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President Bob Rutan opened the meeting at 6:10pm with the flag salute and a moment of silence for our men and women overseas. Bob started off the meeting by announcing that effective immediately, the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors has temporarily suspended the approval of contractor credits from meeting attendance as there are problems with the process. When the process is analyzed, we hope that we can resume issuance of certificates. Bob then asked Treasurer Don Storms to give a report. The yearly accounts were balanced and checked by the Audit Committee and the annual report required by the IRS was filled out and ready to be filed. Don stated that there was a comfortable balance in the account and all bills have been paid. The president then asked for the Secretary's report. Secretary Greg Chontow stated that the minutes from the previous meeting were posted on the Skylands website. He asked for any errors or corrections. As there were none, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted, which was made and seconded. Board member Dave Menendez then introduced himself as an instructor for both an ICS Electrical inspector class and a Technical Assistant class. Both of Dave's classes were in attendance this evening, and he welcomed them to the meeting. Under old business, President Rutan brought up the Availability of The Analysis of Changes to the 2014 NEC books that we purchased. We still have a few left that are available for anyone interested. Under new business, The Skylands Chapter will be conducting classes, hosted by Chester Lighting and Sussex Warren Electrical Contractors Association. Applications were emailed and are available at this meeting. The Skylands Chapter will also be hosting our own classes in the near future. Greg Chontow then explained the code making process from Public Input to Public Comment. Any issues or problems that are found within the code should be addressed with the form in the back of the NEC. Another method for proposing a change is the IAEI Public Input process. This process is similar but the submittal will go to IAEI for official IAEI endorsement. This process has a tighter timeframe than NFPA, and as such, submittals must be received by 1 May 2014. President Rutan then requested that Greg be nominated by the Chapter to be assigned to the NEC code manpower pool. This nomination, if approved by the Section, and the I/O, will allow him to be assigned a codemaking panel when a position is available. There was enthusiastic approval from the members at large, and nomination was

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granted. Bob then asked if there was any questions or issues from the floor. Member Ernie Fletcher stated that one Construction Official allows a building contractor that owns a dwelling to perform electrical work on that building. Greg Chontow pointed out that in addition to the UCC prohibiting that, the Electrical Contractor laws also prohibit that work by an unlicensed individual. He said he would get the information and forward it [see N.J.A.C. 45:5A - 18(n) in the Board Laws in our website's Quicklinks section]. With no other comments, President Rutan then introduced John Gorman of CSA as our speaker of the evening. John started out by giving an overview of what a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory is, which uses set standards to test a specific device. The standards are written by a Standard Development Organization, which may or may not be the same as the NRTL. Some of the things that are evaluated during a test is whether the product's instructions will provide a compliant installation, and whether the product is manufactured correctly. Part of the evaluation is periodic follow up inspections to determine if the product remains in compliance, and factory audits (four times a year) to ensure the plant could actually manufacture the product. The members present appreciated John's detailed presentation and received a well deserved round of applause. John Cangemi of UL added that New Jersey has no option in the Uniform Construction Code to exempt the requirement of a listed product, therefore all products installed in the state shall be listed. Dave Menendez added that the only item that does not have to be listed per UCC requirements is process equipment. John continued with information about the relisting of fire resistive cabling listed in the UL White Book under the category heading FHIT. A member asked about the new requirement for the bonding of CSST gas piping. John explained that although gas piping is required to be bonded according to the NEC in Article 250, the requirement for bonding CSST specifically is required by the IBC and the IFGC and has to be installed in addition to the electrical bonding. With John's conclusion, President Rutan closed the meeting with 59 in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted

Greg Chontow