



# **NORTH DAKOTA STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD**

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## **2010 CEU CLASSES EXCEEDED ATTENDANCE RECORDS**

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The N.D. State Electrical Board conducted seven 8-hour code continuing education courses throughout North Dakota. We have once again exceeded past years' attendance records making it a great success. With your pre-registration, it has made the process go smoother as well as kept the classes on track with the agenda. The N.D. State Electrical Board wants to thank those attending the state-sponsored continuing education classes for their participation in discussions.

Many of you utilized the online registration system through our web site. By this process, confirmation of your registration was generated automatically and sent to your listed e-mail address. In the future, we would encourage more use of this online registration system as a more effective tool of registration. Using the online system avoids the registration from getting lost or delayed in the mail or receiving late registrations.

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## **SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO BOARD EMPLOYEES**

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Three employees were recognized and received service awards. They are Mitch Feininger, Paula Glass and Don Offerdahl.

Mitch Feininger received his 5-year service award. Mitch started with the Board on March 28, 2005 as a district inspector in West Fargo. In May, 2006, he moved to the Dickinson area and is currently the District 3 Electrical Inspector.

Paula Glass received her 10-year service award. Paula started with the Board as an Administrative Assistant on December 1, 1999. On July 1, 2006, she was promoted to Office Manager.

Don Offerdahl received his 25-year service award. Don started as an electrical inspector in Williston in July, 1984. In June, 1987, he moved to Minot. After 12 years as the District 4 Inspector, Don accepted the position as Executive Director for the Board in May, 1996.

Congratulations to Mitch, Paula and Don!! We appreciate your years of service and dedication to the Board.

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## REMINDER TO RENEW YOUR JOURNEYMAN LICENSE

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Reminders for renewing a Journeyman license are being mailed on February 1, 2010. Although Journeyman licenses don't expire until March 31, 2010, it is always a good idea not to wait until the last minute. In order to renew your license, you **must** have eight hours (four of which must be code-related) of continuing education credits available to renew your license. Please refer to the set of numbers in front of your name label. These numbers represent code and non-code hours that this office has recorded and is available (example: 6/2 = 6 code and 2 non-code).

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2011 NORTH DAKOTA WIRING STANDARDS DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2010

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Proposals to the 2011 North Dakota Laws, Rules & Wiring Standards are due February 28, 2010. The proposal form can be downloaded from our website at [www.ndseb.com](http://www.ndseb.com), Forms "Administrative Rules Proposals" and mailed to the address on the form. Proposals received at that time will be submitted to the Board for review to determine if the proposal can be accepted as addressed under the authority of the North Dakota State Electrical Board. This will be done at the March 10, 2010 Board meeting.

Once the proposals have been accepted by the Board, a notice is submitted to the North Dakota Legislative Council. This requires that a notice of an administrative rule public hearing be sent to all county newspapers. A list of the proposals will be available by contacting our office and a summary of them will be in a spring

newsletter. The hearing is open to the public and allows testimony from interested parties. After the hearing, parties have 20 days to submit additional comments. The Board will then review all testimony at the hearings and the comments and adopt the language. Once that process is done, it will then be reviewed by the Legislative Administrative Rules Committee. This process also includes the adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code.

We try to complete this process prior to December 1, 2010, so the new Administrative Rules booklet can be printed and available before the 2011 continuing education classes are held so the Board can cover changes to the 2011 NEC and Wiring Standards.

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## N.D. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SEMINAR

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The North Dakota Electrical Contractors Association's annual convention will be held March 4-5, 2010 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. These seminars are interesting and informational and are also a good time to meet and visit with new and old friends. For more information, you may contact Chuck Downs at (701) 370-1993 or Kathy Downs at [cedowns@utma.com](mailto:cedowns@utma.com).

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## **MASS E-MAIL SYSTEM**

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This office has been using our mass e-mail system to send out reminders, newsletters, important bulletins, etc. to those affected. We are getting several e-mails returned due to mail delivery errors, mailboxes full, does not belong at this organization, etc. As with mailing addresses, we need to be provided with current e-mail addresses. By going to our website at [www.ndseb.com](http://www.ndseb.com), an individual can sign-up for the mass e-mail system. If sending information into this office, please make sure that your e-mail address is legible. A simple thing of determining whether it is a dash or an underscore can make an e-mail undeliverable.

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## **CORRECTIONS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE REPORT IS SENT TO THE BOARD**

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The North Dakota State Electrical Board has been receiving "signed" correction reports, including submitted e-Cert corrections, without all corrections being completed. Contractors are including remarks on the submitted report to indicate corrections are not completed by stating "Owner went on vacation. I will complete when they get back." or "I will perform corrections when replacement parts come in."

If you need additional time than allowed, please contact either the inspector or the Board's office for a reasonable extension to perform the corrections. This will avoid having to return the correction report back to you and will also assure that the corrections are done.

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## **WIRING CERTIFICATES NEED TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY**

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The Board is asking that when submitting a wiring certificate that all information is completed. Complete and accurate information on a wiring certificate plays a vital role in performing proper inspections. Phone numbers and accurate job descriptions are very important. Inspectors need to be able to contact the owner to make arrangements for inspections. It is becoming more common that homeowners do not have home telephones, so providing an owner's cell

phone number is crucial because it becomes difficult to obtain these numbers. Also, you notifying the owner that an electrical inspector will be doing a final inspection is helpful. Any additional information that you can provide, such as how to locate the owner, is also helpful.

