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"Reputation is for time; character is for eternity."

- J. B. Gough

> Indiana Lineworkers' Rodeo Approved For 2011

The proposal brought to the membership for vote received approval at the IMEA Spring Conference. After direction by the full IMEA membership at the business meeting in October 2009, Leona Draper, IMEA Executive Director formed a rodeo steering committee to research the feasibility. A power point presentation on the committee's findings was presented by Draper to outline specifics of the event during the May business meeting in South Bend.

Draper reported there is a lot of excitement and interest about holding an instate rodeo and many individuals have already stepped up to offer their help and support. "This will be a "pilot" event," said Draper. "If successful, it will be continued annually. Anderson Municipal Light & Power has been very passionate about the event and has been a driving force in bringing this idea to fruition. Bruce Boerner and the City of Anderson have really taken the lead on this and are making great strides as we move forward on this exciting event for our lineworkers and their families."

"It was the success of APPA's rodeo in Indianapolis, in part, that has been the inspiration for so many people to be interested in putting together a local event," said Jim Binkley, Electric Superintendent for Scottsburg Municipal Electric Department.

Boerner agrees. "We believe this type of event is great for education, building skills, camaraderie, rapport and morale," he said. "We saw the positive impact the 2008 rodeo had on our guys that participated which is why our department and the City of Anderson are behind creating a local lineworkers' rodeo 100 percent!"

Draper, Boerner and Binkley along with Phil Goode (Crawfordsville), Kevin McGann (Mishawaka), Susan Williams (Richmond), Tim Lowe (Power Line Supply), Marc Gellart (American Safety Utility Corporation), and Peggy Georgi (IMEA) comprised the initial rodeo steering committee. Stayed turned....more to come!



IMEA conferences provide the opportunity to network with members and associate members from around the state and beyond. Bill Ley (Avilla), Jim Conner (Winamac) and Mick Wilson (UTE) enjoy a moment to catch up with the latest tools and equipment and other happenings and with their respective utilities. More Spring Conference highlights on page 8.



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Firm Celebrates 100 Years of Client Service

On April 10, 1910, a headline in the Indianapolis News read, "Law Firm Organized." The news report confirmed negotiations had been completed for the formation of the law firm of Henley Matson & Gates, marking the beginning of what has grown to be one of the Midwest's leading law firms – Ice Miller LLP.



Over the years, Ice Miller has evolved from a modest Firm with strong credentials to a full-service Firm with a nationally recognized reputation in many of its practice areas. The Firm, once located at the Majestic Building at 47 South Pennsylvania Street, in Indianapolis, has now expanded to include offices in Chicago, DuPage County, Ill., and Washington, D.C.

"While the name on the letterhead may have changed, our culture and our founders' commitment to the principles of fairness and equal access remain unchanged," stated Byron Myers, chief managing partner, Ice Miller. "We have been privileged to provide counsel to a diverse client base and have been proud to have handled many important legal matters in the country."

The Early Years

Without question, Frederick Matson was the dominant figure in the Firm from its founding until his death in 1941. The areas of law covered in the early 1900s were broad

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> Welcome New Associate Member

The IMEA would like to extend a warm welcome C & S Solutions, our newest Associate Member.

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> APPA's Business & Financial Conference Set

Indianapolis, IN September 19-22

The Business & Financial Conference – APPA's annual conference for utility professionals in the areas of accounting, finance, customer accounting and services, pricing, market analysis, information technology, and human resources & training – will be held September 19-22 at the Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis, Ind.

The conference will also feature 50 concurrent sessions, including sessions on:

- Utility experiences with social media
- Fuels accounting and cost recovery
- AMI: What do you do with the data?
- Getting customers to participate in renewable and energy efficiency programs
- GASB Update
- Maximizing customer assistance while minimizing write-offs
- Engaging your work force to embrace change and keep what works
- Passing your NERC CIP Audit
- Smart grid cost recovery and positioning your utility for future implementation
- Investment strategies for public power

The program includes roundtable discussions, networking breakfasts, receptions and other opportunities for information exchange.

Conference fees are \$645 for APPA members and \$1,290 for nonmembers who register before Aug. 29.

For the complete program and registration information, visit www.APPABusinessandFinance.com, or contact 202-467-2973 or businessandfinance@APPAnet.org.

