

# History of NCAEC

Prior to 1937 there was no Electrical License required in NC for an Electrical Contractor. Mr. Nathaniel Ellis Cannady Sr. was the State's Chief Electrical Inspector and Engineer at that time, and he saw the need for people doing electrical work to be required to have a license and to be regulated by a Board. The Governor at that time told Mr. Cannady that to move forward with any kind of legislation on requiring an electrical license to do electrical work that he would have to have a group of people from the electrical field organized to support such legislation. Mr. Cannady contacted several major electrical contractors from across the State of NC to seek their help in passing a law that would require a person to have an electrical license in the State of NC before they could do electrical work. There were six contractors that also saw this need along with Mr Cannady and they began to form a new electrical association. These men were Frank E. Hartis owner of Modern Electric Co, Durham NC; Marion B. Haynes, Haynes Electric Co., Asheville, NC; Raymond Starr, Starr Electric Co., Greensboro, NC; J.G. Hammond, Hammond Electric Co., Rocky Mount, NC; O.A. Houston, Houston Electric Co., Durham, NC; and R.H. Bouligny, R.H. Bouligny, Inc. Charlotte, NC. On April 20, 1937 these six men signed the papers formed the North Carolina Association of Electrical Contractor, Inc. The first office was located at 433 W. Morehead Street Charlotte, NC. They had 3 objects for which the NCAEC was formed

- 1- To promote the welfare of electrical contractors and to bring a more friendly relationship between electrical contractors and other engaged in electrical business.
- 2- To improve the standards of service rendered by members of the Association.
- 3- To collect and diffuse information affecting merchants, manufacturers and others engaged in erecting buildings and other structures.

First Officers of the NCAEC were as following:

President Frank E. Hartis  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President J.G. Hammond  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President M.B Haynes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Raymond Starr  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President O.A. Houston  
Secretary / Treasury R.H. Bouligny

With the foresight of Mr. Cannady seeing the need to regulate Electrical Contracting in NC he also brought together the six electrical contractors that formed the NC Association of Electrical Contractors, Inc. Now with Mr. Cannady leading the way and being backed by the NCAEC the N.C Electrical Contracting Licensing Act was passed by the N.C. General Assembly also in 1937. The NC Association of Electrical Contractors, Inc. is the only association that can directly appoint one of its members to the N.C. Electric Board of Examiners.

Mr. Churchill S. Boger (Charlotte) was the first Electrical Contractor that represented the NCAEC on the original Board of Examiners from 1937 until 1938. Mr. M. B. Haynes (Asheville) was also on the First Board and he served from 1937 until 1951.

Mr. Frank E. Hart (Durham) replaced Mr. Boger in 1938 and served until 1945 he was succeeded by Mr. E.C. Peele served from 1945 until 1960. Mr. E.C. Peele (Burlington) was succeeded by Mr. Howard Pancoast and her served from 1960 until 1978.

## Past Presidents of the NCAEC

Frank E. Hartis 1937 – 19????	(Modern Electric, Durham)
T.L. Watson Jr 1965 – 1969	(Watson Electric Construction, Wilson)
W.V. Sewell????	(W.V. Sewell, Greensboro)
Larry Woodall Jr 1989 – 1991	(Woodall Electric, Raleigh)
Dave Denson 1991 – 1993	(Cape Fear Electric, Wilmington)
Palmer Watson 1993 – 1995	(Watson Electric Co., Charlotte)
Jimmy Evans 1995 – 1997	(Southport Electric, Southport)
Sam Ogburn 1997 – 1999	(Ogburn Electric, Winston Salem)
Stan Booker 1999 – 2001	(AC Corporation, Greensboro)
Julian Burns 2001 – 2003	(Quality Power Solutions, Charlotte)
Merger to Form ECC 2003 – 2004	
Tim Emory 2004 – 2007	(Emory Electric, Asheville)
Fred Lewis 2007 – 2009	(M.B. Haynes, Asheville)
James Beasley 2009 – 2011	(Bryant-Durham, Durham)
Jimmy Benson 2011 – 2013	(Pitt Electric Co., Greenville)
Stuart Laney 2013 – 2015	(Laney Electric, Wilmington)
Charlie Pittman 2015 – 2017	(Pittman Electric, Laurinburg)
Ricky Rouse 2017 – 2019	(Triple R Electric, Kinston)
Ed Horne 2019 – 20	(Horne Electric, Charlotte)

## **Members that have represented the NCAEC on the NC Board of Electric Examiners Contractors**

Churchill Boger 1937 – 1938 (Charlotte)

Frank E. Hart 1938 – 1945 (Durham)

Mr. E.C. Peele 1945 – 1960 (Burlington)

Howard Pancoast 1960 – 1978 (High Point)

Larry L. Woodall Jr 1978 – 1984 (Raleigh)

Garfield Gywn 1984 – 1991 (Winston Salem)

Julian Burns 1991 – 1998 (Charlotte)

Larry L. Woodall iii 1998 – 2005 (Raleigh)

Julian Burns 2005 – 2012 (Charlotte)

Johns Martin 2012 – 2015 (Greensboro)

Stuart Laney 2015 – Present (Wilmington)