

Minutes: ERA Board of Directors Wednesday October 19th, 2011

Start Time 6:30 pm CDT

Attendees: Bob Thomas, Ronnie Charnes, Alan Reynolds, Joe Bradish, Hank Henke, Kenny Turner, Mike Dietrich, Dean Conner, Ken Plourde, Mike Schroeder, Bill Ernst, Wes Grueninger, Joe Davis, Chris Thompson, Daren Roggentien.

Guest Attendee: Polly Shea.

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Chris Thompson reported a balance in the ERA checking of \$27,222.16 with all bills paid in full.
- b. Chris informed attendees that the ERA has income of \$80,749.75 for the current with expenses totaling \$71,587.16.

2: Membership Report:

Tom Barrett was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded the following information.

- a. The ERA has 448 members as of the end of September. There were 56 paid renewals and 3 new members for the month.
- b. Tom explained that Jean Harbrige makes sales calls for EMS as well as the membership calls for the ERA. When Jean makes calls for EMS she promotes the ERA. Tom thinks this is where the confusion comes in about Jean making membership calls to current members of the ERA. Mike Schroeder asked if Jean has a current membership list and if not she should have one. Mike added that he would have Darlene fax Jean a current membership list.
- c. Tom informed that Jean is trying to educate prospective members that just because they receive the ERE Newspaper that does not make them members of the ERA.
- d. Tom has talked with Darlene at the ERA office and she had received 2 renewals from past members for the month.
- e. Tom informed that Jean wanted to extend her thanks for the card and flowers she received from the ERA. Tom also thanked Chris Thompson for providing the opportunity for Jean to make membership calls for the ERA.
- f. Wes Grueninger reported that he has sent out 130 of the DVD's. Wes informed that DVD's have been sent to members as well as non-members.

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported that most of the monthly meeting was spent discussing training seminars for the 2012 ERA Trade Show.
- b. Bob Thomas informed attendees that the Technical Line usage was up for the month.

- c. Wes Grueninger reported that he has been working on regulator testing manual with information that has been supplied by WAI/Transpo. Wes informed that this should be available to view on the ERA Web Site soon.

4: Old Business:

a. ERA Trade Show:

1. Joe Bradish reported that he has received a proposal from Dan Marinucci for the Electrical Education Seminar at the 2012 ERA Trade Show. The proposal is for a 4-hour seminar with workbooks. The fee in the proposal is \$1,500.00 and 4 nights lodging at the Holiday Inn. The fee would cover the seminar, lodging, and 100 workbooks. The ERA would not be responsible for driving expenses. The workbooks will have a show specific cover that will be distinctive for the ERA Trade Show. Polly Shea informed that the ERA would have to supply any additional supplies that Dan would need for the seminar like screens, p.a. system, projector, etc. After discussion a fee for the seminar was set at \$109.00 for non-members and \$75.00 for members.

Joe Bradish made a motion to accept Dan's proposal and add the ERA would supply any additional supplies that were needed for the seminar. Mike Schroeder made a second to the motion. All ayes motion passed.

Joe Bradish will contact Dan Marinucci.

2. Polly Shea informed attendees that she has a list of companies and individuals to contact about providing technical seminars at the 2012 ERA Trade Show. The list includes Cargo, Al Steadman, Dan Smith, Niehoff, Rand, and Regitar. Polly informed that she will be contacting these people and will have more information at the Trade Show planning meeting. The meetings have been setup for October 29th and November 5th at 10:00 am CDT and should last about an hour and half.
3. Ken Plourde informed that WAI has committed to a seminar at the Trade Show.

5: New Business:

a. Budget Committee:

1. Hank Henke asked for a chairperson for the budget committee. Chris Thompson offered to chair the committee. Hank reminded attendees that the budget committee consists of the ERA Executive Board, Past President, and any member of the Board of Directors that the chairperson desires. Chris will be contacting members about serving on the committee.

- ##### **b.**
- Joe Davis informed attendees that he has fully retired. The attendees congratulated Joe and thanked him for all that he has done over the years for the ERA.

Being no further business a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn.

A second to the motion was made by Ken Plourde. All ayes meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16TH, 2011 @ 6:30 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted.

Daren Roggentien

Secretary.