> Classifieds

Help Wanted

Superintendent of Utilities


The Town of Middletown is currently seeking applicants for the position of Superintendent of Utilities. The position requires the supervision of Electrical, Water Treatment and Wastewater treatment operations. Resumes may be submitted to tim.mundell@middletown.in.gov or mailed to 653 Locust Street, Middletown Indiana 47356 Attn: Utilities Superintendent Position. Deadline for applications is July 31, 2010. Questions can be emailed to the above address.



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> Calendar of Events

August 10: Deadline for items/classifieds for the *IMEA Power Connection* – September issue.

September 10: Deadline for items/classifieds for the *IMEA Power Connection* – October issue.

September 10 & 11: Indiana Lineworkers' Rodeo, Anderson.

September 19 – 22: APPA's Business & Financial Conference, Indianapolis.

October 5 – 7: IMEA Fall Conference, Hilton North, Indianapolis.

October 10: Deadline for items/classifieds for the *IMEA Power Connection* – November issue.



John Barnett, Jr., IMEA Lobbyist and consultant with Bose Public Affairs Group, opened his remarks at IMEA's Spring Conference by pointing out that the recently-completed 2010 Session of the Indiana Legislature was his 22nd representing IMEA. He thanked the IMEA staff and membership for giving him the opportunity 22 years ago and for the continued loyalty and support.

The 2010 Short Session was largely uneventful as far as utility matters were concerned. The most prominent discussion centered on net metering, whether to mandate it, and if so, at what levels. The session-long effort of the municipal electricians was to keep them exempt from the mandates. As it turned out, nothing passed. But had a bill been seriously considered, it would not have included municipal elections as we were successful in persuading key legislators that this is a concept not necessarily suited to municipal electricians. There will be IURC hearings this summer and legislation introduced again in the 2011 Session.

Subjects of interest not seriously discussed included bans on texting while driving (driver distraction), renewable portfolio standards (RPS), tree trimming, green buildings, local government reform and consolidation, immigration, carbon reduction and capture, and the potential harmful effects of permanent property tax caps.

Further, Barnett discussed the inordinate importance of the November 2 General Elections. Control of the Indiana House, presently 52 Democrat – 48 Republican, is at stake. Voter unrest is liable to lead to incumbents unexpectedly being defeated. There will be more new faces than normal when the 2011 Session convenes on November 16, 2010.

The 2011 session will reconvene on January 4 and must conclude no later than midnight, Friday, April 29. This, the budget-making session, promises to be the most contentious in many years. Not only must the legislators grapple with a very bad fiscal situation, but they must also redraw the maps for all 9 Congressional districts, 100 Indiana House districts and 50 Senate districts. This is a very important and critical issue to the 9 Congressmen and 150 legislators.

Barnett concluded by pointing out the importance of being prepared for the 2011 Session. The IMEA/IMPA Legislative Committee will convene this fall to prioritize pending issues. And then after the November 2 election, we will count it down to the start of what will be the most difficult and contentious session in recent memory.

All of this will be discussed further in the fall meeting in Indianapolis.

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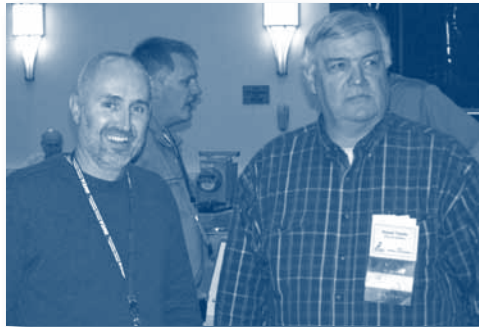
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> Spring Conference Highlights

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association's Spring Conference in South Bend brought members together for three days of networking, education, camaraderie and fun. A spring and fall tradition, the conference offers participants an opportunity to learn and share under one roof. The Fall Conference is set for October 5 – 7, 2010 at the Indianapolis Hilton North Hotel.

Steve Krohne, Hackman, Hulett and Cracraft and Leona Draper, IMEA Executive Director take a few minutes to catch up on a variety of activities taking place behind the scenes in the industry after Krohne's presentation on the latest with Demand Side Management.



Jeff Terrell (CD Arnold) and Stuart Tuttle (Auburn), who have been familiar faces at the IMEA conferences for years, always manage to take something of value with them back to their utilities and communities through their participation.

