

ELECTRICAL REBUILDER'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, April 4, 2007

The meeting began at 7:45 pm EST via conference call. Alan Melton, Dan Smith, Chris Thompson, Mike Schroeder, Jim Thomas, Blaine White, Kenny Turner, Scott Fureman, Larry Hagemeister, Wes Grueninger and Bob Thomas were in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was the new web services program, scheduled to be introduced at the show. Wes said he has designed a logo and signs for the booth, written a handout explaining the program and how to get the most out of it, and created a contract. Several members have already expressed interest.

The cost of shipping publications was discussed next. Bob said that shipping costs were all that was holding up the order form to be handed out at the show. All agreed to estimate actual cost of shipping for use on the form. Bob agreed to finish it up before the next meeting.

The seminars were discussed at length. Kenny reported that 30 had attended in Texas and Bob reported that 17 attended in Montgomery. Both seminars were well received by the attendees. Mike added that advance registrations for Portland have been consistent with previous shows. Bob said he was impressed with the new Friday night seminar and explained that Joe had re-written it on his way to Texas.

The next topic of discussion was the show in Portland. Larry said the ERA jackets are ready, and members are lined up to work in the booth. Mike suggested that Larry set up a schedule to ensure adequate personnel are on hand at all times.

Mike informed everyone that Darlene fell in church on March 25 and broke her hip. She had hip replacement surgery on March 27 and was recovering as well as could be expected. Bob is taking calls to the office until she can return to normal working hours.

Mike said she was doing some work at home, and that between the two of them they had managed to get all the work done on time for the first two seminars. He said it is not known if she will be able to make the trip to Portland, but he said she still hopes to attend if the doctor approves. A decision is not likely until the last week of April.

Alan said he has been talking with Polly daily and that as of this date there are 31 exhibitors registered. Mike urged all present to contact any suppliers not registered and try to persuade them to exhibit.

The nomination and elections of officers for 2007 was discussed next. Because Scott withdrew his nomination for president via an email earlier in the day and Hank withdrew his nomination for regional VP at the meeting, Alan said he expects the slate to contain just one name for each office, as long as no nominations are made from the floor.

However, because the question of absentee ballots had been brought up by several Board of Advisors members over the preceding months, Mike thought the subject should be discussed for clarification. He noted that the bylaws contain no provision for absentee voting.

Bob explained the only requirement for the election in the bylaws is a quorum. Sixty percent (60%) of any Board is needed to make a quorum and a quorum is required for the transaction of all business, meaning 18 of the 30 board members must be present. A quick count indicated at least 20 will be attending the meeting.

However, most agreed that an amendment to the bylaws including a provision for absentee voting should be considered, as it could be needed in the future.

Mike also suggested adding a provision for the past president to be made an official but non-voting member of the executive board. Jim agreed this would be a good idea that would aid in the transition to new officers, especially the president. Bob agreed to write a draft amendment to consider at the next meeting in two weeks. The final amendment will be presented to the Board of Advisors for discussion and a vote in Portland. Any other suggested changes or additions to the bylaws should be sent to the secretary prior to the next Board of Directors meeting, April 18.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Bob Thomas, secretary