

October 11, 2011

ENLIGHTNER

Meeting Location

Erico

31700 Solon Road

Solon, OH 44139

TIME: 600 PM

HONARY MEMBERS

Jerry M Gerber January 1996

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Plant Tour

Lightning Seminar

September 2011 Meeting

President Dick Straka

Called the Meeting to Order at 6:10 PM

.Motion to accept the minutes as E-mailed

1st Ted Athanas

2nd Bill Marzola

Motion to Abstain from this month's Treasurers Report

1st Shelly Gardner

2nd Bill Marzola

September 2011 Secretaries Report

The announcement of November 1, 2011 for the adoption of the 2011 NEC for commercial only is now confirmed. Nothing has been posted as of yet however they assured me last week that it is in stone. I was informed again there will be nothing on residential in the foreseeable future. I would like to make comment once again, on how Jerry Gerber stood up, at the 85th Seminar, voicing his concerns on how the Board is basing their decisions lately. Jerry gave Regina a lesson on how he has seen the Board switch directions from safety being the main concern, to the institution of politics being the course on how the Board now governs. Jerry's comments were one of the best I have ever heard. He made his point quite clear without insulting Regina. Jerry gave her one extremely important history lesson on the past and present of the NEC. This was one of the best comments brought to an Ohio Chapter seminar in years. Jerry made all in attendance from the Western Reserve Division proud!! I have received numerous comments from throughout the State on how informative Jerry was and all agreed with his message.

At the Buckeye luncheon Ron Shapp had Jerry Gerber stand up,(and you know what that could mean) Jerry a bit apprehensive, stood up and yelled out I didn't do it. Jerry, knowing how Ron would either bust his chops or maybe lecture him on his behavior, however as expected, Ron gave Jerry a well-deserved honorable mention.

As should we!!

The Western Reserve Code School completed the first 30hr 2011 code class with 17 students. Norm Worth and a few others stayed after a class one evening, these guys are all seasoned pro Electrical Inspectors. They expressed to me that we have hit a home run with this class format. These guys have attended countless classes over their carriers and they told me they have never been in one that offers as much information and keeps your attention as this one. With this kind of feedback it looks like we are going in the right direction.

The Western Reserve Division is now again the largest Division in the Ohio Chapter. We did not receive the flag; however we gained back our status. In the Ohio Chapter Membership meeting, some members mentioned the way the

Western Reserve Division handles the reminding of members of their past dues. Our philosophy is not making it look like we are bill collectors. We decided on taking a lower key approach to past due members: especially contractors and out of work Inspectors, with a slightly more aggressive approach to working Inspector members. The other divisions were impressed by that approach, due to the poor economy. At the Western Section Membership Meeting I sat there and heard all the aggressive approaches other divisions were contemplating. I expressed to them, when there are few funds due to this economy why would you spend the time on costly campaigns, that will only bring in a small number of new members. That’s simply negative economics. Now it seems our Philosophy is catching on, even at the Western Section level. Both Jerry Gerber and I submitted a proposal for the 2014 Electrical Code. These changes have been reviewed by the Ohio Chapter review committee. They both have been approved to go to Mike Forester for Western Section Secretary for submittal to the appropriate code committees. Jerry submitted a change for article 250.53(A)(3) and I Submitted a change for 680.22(A)(2). The Western Reserve Division Code School is holding its second class starting Saturday October 8th 2011 at the Parma Town Mall (Parma Fire Department Training Center) 7914 Day Dr Parma, Ohio 44129 Class schedule Saturday October 8th Saturday October 15th Saturday October 22nd Saturday October 29th 2011 Analysis Course 5hr each day Held at Parma Town Mall Parma Fire Training Center 7914 Day Dr. Cost is \$100 or \$35 per Class Certified for CBO, MPE, EPE, ESI, RBO, and RPE And OCILB pending for Contractors???? Robert Sullivan has arranged for us to have our October meeting at the Erico Facility in Solon. It has been some time since we had a field trip. Please make sure you mark this down we don’t want anyone showing up in Brecksville. Robert has been active in promoting a very special relationship with Erico and the IAEL.