Mishawaka Electric Department's own, Tim Erickson, top right, (guitar), along with band mates Jeff Erickson (guitar), Kevin McIlvaine (bass), Greg Kopetski (drums) and Matt Ermsberger (vox), performed rock and roll favorites from the '70s and '80s after the banquet. Their band Vehikle, brought the house down. You can catch Vehikle in other concert action throughout the year at venues in the greater Michiana area.



Garnett Morton with Zemar Transformer Company was a first time IMEA Conference exhibitor and attendee. Zemar, headquartered in McConnelsville, Ohio, specializes in voltage regulators and three phase reclosers.



Phil Baker is the new Regional Sales Manager – Mid America for Enablence Systems, a new Associate Member, who made his inaugural appearance at the conference. Enablence Systems is a provider of access systems to help utilities deliver Broadband FTTP services profitably.

Richard Laster, with R.L. Laster & Associates, was also a first time exhibitor to the conference. Manufacturers' representatives with an extensive background in utility generation, transmission, distribution and metering, Laster brought a sampling of products for show and sale including this digital power meter for use in monitoring systems by Power Measurement, Ltd.



GeoNav Group's Craig Williams and Jason Hooten were on hand to introduce three new products - the Garmin Utility Navigator, the nVIEW SubScan and the nVIEW 360o. GeoNav Group provides 50+ years of GIS experience with specialization in geospatial technology solutions for utilities and government.

UTE's Mick Wilson, brought the company's all new "green" aerial lift truck. This machine earns its environmentally friendly label by conserving fuel, emitting fewer polluting gasses and making less noise. Using cutting edge technology along with tried and true existing products, the UTE Hybrid is a 21st century marvel.



> Thank You Spring Conference Exhibitors


The IMEA would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the following exhibitors who participated in this year's Spring Conference in South Bend. Nearly half of our Associate Members were a part of the conference bringing a wide variety of products to showcase and sell. Your support and participation helped make this conference a success.

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> Thank you Spring Conference Presenters

The IMEA would like to extend a special thank you to our 2010 Spring Conference presenters. Your programs were timely, informative and interesting. Thank you for being a big part of making this conference a success!

John Barnett, (Bose Public Affairs Group), 2010 Legislative Update
Peter David Vickery, (N-Dimension), Cyber Security for the Smart Grid
Charlie Pride, (Indiana State Board of Accounts), Indiana State Board of Account Updates
Mike Poetzel, (Storage Battery Systems), Substation Battery Maintenance & New Technology Update
Steve Krohne, (Hackman, Hulett, Cracraft), Demand Side Management (DSM) Rulings/Updates
Mark Otersen, (Electric Cities of North Carolina), Energy Conversation Kits
Vern Saylor, (Bashlin Industries), Bucket Truck Rescue
Scott Sharp, (Richmond Power & Light), Debit/Credit Card Bill Payments and Your Utility
Bob McFetridge, (Beckwith Electric), Smart Grid Methods for Voltage/Var Management




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California

NCPA Gets Green Light to Build Gas-Fired Plant

The California Energy Commission voted unanimously April 21 to approve construction of the Lodi Energy Center, which the Northern California Power Agency says will be one of the cleanest and most efficient gas-fired power plants in the nation. Construction on the 280-MW combined-cycle plant is slated to begin in June and the plant is scheduled to begin operation in June 2012.

The Lodi Energy Center will be one of the first facilities in the country to use "fast-start" gas turbine technology, raising overall efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% compared to traditional combined-cycle plants, NCPA said. The flexibility afforded by the technology will promote and enable future investment in intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar, the joint action agency said. Additionally, with the ability to cycle up or down more readily, the plant will be able to respond quickly to changes in electricity prices, reducing overall costs to the consumer.

Iowa

Waverly Light and Power joins Midwest ISO; Expects Costs to Customers to Rise

Waverly Light and Power in Iowa recently said it expects costs to its customers to go up because federal regulations have forced the municipal utility to join the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, a regional transmission organization.

The requirement to join MISO "creates significantly higher transmission costs to move power across the electric grid," the municipal utility said.

"Waverly Light and Power has taken action to monitor how this membership will impact our costs and our customers," said utility General Manager Diane Johnson.

