



(PI)², the joint chapter of PES, PELS, IES, and IAS in the Central Texas Section, hosted another successful workshop in October. This 2-day workshop presented and discussed the changes in the forthcoming 2020 National Electrical Code, or NEC. The NEC is updated, or changed, on a 3-year cycle, the 2020 NEC being the latest. The workshop was held in the Historic Austin Scottish Rite Theater with its excellent acoustics and atmosphere for workshops. As usual, this workshop included breakfast tacos, snacks and beverages all days long, and a soft copy of the 2020 NEC as part of the registration. Besides Eaton, our other major sponsor was IBEW Local Union 520. We are very grateful to both Eaton and the IBEW for their support which allowed us to keep the registration price of the workshop down!



The presenter was Thomas Domitrovich, PE, an Electrical Engineer within Eaton Corporation's electrical group and member of code panels 2 and 10. He therefore had direct knowledge of what the changes were and what was the thought behind each of the changes. Thomas relayed these in detail along with real life examples of the problems that initiated those changes.

Some of the changes covered were: Reconditioned electrical equipment; Marinas; Definitions; Maximum number of disconnects; Ampacity tables; Arc-Flash protection; and GFCI protected circuits, to name a few. It was an intense 2 days! The total attendance was 20.

At the close of the workshop, as is usual for (PI)², a drawing was held for the workshop participants to get a chance to win either an AEMC Clamp-on Ground Test meter or a Soares book on Grounding. The Soares book was won by our own Ruth Sulzer, PE, while the AEMC meter was won by Aaron Dennington, PE of Encotech Engineering Inc. Congratulations to both workshop participants!



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Code Making Panel 2 for the continued development of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70). He is also on the NFPA committee for the continued development of NFPA 73 and chairs various committees for other electrical industry organizations. Mr. Domitrovich is a LEED® Accredited Professional, a licensed Professional Engineer and holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Gannon University.