

HCECA Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022

Attendees: Wayne Desch Steve Madison Mike Atkins
Ronn Blaney Robert Darretta Dwight Hedrick
Pete Elmo Robert Schemm Steve Sendldorfor
JeanMarie Makres Dennis Felts

Meeting was called to order 6:06 P.M. by Bob Schemm

Minutes from December 15, 2021 approved as read.

Financial reports dated January 12, 2022 and February 14 2022 approved as read.

Communications:

1. There were no communications to report since the last meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A. Electric League of Maryland - Pete Elmo, President,
The Electric League of Maryland is loping along. Things are quiet right now. Several people are still sick and recovering.
- B. BGE – Steve Madison
All operations are normal. Normal everyday struggles of keeping everyone healthy. Stay safe. Be aware of your surroundings.
- C. Industry Advisory: Milford Badders, Harford County. Milford is working from home and his health is improving.
- D. Membership: There was 1 application for membership since the last meeting.
 1. Authorized Electric, LLC, Master Kevin Scott Grout, Maryland License #7598. Approved by membership.
 2. We had a total of 23 new members in 2021.
- E. Education: Ronn Blaney
See attached Report
- F. Seminars and Continuing Education
 1. Spring Master's Prep. – Instructor Joe Fellner, T/Th evenings 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Scheduled to start April 19.
 2. Spring Seminars: Basic Motor Controls, Intermediate Motor Controls, Swimming Pools, 5-Hour Understanding the 2020 NEC, 10-Hour Understanding the 2020 NEC. Dates to be determined based on instructor availability.
- G. Board of Directors –Bob Schemm (Chairman)
 1. Everything is going along smoothly. Making progress.

Old Business:

1. Holiday party was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was nice to see everyone in-person.
2. National Apprenticeship week publication. HCECA was mentioned on page 8 of the National publication. This is great recognition for our program.
3. Update on State licensing regulations – Ronn Blaney, Senate Bill 604 provides for a waiver of testing to get a Journey person’s license in Maryland for apprentices that complete a registered apprenticeship program.
4. Update on State continuing education requirements. The state will accept virtual classes for in-person hours.
5. Ronn’s retirement and job posting. Ronn will retire effective May 25. His position has been posted to Indeed, and was sent to the membership and the Harford and Baltimore county inspection offices.

New Business:

1. On January 4, due to an increase in COVID positivity rates, all classes moved temporarily to a virtual format. Now that the Maryland State COVID positivity rate is below 4%, we will resume in-person classes on March 1.
2. Graduation planning – We are hoping to plan an in-person graduation this year. We are not able to reserve the Amoss Center so we have reserved the HCC tent on the quad. Attendance will be limited if we go with this option and the event will be impacted by weather. Another option may be to have the graduation in the APGFCU Arena. Waiting to hear back from HCC to see if this is an option.
3. June Contractors Dinner Planning- We are planning to host an in-person event this year in June. Details TBD.
4. Updates to the website – We will be adding a new Tab called “Media and Events” which will be a place to host press releases, events, National Apprenticeship Week news, and a photo gallery.
5. Recruitment – 69 applications so far, High School visits planned. We will be attending the Bel Air high school career day on February 25th.
6. Applications process – Math Testing is underway. Applicants are testing at the HCC testing center. Interviews will take place on a monthly basis to avoid a crunch at the end in June.
7. Banking: BB&T bank is now Truist, and Howard Bank is now First National Bank. All banking operations have transitioned smoothly.
8. 2022 Membership meeting dates: Feb 16, April 20, June (TBD), August 17, October 19, December 14 (Annual Meeting and Holiday Party.)

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022, 6 pm, Edgewood Hall, Room 132.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:00 pm

Minutes taken by JeanMarie Makres, Executive Director and Secretary Wayne Desch.