Waverly Light and Power has been working with a group of municipal utilities and industry experts, including Waverly's new supplier, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, "to resolve these issues in a fair and equitable manner," Johnson said.

Ohio

AMP Hydro Plant Wins Award for its Safety Excellence

A hydroelectric plant owned by a group of 42 American Municipal Power communities was recently awarded the National Hydropower Association's Outstanding Stewards of America's Waters Award for its safety excellence. The communities make up the Ohio Municipal Energy Generating Agency Joint Venture 5.

The Belleville Hydroelectric Plant began producing electricity in 1999 and has never had a reportable or lost-time incident, covering a period of more than 150,000 worker-hours.

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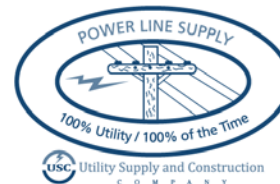


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and opposing counsel were some of Indiana's leading lawyers including Benjamin Harrison, former President of the United States. Matson was passionate about his community, as well as a philanthropist, and was the first lawyer to be elected president of the Indianapolis Rotary Club. He organized the Indianapolis Athletic Club Realty Company in April 1922 and helped raise the funds to build the Club.

The Firm's well-known bond practice began in the Firm's infancy with the Firm rendering opinions on bonds, preferred stocks of private corporations and bonds of municipal corporations. In addition, one of Firm's founding partners, Robert McCord, drafted the building facilities acts of 1927 and 1929 which enabled universities in the state to finance structures payable out of revenues and student fees. He also helped establish the market for the bonds of these self-liquidating projects which have provided the means for financing many of the buildings that still reside on state university campuses. In addition, the Firm's extensive work in real estate was a precursor to the practice group that exists today. Early clients of the Firm included Gerritt A. Archibold & Co., clothier Lord & Taylor of New York City, and Atlas Engine Works, which was one of the country's first manufacturers of internal combustion engines.

An Accounting of the Firm's Named Partners

Upon graduation from Harvard Law School in 1929, Harry Ice joined the Indianapolis law firm then known as Matson Carter Ross & McCord. Under his leadership, the Firm had grown to 90 attorneys at the time of his death in 1982. In the process, the Firm had acquired a national reputation in several practice areas.

Merle Miller joined the Firm as a partner on Jan. 1, 1940. He previously served as the head of the Interpretative Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). His move marked the beginning of the Firm's federal tax practice and a move toward specialization in law firms practice areas. Both Ice and Miller believed that attorneys best served their clients when they became well-versed in core disciplines.

In addition, both partners were well-known for their civic and philanthropic interests and actively involved with several not-for-profits. Miller and Ice Miller partner Alan Nolan were instrumental in the founding of the Indiana affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. Although their actions were seen as controversial at the time, Miller and Nolan were allowed to act on their convictions and the course that they believed would benefit the law profession as well as Hoosiers.

"Those of us privileged to work with Harry and Merle will remember their generosity, fairness and their commitment to the practice of law," continued Myers. "They learned to accept their profound political differences and to recognize that a diversity of viewpoints strengthens an organization. In doing so, they never lost sight of what the practice of law truly is – caring deeply about the problems of people and

acting in a competent, caring fashion to help them solve those problems."

Versatile Processing Group

VPG To Process PCB Contaminated Electrical Equipment

VPG is proud to announce that it now offers the capability to process PCB-Contaminated electrical equipment ranging from 50-499 ppm in its new Scrap Metal Recovery Oven. This is located at its Defuniak Springs, FL facility, which is a Cooper Authorized Entity. This process is fully permitted under the regulations set forth by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Permitting and Compliance Authority and EPA Region 4. The company's Scrap Metal Recovery Oven is housed in a 7,500 sq. foot facility to eliminate any threat of PCB contamination to the outside environment. The disposal process is completed by using the method of thermal destruction. The company is very excited about offering this new service and look forward to the expanded opportunities it now has with customers.

Versatile Processing Group is made up of five entities located all over the country, including: Versatile Processing, Transformer Decommissioning, Inc., Florida Transformer, Inc., Utility Recycling Services, and Dulin Metals Company.



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> Around the Country

Source: APPA

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The record is “especially notable as the employees created their safety program from scratch and no employees had previous hydro experience,” NHA said. The same six employees have worked at Belleville since the first day of operations.

