, Ed Mings, Frank McGovern, George Arhos, Mike Jackson, Mike Dyer, Dean Williams, Brian Inberg, Kathy Young, John Berrane, Richard Alexander, Armando Rios, and Bill Triplett.

Meeting called to order by President Steve Anderson.

The previous minutes from April 27, 2010 in Knoxville, TN were reviewed. A Motion was made to approve those minutes by Bob Baird.

Motion was seconded by George Arhos.

Steve Anderson called for a vote, all aye, none opposed.

Mike Iacobellis: Voting protocol.

Bob Baird, IEC

IBEW Ed Mings

President Steve Anderson

Brian Inberg, 3M

Frank McGovern, Pirelli Alternate Ed Pulaski (Ripley)

Vice President, Vern Breuer (SRP)

Tom Moore, SRP

Mike Dyer, SRP

John Honigsberg Sr., Primary Service

Dale Merson, Dvorak LLC

Carley Abner, Public at Large

Michael Iacobellis, Treasurer, Tidewater Electrical Industry JATC

Alternate Mike Jackson, Thomas & Betts

George Arhos, AM. Line Builders

William Triplett, NECA

Mark Tibbetts, Tibs Electric/ MC Dean

Carley Abner discussed the Website. A Members Page can be accessed for information and current updates for the NCSCB. Call or e-mail Carley and he will get the password to you. It was discussed to set up another page for confidentiality splicers/contractors on the website. In the future Power Point presentations and annual renewal dues and payments for testing (practical or written) hope to be available on the website.

Steve Anderson reported that the overall State of the Organization, eight years old now, is doing quite well. The certifications are being required more and the need for evaluators is increasing.

The Executive Board members meet every two weeks and minutes from those meetings are placed on the Members Page of the NCSCB Inc. Website.

Status report by Tom Moore: The written test requires a minimum of ten applicants. The Executive Board approved to do a written and practical on the same weekend to be flexible with the travel for the applicants. On Oct. 15th eight (8) took the written test in Knoxville and seven (7) passed. An upcoming test is scheduled in San Bernardino where fifteen (15) are scheduled for the written. Written and practical testing has been scheduled in Wilmington, CA. December 3rd and 4th.

Vern Breuer reported on Practical Examinations: On Oct. 30 and 31st Vern Breuer and Glenn Wilson tested at Local 104 in Walpole Mass. Vern Breuer stated in August it was decided to have a current Data Base with all names of Certified Splicers (kits or hand tape tee). Also included in this would be written test applicants whether pass or fail so it can be used to process again in retesting. This would include all contact information (name, address, e-mail, phone numbers and place of employment).

John Honigsberg Sr. requested to know the turn-around for Pro Metric testing which Tom reported is usually a week.

Steve Anderson suggested a refresher course before the written test is a good idea. The Website can be used to get helpful information.

Bob Baird stated that being able to read and understand the OSHA/Safety Requirements are a must. The knowledge, skill, ability and following instructions of the manufacturer are a requirement in passing for the certification.

Steve Anderson stated we need to have a policy to clarify what to put on the website. This will provide an incentive for the contractors to get their splicers certified. Steve also stated that contractors who have certified splicers could have their logos on the website.

Vern Breuer discussed time allotment for retesting. More discussion will follow.

Vern reported on Hand Applied Tape tee testing. Twelve (12) in Hartford tested. The solder and spring clamps option needs to be discussed. There is a 66% pass rate for hand applied testers.

Pictures are taken at each stopping point for hand applied tape and if they pass, the pictures are not saved, only fail pictures are saved. John Honigsberg asked why a Hand Tape Tee needs to be tested opposed to kit testing. Brian stated that there is a need. Tom Moore stated that SRP does hand tape for customer owned primary systems. John Honigsberg Sr. stated as a contractor that they still hand tape. Mike Iacobellis stated that hand applied taping is used on Military Bases.

