

MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
B. P. O. E Lodge #8, 2824 Klondike Lane, 40218
January 13, 2025

Call to Order:

- President - Steve Willinghurst (7:00 PM)

Invocation:

- Mark Yates

General Business:

- Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2024 General Membership Meeting as posted on the ECHL website. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
- Due to a miscommunication (the Elks Lodge Management changed hands and our preference for the February 2nd Saturday date was not passed on to the new Management), the Elks Lodge is not available for the February 8, 2025 Contractors Class. Ed Devine, Business Manager of I.B.E.W. 369, offered his facility for the classes.
- The announcement was made about the financial status of ECHL was given. About \$17,000 is available for future use of the Clearing House.

Announcements:

- The status of the approval of the 2023 National Electric Code (NEC) by the state of Kentucky was reviewed again by Steve Willinghurst. This will be an ongoing announcement until it is determined all ECHL members are informed of changes.
 - A meeting on August 13, 2024 before the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee approved the following proposal regarding the 2023 NEC for one family homes, two family homes, and townhouses.
 - Sections 210.52(C), 230.67, and 314.27(C) shall not be mandatory until July 15, 2026. The applicable provisions of the 2017 NEC shall apply until then.
 - The 2025 provisions will apply to commercial, industrial, and multi-family homes.
 - The requirement for GFCI protection for personnel on receptacles over 125-volt listed in 2023 NEC sections: 210.8(A), 210.8(D)(8), (9), (10) and (11) shall not be mandatory until a revision is made to the September 5, 2023 edition of UL 943 Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters and the October 5, 2023 edition of UL 101 Leakage Current for Utilization Equipment.

Electrical Code Program

- Steve Willinghurst bought in a presentation about the different construction codes in the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). KRS 227 deals with Electrical Permits and Inspections. KRS 227 presently references Uniform Building Code; the Kentucky Building Code and the Kentucky Residential Code; all of which currently reference the National Electrical Code (N.E.C.). There is a bill (HB 29) that has been introduced by Derek Lewis (London, KY) on January 7, 2025 on behalf of the Home Builders' Association that is a major concern for the future. We received an unofficial copy of the bill.
 - In the copy that we received:
 - HB 29 amends the following sections:
 - KRS227.480
 - KRS198B.050

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 - KRS 227.489
 - KRS 227.810
 - KRS 227A.010
 - HB 29 has language that will remove the National Electric Code (N.E.C. / NEC) as a minimum standard in the state of Kentucky. Refer to:
 - Page 2; lines 19/ 20.
 - Page 3; Line 9
 - Page 4; Line 18 - Section 3. KRS 227.450 is amended to read as follows (this section continues on the next Page 5...
 - Page 5; Line 10; Item (7) was moved from the original regulation Line 25; Item 9 and removes the language “in compliance with the National Electrical Code”
 - Continuing on Page 5; Lines 16/17
 - Page 6; Line 8
 - Page 6; Lines 18/19
 - Page 7: Lines 18/19
- In HB 29, the author has substituted the “Uniform Building Code” in place of the N.E.C. The “Uniform Building Code” can be amended by the Kentucky legislature to dilute the standards and safety that the N.E.C. provides for the final user of the electrical installation.
 - The Kentucky Building Code and the Kentucky Residential Code (because of amendments made by the legislature under the “Uniform Building Code”) is woefully behind on standards, safety and installation updates as recommended by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
The NFPA is the world's leading resource on fire, electrical, and related hazards. NFPA is a self-funded nonprofit dedicated to eliminating loss through safety and installation of equipment for fire, electrical, and other types of hazards.
 - The KBC contains the following NFPA Sections or codes:
 - NFPA 54 – National Fuel Gas Code; last updated 2012. Currently the new code is dated 2024.
 - NFPA 70 – National Electrical Code; last updated 2017. Currently the new code is dated 2023.
 - NFPA 79 – Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery; last updated 2012. Currently the new code is dated 2024.
 - NFPA 90A – Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems; last updated 2012. Currently the new code is dated 2025.
 - NFPA 90B – Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems; last updated 2012. Currently the new code is dated 2024.
 - NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code; last updated 2012. Currently the new code is dated 2024.
 - NFPA 520 – Subterranean Spaces; last updated 2010. Currently the new code is dated 2021.
 - The KRC contains the following NFPA Sections or codes:
 - NFPA 54 – National Fuel Gas Code; last updated 2009. Currently the new code is dated 2024.
 - NFPA 70 – National Electrical Code; last updated 2017. Currently the new code is dated 2023.

- Discussion concerning these issues was an important part of this presentation.

After the discussion, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the ECHL is opposed to Kentucky HB 29 in its current form.

The code questions included in the December 2024 Wire newsletter were answered by Dennis Steier.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing (\$40.00) was Theo Yates.

Attendance: 44 Members and Guests

Respectfully Submitted: David True