

**ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 21, 2014
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:40 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Brian McDougal
Gerard Caron
Don Berry
Peter Wilson

The following members were absent:

Ryan Morgan
Earl Sherwood

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Patrick Ouillette, Senior Electrical Inspector

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Welcome New Board Member Peter Wilson

Members of the board welcomed Peter Wilson to the Maine Electricians' Examining Board.

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to table accepting the January 17, 2014 minutes until the March meeting when Ryan Morgan can participate in a motion and vote.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Abstained: Peter Wilson
Carried

Reinstatement – Philip DeNault – JY License Expired 12/31/2011

Philip DeNault did not appear at the meeting. The Board did not discuss the reinstatement request. Catherine Carroll said that she would contact Mr. DeNault on re-scheduling an appearance before the Board.

Code Course Approval

RedVector/Neal L. Burdick –Brian McDougal reviewed the online course and Neal L. Burdick's resume and recommended RedVector with Neal L. Burdick, as the instructor, be approved for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

A motion was made to approve RedVector with Neal L. Burdick as the instructor, for the 15-hour 2014 NEC update.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Don Berry
Unanimous

Senior Inspector's Report

Patrick Ouillette Patrick spoke about a disagreement on an engineered design of a CNG plant and a code language interpretation.

Patrick also discussed proposed amendments to Chapter 120 of the Board's rules to adopt the 2014 NEC. Catherine Carroll mentioned a "housekeeping" change to Chapter 125 and went through the rulemaking schedule with the goal of having the new rules effective no later than July.

A motion was made to proceed with bringing drafted language to Chapters 120 and 125 for Board review at their next meeting provided the proposed rules are approved by the Commissioner and the Governor.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

The Board mentioned the existing Memorandums of Understanding with the Maine Fuel Board that addresses specific electrical installations of water heaters, etc. and mini-split heat pumps by individuals licensed through the Maine Fuel Board. The Board requested that Catherine Carroll add language to Chapter 135 that would require oil burner technicians to obtain electrical permits for these installations, and to present the draft language at the next meeting.

A motion was made to have draft language in Chapter 135 that refers to the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and requires permits for the installations described in the MOUs.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Catherine Carroll reviewed a reciprocity agreement between Oregon and Maine that specifically states that an individual must have a Maine exam passing score of 75%, minimum, to qualify for reciprocity with Oregon. Catherine asked the Board for verification that the minimum 75% passing score stated in the reciprocity agreement is not in conflict with the 70% minimum passing score specified in the Board's rules. Additionally, Catherine reminded members of the occupational licensing/job fair at Stevens Avenue Armory in Portland scheduled for March 4th.

Other Business

Gerard Caron asked about the license renewal process for individuals whose license expires in the early months of 2014 and who are required to take a 2014 code course update prior to renewing their license. Catherine Carroll explained that the office accommodates these licensees by accepting their renewal applications and issuing a renewed license once the code course is available and they have taken the course. The office realizes that when the national code is updated every three years that code courses may not be readily available during the first couple months of that year. The Board spoke of New Hampshire's model for processing applications during the start of a year of a NEC update.

Adjournment

A motion was made to close the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Peter Wilson
Unanimous