Steve Anderson: Discussion on Evaluators: The need for evaluators was discussed and that the fee for certification could be offset by their first evaluation.

Brian Inberg suggested when we send certificates or renewal dues letters that we ask if they would like to be an evaluator. Applicants are also being asked when they take the practical test if they have an interest.

Richard Alexander gave a presentation on Cable Splicing Study Guides. There are no academic requirements for the test, but applicants need two (2) years in Medium Voltage. A High School reading level is required.

Dean Williams from NEETRAC gave a presentation on Fault Finding and Workmanship issues.

Armando Rios from Mexico City gave a presentation on Medium Voltage Fault analysis.

Richard Alexander Publication gave a presentation on a hand guide for Cable Splicing for Medium Voltage Underground Cable. He would like any pictures, tips or expansion on information for the guide. An online cable splicing course could be available which would have an approximate pass rate of 80% with a suggested charge of \$200.00 for the study guide pertaining to cable splicing.

Tom Moore on the Nomination Committee read the Bi-Laws definitions of responsibilities for the following:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Tom Moore after announcing the three (3) candidate's names who previously e-mailed the committee their willingness to serve opened the floor for nominations for President. The nominations were as follows.

Vern Breuer nominated Carley Abner for President and the motion was seconded by George Arhos.

Bob Baird nominated Steve Anderson for President and was seconded by Bill Triplett.

George Arhos nominated John Honigsberg Sr. for President and was seconded by Dale Merson.

A motion was made by Bob Baiard that nominations cease for President and seconded by John Honigsberg Sr.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote to close nominations, All aye, none opposed. Secret Ballots were counted by Dale Merson and Ed Pulaski, Steve Anderson was elected President.

Tom Moore after announcing the names of two (2) candidates who previously e-mailed the committee their willingness to serve and asked for additional nominations opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. The nominations are as follows

George Arhos nominated Vern Breuer for Vice President and was seconded by Mike Iacobellis.

John Honigsberg Sr. nominated Bob Baird for Vice President and was seconded by Brian Inberg.

A motion was made by George Arhos that nominations cease for Vice President and was seconded by Brian Inberg.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote to cease the nominations for Vice President, All aye, none opposed.

Secret Ballots were collected and counted by Dale Merson and Ed Pulaski. Vern Breuer was elected Vice president. Tom Moore announced there was one applicant who e-mailed the committee his willingness to serve as secretary. Tom asked for nominations. The nominations were as follows

George Arhos nominated Bill Burnet for Secretary and was seconded by Brian Inberg.

Mike Iacobellis nominated Tom Moore for Secretary and seconded by Steve Anderson.

A motion was made by George Arhos that nominations cease for Secretary and was seconded by Carley Abner.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote to cease nominations for Secretary, All aye, none opposed.

Secret Ballots were collected and counted by Dale Merson and Ed Pulaski, Tom Moore was elected Secretary.

A motion was made by Carley Abner to nominate Mike Iacobellis for Treasurer and seconded by Carley Abner.

A motion was made to cease nominations for Treasurer by George Arhos and seconded by Bob Baird.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote for Mike Iacobellis for Treasurer, All aye, none opposed.

Nominations for Executive Board Members at Large were as follows:

Mark Tibbetts nominated Bob Baird and seconded by John Honigsberg.

Mike Iacobellis nominated Carley Abner and seconded by Tom Moore.

Bill Triplett nominated George Arhos and seconded by Vern Breuer.

Tom Moore made a motion to cease nomination and seconded by Mike Iacobellis.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote a write in vote for Bob Baird, Carley Abner and George Arhos as Members at Large, All aye, none opposed. Carley Abner and George Arhos were selected by majority to serve as Members at Large.

Future Meetings are to be held June 29-July 1st SEEE.

IEC in Louisville October 10, 2011.

NEECA in San Diego October 22-25, 2011

Distribution Tech in San Diego Feb. 1-3rd, 2011.

