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Lee Bowman, (left) representing **Platt Electric**, receives an award from Meredith Lambert and our chapter, for dedicated and generous support of the IEC and education

DID YOU KNOW? - At the 47th Annual IEC Convention in October, Vasko Electric, Inc. was honored with IEC's Excellence in Electrical Construction award in the Industry Category. Vasko's winning project was the cargo baggage handling system at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, NV. ♥♥♥

PROGRESS - IEC National Senior VP John Quebe said that a few years ago he started a little division of his company (Kenmore Electric) to do traffic signal work and last year it did \$7,000,000 gross business! ♥♥♥

IEC NEWS BRIEFS - At a recent meeting of the National Cable Splicing Certification Board, IEC representatives were included. The purpose of the meeting was to form work groups to certify and validate tests designed to insure that workers have sufficient knowledge to correctly, safely splice medium voltage cables. ♥♥♥

NEW IEC PRESIDENT -
Virginia minority contractor **John Biagas**.

TEXAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONFERENCE -
The conference proved to be very well attended by old, new and in between ED's from 50 chapters or so. Even though I didn't attend this overview was obtained by fellow ED Harry Lieben of Northern Ohio IEC.

One important development was the overwhelming sentiment to have OPEN meetings at the National level instead of some proposed closed

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meetings. When Wilkinson objected to allowing observers to certain meetings on the basis of inability to forecast seating, future President John Quebe suggested that they could announce some specified number of seats that would be available on a first come, first served basis.

Everything else to the contrary notwithstanding, the social aspect of the meeting was one of the best ever. Starting with some fantastic meals assembled by the Host Bob Wilkinson, the final banquet was a thing of beauty. As the evening wore on one participant after another *carpe diem*- Jenny Markham, the whirling dervish: Gwen Wilkinson, indefatigable dancer: Terry Moreland, weaving thru the spinning dancers in the famous Apache shadow dancers crouch: David Hittinger carrying in trays full of multicolored drinks: Niel Dawson, with the dancing crutches: Smooth Renee Beasley swivel-hipping around the arena and not the least, Bib Bob displaying an apparently repressed crooner bent: best dancers were Wayne Kelly and his lovely wife showing their ballroom dance steps. It was good to see #1 ED Tom Jones recovering from serious illness. Missed Dallas ED Jerry Thomas.

We're still waiting for a peek at the proposed By-Laws and Manual of Procedures. We did get an estimated cost to make the switch to the proposed new format of about \$250,000 some of which replaces current cost. However the cost estimate leaves out certain regional expenses such as an office or office help and associated expenses such as phone, fax, computer, etc. necessary to the operation which they apparently feel should be paid regionally. ♥♥♥

-ED Harry Lieben-Northern Ohio