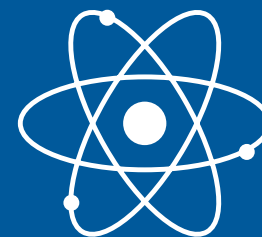


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Welcome to this the first issue of ELECTRON for 2006. I believe that 2006 will continue being a busy year for the Board as was 2005.

In 2005 the Board met on thirty four days and those days combined with the time Members put into preparing for meetings and hearings constitutes a considerable commitment by individual Members to the electrical safety regime in New Zealand.

From time to time vacancies occur on the Board and this issue of ELECTRON contains full details of the Associate Minister of Energy Hon Harry Duynhoven's announcement of the appointment of two new Board Members and the re-appointment of a sitting Member.

In this issue of ELECTRON there are also details on Hon Harry Duynhoven's desire to appoint a further two Members to the Board. The two vacancies have occurred due to two Members having completed their terms.

If you are interested in contributing to the electrical safety regime through being a Member of the Board I would encourage you to obtain an information pack on Board membership.

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Appointments to the Electrical Workers Registration Board

The Associate Minister of Energy Hon Harry Duynhoven, has announced the appointment of Bernardine Hannan and Samuel Sonny Te Huki Ponga and the reappointment of Dennis Arthur Amiss to the Electrical Workers Registration Board for three year terms commencing on 23 January 2006.

Bernardine Hannan is from Auckland and has been a sitting member of the Complaints Assessment Committee since 2003. Bernadine works as a contract Education Consultant. Bernadine was a tutor in criminal law at Auckland University and a staff solicitor at Auckland.

Bernardine was the Chair of the Mt Eden Normal Primary School, Committee Member of the Eden/Epsom Playcentre, President of the Community Law Service of the Neighbourhood Law Office, telephone Counsellor and Training Facilitator for Womanline and a Committee Member of the Ponsonby/Herne Bay Community Centre.

Sam Ponga is a registered Electrical Inspector, Skills Assessor and Security Consultant from New Plymouth. Sam has worked as an electrical contractor, electrical maintenance supervisor, control systems planner and technician, acting electrical maintenance supervisor and electrical fitter, an electrician and an electrical apprentice in Taranaki.

Sam is a member of the Central Region Electrical Inspectors Association and is the Taranaki Convenor of the "Challenge" Electrical Apprentice of the Year Competition. Sam has held the positions of Taranaki Branch President and Taranaki Branch Conference Delegate for the Electrical Contractors Association of New Zealand. Sam was an Executive Member and safety co-ordinator for the New Plymouth Aero Club and is a Trustee for family land interests in both the Waikato and Ngati Porou areas.

Dennis Amiss is from Auckland and is a sitting member of the Board. Dennis started his electrical career as an adult electrical apprentice electrician with the Auckland Harbour Board and is the Chief Executive Officer of the Appliance and Electronic Industry Association.

Dennis has represented the electrical/electronic servicing sector on Ministerial working parties and study groups. He has organised industry conventions and training seminars. In his role Dennis has had extensive liaison with Government ministers, departmental heads, consumer groups and industry training organisations. He has also been actively involved in the EnergySafe legislative review programme.

Board meeting dates for 2006

The Board has set its meeting dates for 2006 as follows:

20, 21 and 22 February

20,21 and 22 March

18,19 and 20 April

22, 23 and 24 May

19, 20 and 21 June

24, 25 and 26 July

24, 25 and 26 August

18, 19 and 20 September

24, 25 and 26 October

20, 21 and 22 November

18,19 and 20 December

Meetings are held throughout the country, however the majority of meetings are held in the main centres.

If you would like further information on Board meetings or would like to present any material to the Board please contact Janine Anderson, Executive Assistant telephone (04) 978 3115 or email to janine.anderson@med.govt.nz

Board Annual Report

In late 2005 the Boards Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2005 was tabled in the House and the report has recently been sent to all people on the Boards mailing lists.

If you would like a copy of the report please contact Janine Anderson, Executive Assistant telephone (04) 978 3115.

Teaching Guidelines

Issue 22 of ELECTRON contained information on new draft teaching guidelines for electricians level examinations.

The Board invited comment on the draft guidelines and by the closing date for comments six submissions were received. The Board has now referred the draft and all submissions to the Registrar so that a final guideline document can be produced.

It is anticipated that the final document will be available in March 2006.

Teaching guidelines for electrical service technicians

The EWLG has commenced work on producing draft teaching guidelines for electrical service technician examinations.

The draft guidelines will be based on the core capabilities and capstoning in the same manner as the electrician teaching guidelines and it is intended to present the draft guidelines to the Board for consideration in the future.



Electrical Workers Registration Board Positions

The Associate Minister of Energy, Hon Harry Duynhoven, wishes to appoint two members to the Electrical Workers Registration Board.

The Board's statutory functions include registering electrical workers under the Electricity Act 1992, ensuring the competence of registered electrical workers and exercising disciplinary powers. The Board receives professional and administrative services from the Ministry of Economic Development.

One vacancy on the Board is required to be filled by a person who is registered under the Electricity Act 1992 and the other vacancy is required to be filled by a person who is not registered.

In order to qualify for Board membership a person must be able to demonstrate:

- High level strategic thinking capabilities;
- Governance experience in a Board or Committee environment;
- A commitment to promoting public interest and safety;

- The desire to promote broad industry/public objectives.

The two positions on the Board are not full times ones. Approximately eleven meetings are held per annum with up to fifty days attending the meetings and considering papers.

Remuneration is in line with State Services Commission guidelines with the Presiding Member and Members receiving \$500 and \$330 per day respectively. The terms of appointment are for three years and Members can be re-appointed for a second term following a further selection process.

For further information please contact John Sickels, Group Manager, Electrical Workers Licensing Group, Ministry of Economic Development telephone (04) 978 3111.

Please direct requests for application forms and information packs to Janine Anderson, Executive Assistant telephone (04) 978 3115.

Please forward Applications and CVs to Glenn Jones Human Resources, Ministry of Economic Development, PO Box 1473 Wellington no later than 5pm, on Friday 3 March 2006.



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