ICUEE in October 2011

Financial Report by Mike Iacobellis: The previous balance on April 27, 2010 was \$15,570.40. As of October 31, 2010 the checking account balance is \$39,380.20.

Carley Abner made a motion to accept the Financial Report given by Mike Iacobellis. Motion was seconded by George Arhos. Steve Anderson called for a vote, all aye and none opposed.

Mike Iacobellis made a motion to pay the January and July payment to the NJATC totaling \$16,000.00 to NJATC for 2011. Motion was seconded by George Arhos.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

Old Business; Review Board Director Terms

“Boiler Plate” language for Master Specifications

Confidentiality of Certified Splicers Information

Discussion regarding staggering Executive Officers terms.

A motion was made by Ed Mings to have President for three (3) years, Vice President for two (2) years, secretary for three (3) years and Treasurer for three (3) years.

The motion was seconded by George Arhos.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote, one opposed.

Bill Triplett made a motion to revise Bi-Laws for Executive Officers Terms. Bob Baird seconded the motion.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

President Steve Anderson appointed Carley Abner (chairman), Bob Baiard and Dale Merson as a committee to recommend revisions to Bi-Laws regarding the length and staggering of the Exective Officers terms in office. They will report back to the Executive Board.
New Business:

Vern Breuer suggested that we check into getting a PO Box for NCSCB mail in Phoenix and for Mike Iacobellis. Also, in the future lease a building for an NCSCB Inc. office and storage.

George Arhos made a motion that a new computer, printer and software package be bought for Kathy Young. Motion was seconded by Brian Inberg. Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

Marketing Specialist Bill Burnet will get information out for trade shows. Bob Baird will head a committee with Steve Anderson and put out articles for the NCSCB Inc.

Website issues: Carley discussed having the splicers on the website.

Bob Baird made a motion to remove individuals entirely off the website as a splicer. Secondly, offer to add contractors having certified splicers. Bob Baird removed the second part of his motion. Bob Baird made a motion to remove the second part of his motion. To remove the second part of the motion was seconded by Mark Tibbetts. The Motion for individual certified splicers to be entirely off the website was seconded by Mark Tibbetts.

President Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, one opposed.

A motion was made by John Honigsberg Sr. to only post certified splicers one time on the website for 30 days. These splicers would be those who certified in the previous 6-months. Bob Baird seconded the motion.

Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

Carley Abner made a motion to add CCS to the certified splicers identification cards. Motion was seconded by Bob Baird. President Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

Carley Abner will send everyone an email with the logos.

A Motion was made by John Honigsberg Sr to keep solder blocking as part of the hand applied tape tee and eliminate the spring clamp. The motion was seconded by Mike Iacobellis. Steve Anderson called for a vote, All aye, none opposed.

John Honigsberg Sr suggested that we no longer use the words National Cable Splicing Certification on the wallet size card and only state what they are certified for (kit or hand tape). Front and back of the card.

Board structure: Increasing the Board Seats to 3 manufactures, 3 utilities, 2 contractors, 2 splicers, 5 permanent seats, IBEW, IEC, NEEC, NETA and NJTC.

A person from a utility, an active splicer, manufactures or engineer may be elected to the practical exam Review Board. Discussion will follow at the next Executive Board Meeting.

Discussion: Regarding the format for the meeting. Should it be hosted or should we go to an area where a need has been identified. A refresher course and a test for splicers could occur at the same time.

George Arhos suggested that we have hats or shirts with the NCSCB Inc. logo when we go to trade shows.

Executive Board Meeting for the next year was set for Thursday May 12, 2011 and Thursday November 3, 2011. Suggestion for meeting and testing are Seattle, Washington for the May meeting. The November meeting was suggested for Detroit or New Orleans. It will be decided in the Executive Board meeting and posted on the website.

The next Conference call will be on November 23, at 3:00PM EST.

Tom Moore made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Mike Iacobellis seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Young