

News & Notes from NDSEB

* **CONTRACTING FIRM / BUSINESS**

NAME CHANGE: During the 2018 license renewal period, we had noticed several contracting Master electricians that submitted a personal information change in which it included a business name change. This sets an alert on the firm you are representing in the State of North Dakota. The information filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State to register the business and contractor license has to be similar to the information filed with the North Dakota State Electrical Board for the contracting Master electrician.

Please keep in mind that if a contracting Master electrician's status for a particular firm has changed, there are legal documents that are required to be completed to make it official, and it still falls under:

24.1-03-01-06. Supervision and responsibilities. *A master or class B electrician shall notify the board office immediately upon changing from contracting status to non-contracting status for the shop or business they represent.*

* **PROPOSALS TO THE 2020 NORTH DAKOTA LAWS, RULES & WIRING STANDARDS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2019:**

The proposal form can be obtained from the NDSEB office or downloaded from our website at www.ndseb.com, and mailed to the address on the form. Anyone may submit a proposal. Proposals received at that time will be submitted to the Board for review to determine if the proposal can be accepted under the authority of the North Dakota State Electrical Board. This process also includes the adoption of the 2020 NEC.

*** PAST DUE CORRECTIONS:** We have noticed correction reports not being addressed in the allotted time, and entering several past due stages. The Board's Contractor Issues Policy now includes the property owner being carbon copied by regular mail of all correspondence after the contractor has received four notices and is invited to the Board meeting. To prevent this, please address your correction reports in the allotted time. If you need more time, please contact the electrical inspector before it goes past due to avoid administrative fees being assessed or further action, including non-renewal of your license.

* **APPRENTICE REGISTRATION**

RENEWAL TIME: Now is the time to renew if you are an active Apprentice and your registration expires January 31, 2019 (unless you registered after November 1, 2018.) Although Apprentice registration renewal forms were mailed out the first week of December, 2018, we encourage online renewal at www.ndseb.com. Online renewal is quick, easy and instantaneous. Also, it is very important that you stay registered, as any unregistered time will not count towards a Journeyman license.

* **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

CLASSES: Reminder that NDSEB CEU classes are winding up in January, 2019, but will resume with new material in June, 2019!

*** POWER COMPANIES:** Reminder to power utility companies to require a wiring certificate from the electricians before connecting the electrical service.

* **43-09-21. STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING AND**

EQUIPMENT. *All electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment must comply with the rules of the board made under authority of the laws of this state and in conformity with the approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. The regulations in the national electrical code and the national electrical safety code as approved by the American national standards institute are prima facie evidence of these approved methods. Any municipality may make more stringent requirements. An electrical installation may not be connected for use until proof has been furnished to the person, firm, corporation, or limited liability company supplying electrical energy that there is compliance with the applicable regulations.*

*** CONTRACTORS:** The inspectors have been running across a lot of electrical installations that do not have wiring certificates taken out on them or the paper work has not been turned in after the job is complete. Note the following rules for electrical wiring certificates.

24.1-05-01-01 Electrical certificates.

1. All electrical installations, including new jobs and additional work on old installations, made in this state, shall have an electrical wiring certificate or e-cert (electronic version of a wiring certificate) properly executed and submitted by the master or class B electrician supervising the installation of electrical wiring. The board shall prescribe an e-cert form for a master or class B electrician licensed on or after the effective date of these rules.

2. Before work commences on any electrical installation where a new

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entrance is installed, an existing entrance is altered or repaired, a building is moved, where a mobile home feeder is installed, or where the cost of the repair work or additional installation exceeds five hundred dollars, the master or class B electrician supervising such installation shall submit an electrical

wiring certificate and distribute as follows:

a. A start-up copy of the certificate shall be submitted to the board and a copy to the power company before work is commenced and before an electrical installation may be energized.

b. Within fifteen days of completion, use, or occupancy, whichever is first, the final paperwork shall be submitted to the office of the board, along with the proper fee. The wiring certificate shall be completed with the location and a proper description of work completed. ☐



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