The Board would like to thank all contractors for providing this information, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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## POURING SEALOFFS IN COLD TEMPERATURES

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When doing electrical wiring in a hazardous location, electrical equipment can be an ignition source for a fire or explosion where there is a presence of ignitable gases and vapors in the area. The proper installation of seal-offs is essential. This process isn't complete until the seal-off is poured. The common practice is pouring of seal-offs when temperatures are above freezing.

What do we do when the installation needs

to be put into operation when the temperature is below freezing? Articles 500 and 501 of the National Electrical Code do not have any exceptions to allow the pouring of seal-offs in a hazardous location until the temperature warms up. There are products on the market that will solve this problem to obtain safe installation. Please check the manufacturer of seal-offs to obtain the listed pouring product to use when temperature is below 35 degrees.

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## ELECTRICAL LICENSE RECEIVED BOARD ACTION

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The North Dakota State Electrical Board has been presented with information that a Master electrician has violated the North Dakota Century Code and North Dakota Administrative Code on one or more occasions.

Dwite Brew's Master License #2115, of Watford City, North Dakota, doing business as Brew Construction, was revoked. Mr. Brew was found in violation of N.D.C.C. §43-09-15 and Administrative Code §24-02-01-19 by failing to issue wiring certificates on electrical installations made in the state.

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## CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS ISSUED

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North Dakota Century Code §43-09-09 requires an electrical license to plan, layout, supervise, install, make alterations or repair electrical wiring apparatus or equipment. Under the authority of §43-09-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, the following individuals have received cease and desist orders:

▶ Ed Berhamovic	Meridian, ID	Installed Parking Lot Receptacles
▶ Mike Buss	Watertown, WI	Wired Log Cabin
▶ Steven Erickson	Alexander, ND	Installed Dimmer to Light Fixture
▶ Steve Faltersack	Watertown, WI	Wired Log Cabin
▶ Stephen Hill	Bismarck, ND	Wired Various Rooms in a Residence
▶ Tom Melcher	Watertown, WI	Wired Log Cabin
▶ Marko Pobric	Williston, ND	Wired Service & Addition (2 Violations)
▶ Shaun Simonson	Kalispell, MT	Wiring New House
▶ Jason Squire	Watertown, WI	Wired Log Cabin
▶ Marty Tetrault	Langdon, ND	Wired Grain Dryer
▶ Rich Vestal	Williston, ND	Wired Crane & Boiler
▶ Ed Welsch	Trenton, ND	Wired Bathroom
▶ Kyle Zastrow	Watertown, WI	Wired Log Cabin

# NEW LICENSES ISSUED

Examinations were conducted in Bismarck on November 9<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and January 11, 2010. We had 9 individuals who took the Master exam and 30 who took the Journeyman exam. **Our congratulations to the following applicants who passed their examination and were issued a license.**

## MASTERS

*® Represents Reciprocal Licenses*

LICENSE #	NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE #	NAME	ADDRESS
2660	Wagner, Keif	Fargo, ND	2670	Holder Jr, James	Glenrock, WY
2661 ®	Simonson, Randy	Duluth, MN	2671	Lebahn, Neil	Litchville, ND
2662	Thomasson, Chris	Fargo, ND	2672	Odde, Michael	Casper, WY
2663 ®	Wertz, Randall	Glenham, SD	2673 ®	Hinds, Tom	Culbertson, MT
2664 ®	Rinas, Adam	Sisseton, SD	2674	Kollman, Prentice	Jamestown, ND
2665 ®	Anderson, Jeremy	Sturgis, SD	2675	Matti, Kyle	Perham, MN
2666 ®	Bester, David	Farmington, MN	2676 ®	Prestby, Dean	Turtle River, MN
2667	Wegge, Casey	Fargo, ND	2677 ®	Tormanen, Kirk	Fridley, MN
2668 ®	Campbell, Todd	Fridley, MN			
2669 ®	Gerow, Brian	Rapid City, SD			

## JOURNEYMAN

*There were 65 Reciprocal Licenses Issued*

LICENSE #	NAME	ADDRESS	LICENSE #	NAME	ADDRESS
5817	Halvarson, Jason	Fargo, ND	5856	Oliver, Richard	Bismarck, ND
5818	Kaup, Robert	Portage, MI	5858	Fennern, Russell	Jamestown, ND
5819	Lauer, Michael	Lincoln, ND	5859	Martin, Justin	Bismarck, ND
5821	Oelke, Dusten	Bismarck, ND	5861	Moore, Michael	Fargo, ND
5824	Clarida, Jim	Valparaiso, IN	5862	Almasy, Gus	Clio, MI
5825	Hoveland, Matt	E. Grand Forks, ND	5873	Lewton, Quinn	Bowman, ND
5826	Martin, Carl	Richardton, ND	5895	Bohmbach, Ryan	Hannover, ND
5839	Martin, Anthony	Lutz, FL	5896	Booher, Thomas	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
5846	Davis, Brad	Bismarck, ND	5900	Sommer, Nick	Fargo, ND
5847	Masurka, Steven	Bismarck, ND	5901	Molde, Dean	Grafton, ND
5849	Jacobs, Alfred	Kalamazoo, MI			
5851	Frank, Brandon	Wyndmere, ND			
5855	Metzger, Jeremy	West Fargo, ND			

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## IN MEMORIUM

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We regret to announce the death of Michael Krause, Wyndmere, ND. Michael obtained his Journeyman license #2948 in 1986. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.