

Minutes ERA Board of Directors Sunday April 7, 2013.

President Henry Henke called the meeting to order at 7:00 am EST.

Attendees: *Henry Henke, Joe Bradish, Jason Kiser, Ronnie Charnes, Bob Thomas, Ken Plourde, Mike Schroeder, Rick King, Tom Barrett, Casey Barrett, Larry Hagemeister, Bob Wagner, Alan Reynolds, Drew Withrow, Mike Dietrich, Harald Kober, Bill Skillings, Jerry Kieffer, Kenny Turner, Daren Roggentien.*

Guests: *Darlene Schroeder, Lynn Gross, Art Glass, and Polly Shea.*

1: Treasurers Report:

- a. Chris Thompson was unable to attend. Mike Schroeder informed attendees that the state of the ERA is economically sound.*

2: Membership Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder reported that the current membership of the ERA is 446. Mike informed that there were 4 new members signed at the 2013 ERA Trade Show.*
- b. Mike reported that Darlene had been very busy leading up to the Trade Show and had not been able to make membership calls.*
- c. Darlene informed that most of the responses that she receives from delinquent members is that funds are tight.*

3: Technical/Training Committee Report:

- a. Bob Thomas gave a brief report stating that most of the Technical articles have been generated for the ERA Web Site but with the purchase of the ERE Newspaper the committee will have to look at producing articles to include the Newspaper.*
- b. Wes Grueninger acknowledge Ken Plourde for the exceptional job that he has done over the last year in producing videos for the ERA Video Library.*

4: Old Business:

a. Nominating Committee/Election of Officers:

- 1. Ken Plourde, who chaired the Nominating Committee, thanked Bob Thomas, Mike Schroeder and Chris Thompson for volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee.*

2. *Ken asked for nominations from the floor.*
3. *Bob Thomas made the following nominations to the ERA Board of Advisors, Lonnie Bain from Big Moe Auto Electric of San Antonio, Texas, and Art Glass from Willard Generator of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. Joe Bradish made a motion to close nominations. A second was made by Mike Dietrich to close nominations. All ayes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Mike Schroeder to have the secretary cast one vote for each candidate on the list of candidates. A second was made by Larry Hagemeister. All ayes. Motion passed. A current slate of Officers and Board of Advisors can be viewed on the ERA Web Site.*

b. ERA Trade Show/ERE Newspaper:

1. *Henry Henke spoke about the importance of the recent purchase of the ERA Trade Show and the ERE Newspaper. Henry thanked Bob Thomas and Wes Grueninger for undertaking the responsibilities of running the Trade Show and Newspaper.*

5: New Business:

a. Presentation of Awards:

1. *Henry Henke presented a plaque to outgoing Vice President Joe Bradish honoring him for his services to the ERA. Joe served as Secretary for the ERA in 2007 and 2008. Joe then accepted the position of 2nd Vice President for 2 terms. Joe thanked the ERA for giving him the opportunity to serve these positions.*
2. *Henry Henke presented a plaque to Polly Shea honoring her for all the time and work put in as the promoter of the ERA Trade Show and as Editor/Publisher of the Electrical Rebuilders Exchange Newspaper. This year marked Polly's 21st year with ERE Newspaper and the 25th year of the ERA Trade Show. Henry also thanked Polly for giving the ERA the opportunity to purchase the ERA Trade Show and the ERE Newspaper. Polly thanked the ERA and expressed that she is looking forward to assisting Bob Thomas and Wes Grueninger over the next year.*

b. ERA Membership Honor Roll:

1. *Ken Plourde presented attendees a list of 90 members throughout the United States and Canada that have been members of the ERA continuously for 10 years or more. Ken explained that he would like to recognize members that reach this milestone with a listing on the ERA Web Site under "Members Honor Roll". Wes Grueninger responded that this could easily be added to the ERA Web Site. Joe Bradish added the possibility of producing a certificate of recognition that the member could display.*

A motion was made by Jerry Kieffer to move forward with this.

A second was made by Tom Barrett. All ayes. Motion approved.

In closing Henry Henke thanked all the members of the ERA Board and Committee chairpersons for the volunteer work they put in for the ERA. Henry especially wanted to acknowledge Ken Plourde for stepping forward to assume the responsibilities of the President while he was recuperating from surgery. Henry wanted to remind all ERA Board members of the importance of attending monthly meetings.

Being no further business a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Mike Dietrich. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:35am EST

**THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
MAY 15TH, 2013 @ 6:30PM CST.**

Respectfully submitted

Daren Roggentien.

Secretary.