

**MINUTES**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**B. P. O. E Lodge #8, 2824 Klondike Lane, 40218**  
**February 10, 2025**

Call to Order:

- President - Steve Willinghurst (7:00 PM)

Invocation:

- Mark Yates

General Business:

- Approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2025 General Membership Meeting as posted on the ECHL website. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
- The slate of officers for the 2025/2026 calendar year was presented to the ECHL General Membership. The candidates:

President	Steve Willinghurst (Louisville JATC /IBEW/Retired)
1st V Pres	David True (NECA/Henderson Services/Retired)
2nd V Pres	Bruce Stansbury (Stansbury Electric Co/ABC)
Secretary	Marilyn Boudreaux (LG&E/Retired)
Treasurer	Alan Akin (Arrow Electric/Retired)
Contractor	Kurt R. Wagner (Amteck)
Contractor	Mark Yates (Yates Electric)
Contractor Rep,	Josh Quinn (Representing NECA)
Industrial Elect.	Jerry Curry (Ford-KTP/Retired)
Elect. Insp	Arnold Hornback (Louis Metro)
	Norb Thorpe (Louis Metro)
Manufacturer	Dennis Steier (Manf. Rep/Consultant/KY Chapter IAEI Rep)
LG&E Utility	Jamie Archer (LG&E)
	Joel McCauley (LG&E)

On a motion and second from the membership, the listed candidates were elected.

- Kentucky Representatives House Bill 54 (HB 54) was discussed. This bill would create a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to allow on-the-job training equivalencies of internship and cooperative placement hours to count toward those hours needed to obtain licensure; require that the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction recognize and honor the agreements toward licensure in the professions regulated by the department, including electricians, plumbers, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
  - The discussion that followed this announcement determined that HB 54 was not in the interest of the electrical industry as mandatory electrical class instruction was not mentioned in the bill.
- Kentucky Representatives House Bill 29 (HB 29) was again discussed. This bill would amend KRS 227.480 to expand the group of entities whose model codes may be used as a source or basis for the standards required for electrical system construction, repair, and inspection as promulgated in the Uniform State Building Code; amend KRS 198B.050, 227.450, 227.489, 227.810, and 227A.010 to conform.
  - The discussion that followed this announcement determined that HB 29 was not in the interest of the electrical industry as the mandatory use of the National Electrical Code is not mentioned in this bill and is actually excluded in the wording. (see ECHL General Membership Minutes dated January 13, 2025)

## Announcements:

- The death of Tyrone Reed was announced. Tyrone was a long time member of the ECHL. He will be missed.
- A letter received from the Kentucky Department of Housing, Building and Construction was read to the members. The letter was addressed to Electrical Licensees and Electrical Inspectors.

“The Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction (“Department”) is currently in the process of adopting the 2023 National Electrical Code (“NEC”). The administrative regulations that incorporate the NEC have passed through the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee and have been referred to the subject matter committee. The subject matter committee has until December 3, 2024 to place the administrative regulations on its agenda. **Mandatory enforcement of the 2023 NEC will begin January 1, 2025** unless the administrative regulations are delayed or found deficient.

Additionally, some articles of the 2023 NEC have had their implementation delayed and the applicable articles of the 2017 NEC will apply until their implementation date. The articles are as follows:

2023 NEC articles 210.52(C); 230.67; and 314.27(C) are not mandatory until July 15, 2026.

Further, the requirement for ground-fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel for receptacles over 125-volt listed in 2023 NEC article 210.8(A) and the requirement for GFCI protection listed in 210.8(D)(8); (9); (10); and (11) is not 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. Once both standards are updated, the Department will issue a notice stating the delayed implementation for the referenced articles will no longer be valid. Subsequently, the mandatory enforcement of the 2023 NEC for the cited articles will be effective by a date specified in the notice.”

## Electrical Code Program

- Steve Willinghurst and Norb Thorpe discussed how the NEC 2023 will be enforced with the exemptions as listed in the letter as presented above. Norb Thorpe (Louisville Metro Electrical Inspector) explained how he would attempt to enforce the NEC in buildings and housing that he inspects. Norb stated that any inspections that he has and the way he sees the enforcement of the NEC (with the exceptions) would probably not be the way any of the other electrical inspectors (Metro or state) would interpret the code.

The code questions included in the January 2025 Wire newsletter were answered by Dennis Steier.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing (\$50.00) was David Witten

Attendance: 42 Members and Guests

Respectfully Submitted: David True