

**DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR & INDUSTRY**

Memo

To: Senator Carolyn Squires
From: Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Business & Occupational Licensing Bureau 841-2302
CC: Senators Anderson, Balyeat, Cocchiarella, Cooney, Ellingson, Essman, Gallus, Laible, Lewis, Shockley, Tropila
Date: 3/17/2005
Re: SR 12 - Burl French History with the State Electrical Board

Per your request, we have contacted the following people to determine if they had any information regarding the minutes for the State Electrical Board meeting of November 16, 17, 1992. Specifically we asked these individuals if they recalled the meeting, and if they believed a letter of censure was to be sent to Mr. French. Keith Allen provided telephone numbers for some of the individuals, and we are grateful for his assistance.

Richard Kopel, Department staff attorney for the Building Codes Bureau stated that the incident as read to him from the meeting minutes "does not ring a bell." When asked what a "letter of censure" might have meant at that time, he stated that it "usually means a minor violation occurred and was taken care of. It would be looked at again later if another violation occurred." He stated that he did not recall the specifics, but he probably tried to work with the licensee rather than imposing discipline.

Ken Olson, Journeyman Licensee and Board Member, stated that he didn't remember the incident and "barely remembers Burl's name." He stated that the Board followed guidance from legal staff, and he believes a letter of censure was a sort of letter of warning. Such a letter was not referenced again unless another incident occurred.

Richard Leibrand, Licensee and Board Member, stated that he does not recall the meeting and he did not keep his files from when he was a Board member. When asked what a letter of censure meant, he stated it was a warning.

Bill Jellison, Department staff and program manager for the Board at that time, currently works at MSU-Northern, and the University is on Spring Break this week. Mr. Jellison was not available for questions.

Richard Frey, Department staff and Building Codes inspector, was not reached. We tried contacting the Richard Freys in Montana phone directory, and we were unsuccessful in reaching the former inspector.

If I can provide any other information, please contact me.