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Minutes of 05/31/2022

Board Members Present:

Rick Stark
Chad Fields
Greg Eagy
James Marchetti
Casey Wilson
Jim Swier

Division Staff:

Michael Hyde
Tim Frost
Yvonne Dunbar
Warren Wing
Ron Bassett
Gary Sonnen
Bryan Mulleneaux
Renee Bryant
Carlotta Zito

Board Members Absent:

Todd Feusier

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. (MT) by Rick Stark.

Approval of October 27, 2021 & February 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Both sets of draft minutes were not available; therefore, this topic was deferred to the next meeting.

Legislative Update

A legislative update on House Bills 582 & 660, and Senate Bill 1321 was presented.

Division Update

An update regarding DOPL's move to the Idaho State Campus, and licensing system was presented. Michael Hyde is the new Executive Officer of the Idaho Electrical Board.

Board Business

Attorney General's Office Notice to Solar Industry – A news release titled *Attorney General Issues Tips for Homeowners on Solar Installations* was sent to the solar industry, as well as presented/discussed at the meeting.

2020 National Electrical Code Adoption Discussion – An overview of discussions and informational summary of the Code Collaborative findings related to the adoption of the 2020 National Electrical Code were presented. Board Member Wilson requested requirements be added to the rule, item W in the amendments, regarding rapid shutdown for off grid systems, and placard requirements for first responders. Board Member Marchetti expressed concern over the legality and liability to the Board and state of Idaho with removing safety measures from the code.

City of Twin Falls Code Exemption Request – Raub Owens, city of Twin Falls Electrical Inspector, stated the City is not looking for an exemption rather clarification on whether or not an exemption request for a particular piece of machinery should be allowed. Board Member Stark deferred the topic *City of Twin Falls Code Exemption Request* to a future meeting when the owner of the equipment can be in attendance.

Zero Based Regulation Draft Amendments to IDAPA 24.39.10 – Deputy Administrator Frost presented an overview of the draft rule chapter to be addressed at the June 23, 2022 Electrical ZBR meeting.

Division Business

Program Manager Update – Updates were presented on the following topics: NASCLA Electrical Exam Services; Permitting and Inspection Report; Inspection Consistency and Renewable Energy Inspections; and Current & Upcoming Projects: Guidance Documents and Industry Outreach.

Compliance and Notice of Violation Report – The report was presented.

Financial Update – A financial update was presented.

Public Comments – Public comments were presented by agenda topic.

Board Business-Public Comments – Jeff Fitzloff made comments regarding funding of the DOPL move, licensing fees, and looking up licenses online.

Mark Zaleski, IBEW Local 291, asked the redline document be resent to industry. Mr. Zaleski asked whether there will be a re-direct from the DBS website to the new DOPL website and stated the Board Chair should have the discretion to decide when public comments should or should not be received during board meetings.

2020 National Electrical Code Adoption Discussion-Public Comments – Kelly Lamp, Idaho NECA and Chairman of the 2020 Idaho Code Collaborative, stated NEC revises code every three years; however, ZBR is scheduled every five years. He expressed the Board not wait every five years to look at new code adoption.

Zero Based Regulation Draft Amendments to IDAPA 24.39.10-Public Comments – Mr. Fitzloff discussed the four to one apprentice to journeyman ratio, numerous violations, and history of the master license.

Mr. Lamp thanked past board member Bob Scott for all the work he did for the electrical industry over his 15 years of service on the Electrical Board.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. (MT).

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