



International League of Electrical Associations

Watt's New....

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Trade Show News

Score Philly a Success!

Dwight Price, Executive Director, The Electrical Association of Philadelphia, reports that Electric Expo '07 held on October 16th -17th went very well. Many think it was the "best show ever". Of special note, attendance the second day was just about as good as the first day. Another significant change... charging for seminars. Seminars were free in past shows but actual attendance somewhat disappointing. Charging made the difference and attendance by engineers, electrical maintenance staff and facility personnel was improved.

Indiana Show Moved to Spring '08

Randy Jones from the Electric League of Indiana informed me that they postponed their Trade Show from November 7th to April 23, 2008.

Iowa Licensing

"Skip Morris, Nebraska Iowa Electrical Council [NIEC], reports that the State of Iowa has passed a law requiring the licensing of contractors and journeymen as of January 1, 2008. In the past, a few cities in Iowa have had city licensing, but they've never had state licensing. A newly-appointed Electrical Examining Board is meeting twice monthly to hammer out all of the regulations dealing with licensing. In January of 2009, they will have permits and inspections.

There are a lot of questions as to how they are going to enforce licensing since they won't have any inspectors on the job for a full year. There are also many questions about the actual process of getting a license by January 1, 2008. The board is working very hard to deal with these questions. Questions also exist about reciprocity of licenses with other states.

The legislation is very good for the citizens of Iowa as a consumer protection measure. It's also a positive for the NIEC since the law requires 18 hours of continuing education every three years to renew one's license. It's been a tough task for the NIEC to attract people to code classes since there has been no requirement to learn the code. The NIEC's first code class in Iowa will be in April in conjunction with the triennial trade show in Council Bluffs, IA.

Skip is attending most of the board meetings and will be making presentations to the board from a continuing education vendor's perspective.

And the winners are!



One of the many highlights at each year's conference is the opportunity to hear about the "Best of the Best". Each organization has the opportunity to present their best "stuff" organized by categories and everyone attending has the opportunity to vote on the "Best of the Class". It gives the winners something to brag about when they get home and we all get to see the best of what everyone is doing. Do you think I used the word "best" too much? Anyway, we call them the "AMPS" Awards for Award of Merit for Professional Service... and the 2007 Winners are:

- The Electric League of Maryland...
the Education Award
- The Electrical Board of Missouri & Illinois...
the Membership Award
- The Ontario Electrical League... the Potpourri Award
- Independent Electrical Contractors...
the Publications/Communications Award
- Electrical Association of Rochester...
the Social/Networking Award
- The Electrical Association of Philadelphia...
the Trade Show/Conference Award
- British Columbia Electrical Association...
the Website Award

Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to Monique DeBoer!

Monique is the new Executive Director of the Intermountain Electrical Association. Did I say new? She started October 29th but if you recognize that last name then you know she has been around the business all her life. Klass is her father and Klass Jr. her brother. Congratulations Monique! Don't be afraid to call on us when we can help!

Discussing the Human Body

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designers of the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints." Another said, "No, it was an **electrical** engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections." The last said, "Actually, it was a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"