

Minutes: ERA Board of Directors Sunday April 3rd, 2011

Start Time 7:30am CDT

Attendees; Wes Grueninger, Bob Thomas, Larry Hagemeister, Mike Schroeder, Joe Bradish, Dick Vensel, Joe Davis, Mike Dietrich, Alan Reynolds, Jason Kiser, Kenny Turner, Tom Barrett, Tom Reusser, Jim Thomas, Alan Melton, Dean Conner, Henry Henke, Ronnie Charnes, Harald Kober, Chris Galbreath, Chris Thompson, Bill Ernst, Daren Roggentien.

Guests: Darlene Schroeder, Ron Davis, Gene Kaiser, Mike Conner, Matt Louis, Casey Barrett.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Chris Thompson reported a balance of \$38,343.16.
- b. Chris informed attendees that paperwork had to be filled out to transfer funds into the certificate of deposit. The forms were completed at the ERA Trade Show.

2: Membership Report:

- a. Tom Barrett reported that he did not have the current membership total but all members that were up for renewal for the month of February had renewed.
- b. Tom reported that 9 new members were signed up before the Trade Show and 10 more during the Trade Show.

3: Technical/Training Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported on some of the highlights for the year.
 1. The Tech. Line usage was up for the year. Mike thanked Bob Thomas for all the volunteer time spent manning the Tech. Line.
 2. The Warranty/Defect form was completed and has had positive feedback. There has been Suppliers that are considering adding the form to their Web Sites.
 3. There have been several additions to the Video Library. Mike thanked all the members of the Technical/Training Committee for all their help and input throughout the year.

4: Old Business:

- a. Membership Committee Employee.
 1. Tom Barrett reported that Wes Grueninger and himself are putting together information to forward to Jean Harbrige.
 2. Larry Hagemeister suggested adding Regional Vice Presidents to Jeans list of contacts. If there was a question that she couldn't answer she could refer that prospective member to the Regional Vice President. Larry also suggested producing a DVD to mail to prospective members on benefits that the ERA offers.

3. Tom informed attendees he is communicating with the buying group, Battery Alliance, as a possible buying group for ERA members. Tom will have more information at a later ERA Board meeting. The ERA Board thanked Tom and his committee members for all the work they have done for the ERA for the year.
- b. Amendments to By-Laws.
 1. Ken Plourde presented board members with a list of amendments he had made to the ERA By-Laws. Ken explained that once the amendments are approved they have to be published for 30 days before they can be voted on. Discussion was had on the Honorary Member amendment. A motion was made by Mike Schroeder to strike the wording “not entitled to vote or hold an elective office” from the Honorary Member amendment. A second was made by Alan Melton. All ayes. Motion approved. A motion was made by Chris Thompson to accept the amendments to the ERA By-Laws as written. A second was made by Ronnie Charnes. All ayes. Motion accepted.
- c. Nominating Committee/Election of Officers.
 1. Ken Plourde thanked the nominating committee for all their help with Assembling the slate of candidates. The nominating committee consisted of Dean Conner, Jerry Keiffer and Ken Plourde.
 2. Ken presented a list of candidates for positions on the ERA Board. Ken opened the floor for nominations. A motion was made by Joe Bradish to add Ron Davis to the list of candidates. A second was made by Mike Schroeder. All ayes. Motion accepted. Being no further nominations from the floor Ken closed the nominations. A motion was made by Joe Bradish to have the secretary cast one vote for each candidate on the list of candidates. A second was made by Mike Schroeder. All ayes. Motion approved.

5: New Business:

- a. Passing the Gavel.
 1. Larry Hagemeister introduced to attendees Henry (Handlebar Hank) Henke, the new ERA President. Henry thanked the ERA Board for their support and confidence in electing him to the office. Henry also asked all senior members to offer support for all new and younger members of the ERA.
- b. Presentation of Plaques and Awards.
 1. Henry Henke presented Larry Hagemeister, past President, with a plaque honoring and thanking him for his continuous support to the ERA. Larry thanked the board and reminded everyone that an objective of his was to have a certification for electrical rebuilders. He would like to see the ERA continue to look for a way to make this a reality.
- c. Suppliers Seminar.

1. Jim Thomas reported that the suppliers that were able to attend were very receptive. Others that couldn't attend were interested in obtaining information that they could pass on to their employees.

Being no further business a motion was made by Ken Plourde to adjourn.

A second was made by Chris Thompson. All ayes.

The Annual ERA Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:30am CDT.

**NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH, 2011 @ 6:30 PM CDT.**

Respectfully submitted
Daren Roggentien
Secretary