

Dear SW Division Members,

I would very much appreciate you joining me at the next Residential Construction Advisory Committee (RCAC) meeting. As you know there has been MUCH opposition to the adoption of the 2014 NEC for 1, 2, and 3-Family dwellings. You also know that the electrical safety industry has NO representation on the RCAC or the OBBS. I have heard first-hand erroneous comments regarding electrical safety...comments that are not based on fact...comments that continue to stall the timely adoption of this necessary safety code. As our industry rapidly advances technologically new electrical components enter our workplace almost daily. Installation standards must keep up with the products installed in our homes and businesses.

There has been talk of “going ahead” with adoption but only after stripping the 2014 NEC to levels of safety pre-dating the 2008 NEC!! I’ve heard too about how GFCIs aren’t necessary, how arc-fault protection is not practical, that the NEC is too strict, and basically, our industry doesn’t know what it’s doing. Ironically, these comments are never made by people knowledgeable in electrical safety. Our industry is great at educating our members and not so great in educating those outside of our industry. Isn’t it ironic that in recent times the uneducated seemed to have a louder voice and more influence over safety code adoption than the people actually working in the industry?? Why have we let this happen?

Please come to this next meeting. Sign the attendance list. Listen to what goes on. Witness it first-hand. And speak up for safety if you feel so inclined.

The meeting will be held **on May 27th** at **9:00AM** at the following location:

Ohio Board of Building Standards

6606 Tussing Road

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

I hope to see you then!

Gaylord Poe

President, SW Division IAEEI, Ohio Chapter