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The August 18, 2009 meeting of the Palm Beach County Division of IAEI was called to order at 3:02 PM by Vice President, Glen LaBonte with 18 attendees. The Pledge to the Flag was recited then the July minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Guest Speaker; Shayna Bramley of SESCO Lighting gave an excellent and very informative presentation on LED lighting. Her presentation included, among other things, the history of LED development and recent progress, the science behind solid state lighting, LED efficiency, color versus white light, LED advantages and disadvantages, new testing standards, cost comparisons, and real World examples. She also explained why our standard photometric measurements for "foot candles" are not accurate for LEDs.

Old Business; Debbie Nutter stated that the final date for Florida switching to the 2008 NEC was October 1st. Some areas have already been using the '08 NEC and the State says that they can use it now but Oct. 1 is the **official** date for enforcement state wide. Most local AHJs are going to enforce the '08 NEC on permits received Oct. 1st and after.

New Business; Dan Prater announced that the Board of Directors had voted to suspend the Kurtz-Shipley Scholarship for this year. The scholarship had been awarded for the past nine years and was designed to be funded by the interest earned on money in the scholarship account. Interest rates unfortunately went down right after we started and have gotten much worse. Over the past 9 years we have given out over \$8,000 of the scholarship principal and at least another \$8,000 from our general fund in scholarship awards. We have never had many applications turned in. With the lack of interest from apprenticeship students, the lack of a Florida requirement for licensed journeymen, and the money situation, it was agreed that we would suspend it for this year and discuss it again next year. Our sincere apologies go to our Honorary Member, Richard Kurtz for this action.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM
Respectfully Submitted by Dan Prater, Secretary.

The next regular meeting will be at **3 PM on Tuesday, September 15th**, at the Palm Beach County Building Dept in the Vista Center, **2300 N Jog Rd**, West Palm Beach. It has been requested that we have another meeting devoted to NEC Code discussion and since October 1st is the official date for enforcement of the 2008 NEC in Florida, the September meeting will be all Code questions and answers. So bring any questions or items that you are not clear on and we will try to clarify the minimum requirements for you. If you feel that you have a pretty clear understanding of the NEC, then come and share your knowledge with the rest of us.

Mark your calendar, make sure to attend, and bring an electrical friend!