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ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN 2007 Annual General Meeting

10:00 a.m.

May 23, 2008

Hillcrest Sport Centre Golf Course (Lounge)
1599 Main Street, Moose Jaw SK

Attendance: Rob Istace, Keri Fox, Glen Gerow, Wayne Kirby, Barry Iles, Randy Lovegrove, Joe Mignon, Garnet Connolly, and Michael Fougere.

Regrets: Bryan Leverick, Ken Pickering, Allan Gibb, Don Old, Kurt Anthony.

Call to Order: Rob Istace, President, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Glen Gerow and **seconded** by Garnet Connolly that the agenda as presented be adopted.

CARRIED

Reports:

1. **President's Report:** Rob Istace reported that communications is very important for our association. He mentioned that our newsletter is a key item, as are the committee reports from committee members. Finalizing the strategic plan and sending it out to members is important.

There was a wide ranging discussion on the need to advance our association's position on journey-person-apprenticeship ratios as a way to expand employment opportunities in the electrical contracting trade.

Greater visibility for our association is vital. Advertising in the Leader Post, Star Phoenix and other media was raised as a suggestion. Promoting our trade with scholarships is another idea. This suggestion could be placed in our newsletter. Other ideas included purchasing promotional items, such as golf shirts, and seeking testimonials from past participants in Skills Canada competitions would help.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** There was a brief discussion on both the year end financial statements and the most recent financial statements. There was some discussion on the association's capacity to provide promotional materials and advertising to advance our industry.

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Moved by Glen Gerow and **seconded** by Berry Iles that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

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3. **Membership Report:** The committee received a brief on ECA of Saskatchewan membership.
4. **Sask. Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission Report:** Wayne Kirby provided an overview of his written report submitted to the ECA Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting. Wayne touched on a number of topics including the Hutterite Colonies issue along with the journey person-apprenticeship ratios and its affect on our industry.

On behalf of the ECA Saskatchewan Board, Rob thanked Wayne Kirby for the great committee report he submitted and for the work he is doing for our industry and our association.

Moved by Garnet Connolly and **seconded** by Joe Mignon that the report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Gold Seal -**
There was no Gold Seal report.
6. **Sask Bid Depository:**
Glen Gerow reported on the proposed changes to Division 8. Glen recommended that he talk to the larger contractors who use the bid depository system to get their comments on the proposed changes. He will report back to the ECA Board with the responses. It was noted that comments must be received by SBDI by July 15, 2008.
7. **Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association:**
There was no SCSA report.
8. **SIIT Update:**
There was no SIIT report.

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9. **SCA Advisory Council Report:** Glen Gerow is the ECA Saskatchewan's representative on the Advisory Council. There was some discussion on the issues of journeyperson-apprenticeship ratios and the one stop regulatory agency being advanced by the Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan and how our association agrees with the positions.

Business:

1. **Scholarships (Skills Canada):** There was considerable discussion on promoting our industry and supporting individuals who compete at Skills Canada competitions. Mention was made again of purchasing golf shirts with ECA Saskatchewan logo for the Saskatchewan champion who represents our industry at the national Skills Canada competition. This would be a great way to promote our association. Developing other promotional items to raise the profile of our industry was also discussed. Much of the discussion centered on golf shirts.
2. **Membership:** There was some discussion on making membership forms available to wholesalers, as has been done in the past.

Adjournment:

Moved Garnet Connolly and **seconded** by Glen Gerow that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



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