

ELECTRICAL REBUILDER'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 7, 2005

The meeting began at 7:40 pm via a conference call. Mike Schroeder, Jody Nava, Alan Melton, Joe Davis, Scott Fureman, Dan Smith, Chris Thompson, and Bob Thomas were in attendance.

The first item discussed was the 2006 seminar schedule. Regitar had originally committed to host a seminar in Montgomery, but then backed out. Bob suggested offering it to Cargo and moving it to Atlanta. After some discussion it was agreed to ask Cargo if they would host in Atlanta. The Miami seminar was the next topic. Rand had been asked and Peter Bain said that contractual agreements prevented them from hosting. AES had also been asked. They seemed interested, but were hesitant to commit. REXCO was suggested as they are in the process of setting up warehouse in Ft Lauderdale. Dan agreed to call Nick Staub.

Revised 2006 Seminar Schedule & Hosts

Feb 24-26	Niagara Falls, ON	A.E.R.A.C.
Mar 10-11	Chicago, IL	WRS
Mar 23-26	Charlotte, NC	ERA Trade Show
Apr 21-23	Vancouver, BC	APRA & ERA
Apr 29-30	Seattle, WA	REXCO
May 5-6	Chino Hills, CA	Wagner
Jun 2-3	Long Island, NY	Monmary
Sep 8-9	Hartford, CT	Boston Auto Electric
Sep 15-16	Louisville, KY	EMS
Sep 29-30	Kansas City, MO	WRS
Oct 13-14	Denver, CO	WRS
Oct 20-21	Salt Lake City, UT	REXCO
Nov 10-11	Corpus Christi, TX	C.C. Battery
Nov 17-18	Atlanta, GA	HC Cargo
Dec 8-9	Ft Lauderdale, FL	REXCO

Bob reported that the Spanish translation in Orlando had not been a success. First, nobody showed up needing translation. A bi-lingual Transpo test engineer who was attending the seminar volunteered to listen to the translation for test purposes. As it turned out, the translator was unable to keep up due to the technical terms. This was in spite of having seminar tapes to prepare. The test volunteer suggested that the seminar be printed in Spanish in the book. Even the translator agreed this would be the best approach. After much discussion, everyone agreed this would be the best course. Once the project is complete, the Spanish text books can be available at all seminars.

Next topic was the APRA Electrical Clinic in Vancouver. The APRA had asked if Joe could do an abbreviated on-day ERA seminar as part of their weekend clinic. The APRA would essentially be the host for this seminar. Joe said he could do the first two classes back to back with a lunch break in between. Everyone agreed to add this date to the seminar schedule.

On the subject of seminars, prices were discussed next. After much discussion it was decided to keep the same price structure for another year. Mike pointed out that the average attendance was over 50 paid, and the training fund closes the year with a surplus.

The Trade Show was discussed next and Bob asked if the show packets had been sent out, noting the show was less than four months away. The ERA booth was discussed briefly, but most show business was shelved until the next meeting.

The topic of the suggested breakfast for the ERA board meeting was discussed and approved. A full breakfast buffet will be provided for all who attend the meeting, scheduled for 7 am, Sunday, March 26 at the Charlotte Hilton. Up to 15 ERA members at large will be invited on a first come basis. If you are aware of an interested member who might like to become more involved in the association, please ask them to attend.

Mike reported the membership drive mailing has gone out to a total of 4,100 non-ERA rebuilders nationwide.

Last Item was a vote on the 2006 budget. It was approved by unanimous consent and a copy of the final budget is attached.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 pm. Regional VP's are AJ, Hank and Larry.

Regional VP Schedule

Dec 14 -AJ Campbell, Larry Hagemeister, Hank Henke

Jan 4 - Jody Nava, Scott Fureman, Hank Henke

Jan 18 - AJ Campbell, Larry Hagemeister, Mike Dietrich

UPDATE: Following the meeting, REXCO has agreed to host the south Florida seminar in Ft. Lauderdale and Cargo has agreed to host in Atlanta.