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President Robert Rutan opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with the flag salute and a moment of silence for our men and women overseas. He then requested Past President of the New Jersey Chapter Joe Bevaqua to conduct the installation of Officers for 2017-2018. Joe then called up: Robert Rutan: President; Frank Baguiao: Vice President; Don Storms: Treasurer; Greg Chontow: Secretary; Board Members: James Burke, Ernest Fletcher, Chris Frankowski, Roy Konwiser, Greg Lwowski, Bill O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Larry Ott, and Chris Walthour. Joe then proceeded to read the installation which was repeated by the entire board. At its conclusion, there was a round of applause by the members in attendance. President Rutan continued the meeting with a call for all interested to pursue licensing as inspectors as there is a shortage in the industry and "No one is getting any younger". The president then asked Greg Chontow for the Secretary's report. Greg reminded the members that all the minutes are posted on the Chapter's website, and asked if there were any corrections to be made. As there were none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as posted. President Rutan then requested a report from Treasurer Don Storms. Don reported that the Audit Committee met and approved the accounting books. He thanked Kimberly for all the help she has provided at all the meetings and behind the scenes with the bookkeeping. Kimberly received a great round of applause. Don then declared that the organization held an amount in the bank account that will allow us to continue to function. Bob continued the meeting by asking the attendees if there were any questions or discussions. The first question was whether there was a requirement in the NEC requiring a fan box for a luminaire containing a three-wire cable. The answer was yes, if that conductor was run for a future third wire for a potential fan, the fan box is required to be installed [314.27(C)]. The next topic was a discussion on the requirements or need for a Kenny Clamp. Although these devices are listed and approved for the installation of the EGC into the panel, providing a "choke", there is nothing in the code that requires this type of installation. The discussion continued by stating that the panels usually contain "weep holes" which can be used, provided that the conductor is fastened by the use of a staple within 12" of the enclosure. An additional comment on the use of a Romex connector came up. Although the use of a Romex connector is not listed for bare or insulated single conductor, it is standard practice and should be acceptable. This

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conversation lead us back to the Authority Having Jurisdiction making the final determination on what would be an acceptable practice. With the conclusion of the open questions, we introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Greg Chontow, Secretary of the Chapter, with a presentation on “The Electrical Contractor and the Rehabilitation Subcode”. Greg started out with a question on which code we use. Answers were 2014 NEC, 2011 NEC, all of them. The answer was N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16, also known as the Uniform Construction Code. The current NEC code is adopted in this section of the New Jersey Administrative Code. However, the adopted code for the Rehab code is a little trickier. As it is not spelled out which code is adopted in Chapter 6 of the UCC, we have to look at the date of the printed Rehab code and compare that with the date listed on the adopted codes published by DCA. Greg then continued on to discuss the different projects that the Rehab code addresses, such as Renovations, Alterations, Reconstructions, Repairs and Additions. He showed us the different sections of the NEC that were adopted and exempted for the different types of projects as a whole. He then explained the different Use Group classifications and how the Rehab code put back what was previously exempted from those projects based on the Use Groups.

Greg concluded the presentation with a great round of applause.

With no additional comments, the President closed the meeting with 39 members present.

Respectfully Submitted
Greg Chontow, Secretary