“These six employees have done an outstanding job from day one on this project. They’ve exhibited great teamwork and safety awareness, and have helped the Belleville plant achieve an admirable operating history,” said AMP President and CEO Marc Gerken. “As the hydroelectric projects AMP is now developing become operational, the Belleville employee experience, safety program and forthcoming employee training program will be beneficial for those projects.”

Oklahoma

Watonga approves power sales contract with OMPA

The Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority is getting a new member: the city of Watonga. Watonga will become OMPA’s 38th member city when the authority starts supplying the city with wholesale electricity on Nov. 1, 2011. The Watonga City Council approved a power sales contract with OMPA in May.

“We are pleased to have OMPA as our power provider,” said Mayor Dale Green. “We considered several proposals and felt OMPA provided the best option for our community,” he said.

Watonga, which has a population of approximately 3,500, is located 70 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and is the county seat of Blaine County.

“We appreciate the confidence shown by the city leaders in selecting OMPA as their wholesale power provider,” said OMPA General Manager Cindy L. Holman.



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> FTC Extends Enforcement Deadline

Source: APPA

At the request of several members of Congress, the Federal Trade Commission has delayed enforcement of the “Red Flags” identity theft rule from June 1 through Dec. 31, 2010. The rule requires certain “creditors” to develop and implement written identity theft prevention programs to help identify, detect and respond to patterns or activities (red flags) that could indicate identity theft.

The rule became effective on Jan. 1, 2008, with full compliance for all covered entities originally required by Nov. 1, 2008, but the FTC has delayed enforcement several times to allow Congress time to pass legislation that would limit the scope of business covered by the rule.

“Congress needs to fix the unintended consequences of the legislation establishing the red flags rule—and to fix this problem quickly. We appreciate the efforts of Congressmen Barney Frank and John Adler for getting a clarifying measure passed in the House, and hope action in the Senate will be swift,” FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz said. “As an agency we’re charged with enforcing the law, and endless extensions delay enforcement.”

The commission urged Congress to act quickly to pass legislation that will resolve any questions as to which entities are covered by the rule and obviate the need for further enforcement delays.

In the interim, FTC staff has provide guidance about the rule on its website and created a template that enables low risk entities to create an identity theft program with an easy-to-use online form.



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> From the Desk of Tim Erickson

It was a pleasure and an honor to have Mishawaka Utilities serve as host to IMEA's 2010 Spring Conference. I personally thought the conference was really great. Most everyone who was there seemed to enjoy themselves in one way or another. I believe if you came looking to learn something new you did just that. It's hard not to at these events.



The conference, while in the northernmost quadrant of the state, brought in new faces, knowledgeable speakers, and informative seminars on topics of interest for today's utilities. Golfers took to Blackthorn, one of the best golf courses in the state, and had a great time rainy weather and all!

We are grateful to our fantastic line up of presenters who came in from all over to share their time and knowledge. We appreciate our associate members who, despite conflicting events and a difficult economy, worked us into their schedules bringing us the latest tools, technology and tips we need to do our jobs safely and efficiently. We also appreciate everyone who made the trek – some had a lot further drive than others – but made it a priority to be a part of what is a long-standing tradition for the IMEA. We were glad to have each and every one of you there. Your presence at these events really makes a difference.

The neat thing about these conferences is that they bring like-minded people together, who do the same kind of work although not necessarily in the same way. It gives a chance for the young and the old, the novice and the seasoned to learn from one another. The sidebar talk brings about a lot of good discussion, thoughts and ideas. This information discussion brings about movement, change and growth – sometimes in small ways and sometimes in pretty major ways. No matter which way you look at it though, these conferences are one of the best ways to catch up, get current and stay on top of our game.

They are, in part, what you make them. If you just show up, you won't be disappointed. You'll take something back that will benefit someone – you, your coworkers, utility and/or community. I know I do. We want these conferences to continue to grow in size and scope and that's where you come in. Our fall conference is coming up in Indianapolis October 5 – 7. This is centrally located and a convenient drive from just about anywhere in the state. Make it a priority to get involved either in the planning or participation. Let's keep the momentum of growth and pride in our work and trade organization going strong. You'll be glad you did!



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