

ELECTRICAL REBUILDER'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 4, 2006

The meeting began at 7:35 pm via a conference call. Mike Schroeder, Alan Melton, Dan Smith, Chris Thompson, Scott Fureman, Hank Henke and Bob Thomas were in attendance.

The meeting began with discussion of the show. Bob suggested that Dick Vensel was capable of putting on a more in-depth demonstration if the association helped him out. He said a four-square island with a training demo on each corner, displayed on TV screens, would make an impressive addition to the show. Bob further added that Wes Grueninger is willing to tape the demonstrations and produce DVDs, for continuous showing. He said the ERA would have to provide TVs with DVD playing capability, and the extra booth. He noted that Dick normally buys 2 booths and Polly gives him an extra one for doing a demonstration. Dan agreed to talk to Polly about the idea, and the extra booth.

Mike also suggested the demonstrations could be compiled on a single DVD for sale in the ERA booth. All agreed it was worth pursuing. Bob said he would call Dick the following morning, before going any further.

On other show business, Dan reported that Polly mailed the show packets on December 19 and was already receiving response. The topic of name badges for the Tech Ed seminar was discussed and Hank suggested buying a label printer for that purpose. After a short discussion, all agreed on the purchase of the label printer.

Dan noted that Traci needs information for the ERA column by January 10th. Bob said he had some material to send, but asked others to also send any association news they think is worth sharing.

Mike noted the show booth committee needs to be formed quickly and Alan suggested posting an announcement on the Forums seeking volunteers. Bob agreed to post the announcements. Discussion of the show booth was put off until the committee can be formed. All agreed the booth committee should be involved in planning the booth as well as helping to occupy it during the show.

Mike reported 37 new members joined during the fall membership drive, from September thru December. Ten of those came in as a direct result of the direct mail campaign. The next big drive for members will come at the show.

Alan reported he is still in the process of forming the nomination committee. He said he needed a few more weeks. He also suggested inviting one advisory board member to each future board of directors meeting. All agreed this would enable advisory board members to become more involved and provide input on day-to-day operation of the association. Bob said he would start with the next meeting by inviting Dick Vensel.

The bylaw revision was discussed and after much discussion, nobody was able to come up with a better way to select officers. The concept of using succession was discussed, but Dan used himself as an example of someone who may be willing to serve in one position, but not necessarily in another the following year. All agreed that officers should be selected from those who have had some experience working in the association, and every effort should be made to fill open positions on the executive board from those who have served on the board of directors.

The last item to be discussed involved an ad in the January ERE from an ERA member. The business in question joined the association in October of last year as a rebuilder, but ran an ad offering product for sale to rebuilders. Mike said a firm resolution was needed to deal with this incident and prevent it from happening again.

The following resolution was proposed and passed unanimously:
Rebuilder members who advertise their products for sale to rebuilders must upgrade their membership to Supplier member within 30 days, or their ERA membership will be terminated.

It was also noted that this business has provided a name and address in the US, but their website says the production facility is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which raises questions as to whether they qualify for membership at all.

The next meeting will be held January 25th, one week later than normal. This was done to allow Alan time to put together the nomination committee. Mike Dietrich, Larry Hagemeister, AJ Campbell and Richard Vensel are invited to participate in the next meeting. Any Advisory Board member interested in joining the nomination committee should contact Alan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Thomas, secretary