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PEARL Meets with NEMA to Participate in Codes and Standards Task Force on Refurbishing Electrical Products

AURORA, CO, July 15, 2014 – The Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (PEARL) recently met with the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) to discuss several subjects, including participating on NEMA’s Codes and Standards Task Force on refurbishing electrical products.

Several members of PEARL’s Board of Directors recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with NEMA representatives to discuss PEARL’s mission and standards activities, including PEARL procedures and perspectives on electrical reconditioning processes, standards, liability, certification, warranties, and more. Following the presentation, which was delivered by Doug Powell, vice president of PEARL and president of National Switchgear, Inc. (Lewisville, TX), NEMA representatives invited PEARL to nominate a delegate to further contribute to the new Codes and Standards Task Force’s positioning work on refurbishing electrical products. PEARL past-president Malcom Frederick of Shermco Industries, Inc. (Angleton, TX) is expected to be PEARL’s delegate.

“PEARL is very excited about the prospect of working with NEMA’s Codes and Standards Task Force on refurbishing electrical products,” Powell said. “We were very happy that NEMA invited PEARL to have a representative participate on the task force. PEARL has just recently completed revision 6 of its own standards, which includes reconditioning standards for 60 different types of electrical equipment. We hope the years of experience that PEARL has in developing reconditioning standards for our own membership will bring value to the work this task force has begun.”

NEMA is the association of electrical equipment and medical imaging manufacturers, founded in 1926 and headquartered in Rosslyn, VA. Its 400-plus member companies manufacture a diverse set of products, including power transmission and distribution equipment, lighting systems, factory automation and control systems, and medical diagnostic imaging systems.

About PEARL:

Founded in 1997, the Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (**PEARL**) creates, collects, and disseminates information, policies, procedures, and standards to ensure the proper recycling and reuse of electrical power equipment. Its 70-plus corporate members must meet strict technical, safety, and operational requirements.



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