



## NORTHEAST REGIONAL COALITION

### MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2006

The regional conference call was called to order by the Chairman at 1:02 PM. The Chairman requested the Secretary conduct a Roll Call. The following participants were recognized present for this meeting. Chairman, Tim Nelson (ME). Vice Chairman, Jack Leyden (RI). Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Cichon (NY). Representatives of the following States include;

Connecticut, J-P Langlois, Peter Williams. Maine, Kathryn Joiner, Dick Lambert. Massachusetts, Chip LaPointe. New Hampshire, Wayne Richardson, Tom Johnson. New York, Joseph Sauerwein. Rhode Island, William Nash. Vermont is not represented at this meeting but Representatives are Welcome to participate.

Tim Nelson (ME) asked where the region stood on ICC Chapters that have sent in Resolutions. Wayne Cichon (NY) informed the members that we have received more than half of the signed resolutions from ICC Chapters in this region. Tim Nelson (ME) leads discussion into approving the draft bylaws with revisions. Wayne Cichon (NY) pointed discussion as to the final step of Bylaws revision. The NERC needs to approve the State that the Corporation is to be incorporated in. It is the last piece of the By-laws revision.

With that, Dick Lambert (ME) made a motion to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to file NERC incorporation paperwork in the State of New York. A second was made by Jack Leyden (RI). A note made there was no further discussion. The measure was approved unanimously. Wayne Cichon (NY) will follow up.

Tim Nelson (ME) moved discussion to approving the revised by-laws. Tom Johnson (NH) made the motion to approve the revised by-laws with revisions. This was seconded by Bill Nash (RI). A note made there was no further discussion. This was approved unanimously. Congratulations to the members. Wayne Cichon (NY) told members they will all receive a copy of the new by-laws. They will be marked as original.

Tim Nelson (ME) moved into entertaining a motion to submit the application and package to the ICC. J-P Langlois (CT) made the motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer file the Regional Chapter application and associated paperwork. The second was made by Jack Leyden (RI). The measure was approved unanimously. Wayne Cichon (NY) said he would try to have the remaining documents to ICC Board Director, Ron Piester by Friday.

Tim Nelson (ME) thanked all of the representatives and others who have helped us reach this monumental point. It took a lot of work by a lot of people from across a wide area, to make this happen. Congratulations to all. The swearing in ceremony for the Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the ABM on Tuesday, during the Delegate's

Luncheon meeting. Tim Nelson thanked Director Ron Piester for his involvement in keeping this in front of the ICC Board of Directors. We will find out more as we get closer to the ABM. Director, Ron Piester spoke up offering his congratulations to the members on this major achievement. He said that ICC President, Henry Green, and the other Officers' and Board of Directors' members feel strongly that installing the NERC Board at the ABM is indicative of their commitment to the Regional Chapters, and especially so for the members and how this happened. This is a model for success. They acknowledge the great understanding it takes to accomplish what NERC has since we left Detroit. That is why they feel the ceremony deserves the high profile of the ABM.

Wayne Cichon (NY) moved discussion toward NERC supporting Director, Ron Piester in his bid for re-election to a three year seat that will be open at the ABM. After some discussion Joe Sauerwein (NY) made a motion to approve a letter of endorsement from NERC supporting Director Ron Piester re-election, for a three year seat on the ICC Board of Directors. A quick second was made by Dick Lambert (ME). Note is made there was no further discussion. The motion approved unanimously. Director Piester Thanked the group for their support.

Jack Leyden (RI) asked if Tim or Ron knew of any other candidates that NERC should be supporting at the ABM. Ron gave the known open seats and spoke to some of the declared individuals. There was discussion on how people move up and how other vacancies arise. Up for re-election currently are Ron Piester, Tim Ryan, Greg Johnson, and Bill Duck Jr. Also, one seat will open up based on who is elected for the Secretary/Treasurer. The expected candidates for that office Tim Ryan & Gerry George, once elected will leave one seat opened as they move into the secretary/treasurer position. In addition, the appointment of Barbara Kofferon by President Henry Green, to fill the unexpired term of former Board Director Kevin Scott must receive ratification by the membership, according to the Bylaws. That election is subject to challenge from the floor. Tim Nelson (ME) asked if there were any others in the Region that might want to run for a seat on the board of Directors. None spoke. Tim Nelson declared that as Chairman of the NERC he felt strongly that NERC needs more representation on the Board and is going to run for an additional seat on the Board of Directors. Director Ron Piester & Wayne Cichon (NY) agreed to help in this in drafting letters and such. Joe Sauerwein (NY) made the motion to approve the NERC endorse Chairman Tim Nelson's bid to seek a seat on the ICC Board of Directors. A quick second was made by Jack Leyden (RI). Having no other discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Wayne Cichon (NY) brought up money for supporting an event. We had moved to try and get our respective groups to aide in monetarily supporting an event for June if we could have done that. Since we now have the chance, can we do the same for the ABM? Try and do something to expound what we have accomplished in forming this Region. Maybe we can sponsor or hold a hospitality event or something of that nature. Director Ron Piester suggested that every year, there is a two hour block of time for Regional Chapters to meet. Ron offered to speak with Laura Scott to see if NERC can Host/Support the beverage & snacks for that event, and to possibly make a presentation on how NERC came together. Tim Nelson (ME) asked Wayne Cichon (NY) to check into

pricing possibilities so the members can go back to their groups for funding. Notice will be sent to members. Wayne Cichon (NY) said he spoke with NYSBOC President Scott Copp and had reassurance that NYSBOC will still fund \$1000.00 in support of an event for NERC. Wayne will contact.

Tim Nelson (ME) spoke about the shirts. Pricing not firmed yet but in the 30.00+ range. Golf style, maze color basics. He will send info once completed. He also spoke about the ICC Governance Committee Conference call scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2006. If you can be there, it's very important. Speak if you want to but at least listen. This may affect how we (members) have representation at the ICC. We need more Directors for the NORTHEAST Region.

Director Ron Piester talked about how this affects us all. The Board of Directors is listening to the membership, and the membership is going to direct how we get our representation. All regions will be represented at this call and ICC appears to be allowing the membership to control. This is a good move.

Tim let everyone know that the next Governance Committee meeting will be the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> in Dallas.

Ron continued about a meeting coming July 15, 2006. The ICC is preparing to hold a TOWN HALL Meeting in Colorado. Ongoing discussions with IAPMO on establishing a unified plumbing code will be addressed. The processes used to achieve this joint venture will be covered among many other specifics. Ron asked if he could recommend that NERC Officers and Directors be invited to attend. There may be some reimbursement through ICC for travel. If you or your group have specific interest in this or pertinence to the discussion to be held then Ron would like to suggest attending. Ron asked if there were any objections from the members. None noted.

Tom Johnson (NH) asked about a dues structure and how NERC was funded. Tim Nelson (ME) explained where we (Draft Bylaws Committee) came from and don't really want a dues structure. We will do what we have to, but tried very hard not to add that burden. We were to ask our groups for their funding support.

With no further business, Tim Nelson (ME) entertained a motion by J-P Langlois (CT) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Johnson (NH) and approved by the members. Meeting adjourned @ 2:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Cichon  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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