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ILEA has new Eastern Governor

Through unanimous email vote by the membership, please welcome Chris Price, Electric League of Indiana, as ILEA's new Eastern Governor.

Chris Price was appointed to the role of Executive Director for the Electric League of Indiana in September 2008.

Chris is a graduate of Purdue University and a Civil Engineer with ten years of

industry experience and leadership. He began his career providing consulting services at an established engineering firm and then moved into the sales of construction products in the residential, commercial, municipal, wastewater, and highway markets. He provided oversight, management and technical assistance to a network of 18 sales representatives.



Chris Price
Electric League of Indiana

Throughout his career, Chris has forged relationships with contractors, engineers, architects, developers, owners and governmental

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IEA Foundation Gives Big!

The Intermountain Electrical Association Scholarship Foundation gave thirty-one scholarships totaling \$32,000. The IEA recipients were favoured not only by a wonderful lunch but were entertained and taught by Coach Jim Boylen, the men's basketball coach for the University of Utah. He taught us of the 7 Pillar's of "Jimmy Ball": Passion, Relationships, Accountability, Gratitude, Toughness, Teamwork and Traditions, and how he took a losing record team in two short years to an NCAA birth with

a 24 and 2 record. He taught our Young Adults that their success in life is dependent on developing those same basic pillars and attributes. He captured the attention of all who attended regardless of age or stage of life we are in.

We would like to congratulate all of the recipients for their preparation and hope that they will maximize the opportunity they have been afforded especially in this suffering economy.

We would also like to give

special thanks to those involved with the Scholarships and the IEA Foundation as well as the additional support from businesses and individuals that donated additional funds to meet the needs of the qualifying candidates. We also want to express thanks to Monique and Marianne for the many hours expended to enable us to enjoy the luncheon. We look forward to a better economy and another great year in 2010.

*As written by
John Taft
IEA President*



ILEA Executive Director Kirstie Steves

Executive Director's Message

Dear ILEA Members,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. With that said, Fall is just around the corner, and with it comes the annual Operations and Compensation Surveys. I am working on simplifying the surveys so you can complete them online through a link in an email. More details will follow as they become available.

We are planning our Board of Governors meeting in January and ask for ideas/suggestions for sessions at next year's Annual

Conference in Kansas City. Remember, this is your conference so speak up!

On the same line, don't hesitate to drop me an email anytime to send out a Help Bulletin on any issues/concerns that your Association/League is experiencing that others could potentially advise you on.

Finally, I want to thank those of you who include the ILEA Office in your distribution of newsletters and events. It is through these mailings that I can pull articles for the ILEA monthly newsletter. For

those of you who do not include the office in your mailings, I encourage you to do so. Simply add kirstie@ileaweb.org to your address folder or include the mailing address in your database.

On that note, those of you who send in actual articles for the newsletter are a great help. We all want to hear about how other's events turned out - especially during these economic times. If you don't toot your own horn, no one else will toot it for you!

*Kirstie Steves
ILEA Executive Director*

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MEL's Inaugural Showcase Golf Tourney Hits it Big

Quarry Oaks Course in Steinbach, Manitoba was the setting. The weather was perfect despite the forecast of thunderstorms and 216 golfers took to the course in the first Showcase Golf tournament. The reason for the tournament was to provide an enjoyable event for members of the League and Showcase Exhibitors and to raise money for "Hungry for Change" – an Electrical Industry initiative in conjunction with "Canadian Feed the Children."

On both counts the tournament was a resounding success. \$2,131.00 was

raised for the charity from 3 different events during the week, a putting contest during the golf tournament, donations for a draw for a Don Cherry Ensemble and a food for sale program during the two-day trade show. For those that may not know, we have a supporting sponsor in Ontario that has committed to matching any donations presented by the end of July, making our efforts now worth \$4,262.00!

*As submitted by
Dave Foreman
Manitoba Electrical League*

Eastern Governor, *continued...*

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agencies.

Many of you remember Chris at the ILEA Annual Conference in Baltimore this past July. Unfortunate for us, Chris had to leave the conference early as he had vacation plans to go to Mexico where he was to ask his girlfriend to be his wife. After quite an experience, which is whole other interesting story in itself, Chris finally got to ask Stefani the all important question... and she said yes! They plan to tie the knot July 3, 2010.

As an ILEA District Governor, Chris' duties will include participating in the January and Conference Board meetings and/or conference calls and make follow-up calls to all unpaid Eastern members seeking renewal of their membership, as well as contact Eastern members for ideas/suggestions for our Conference planning meeting in January, encourage Eastern members to participate at the Annual Conference, and encourage Eastern members to submit information for the newsletter and ILEA web site.

EBMI's Renewable Energy Program A Success!!

The Electrical Board of Missouri & Illinois and AmerenUE (our utility) recently co-sponsored two Renewable Energy Summits. We were very pleased with the response for this new half day educational program. These programs were **free** to attendees with Ameren paying all the food and beverage costs at both locations. We did charge a fee for Table Tops.

The topics included: Ameren's Commitment to Renewable Energy; overview of Renewable Energy Resources as well as state and federal legislation; Wind power; Solar Power and Net Metering.

We had 166 people attend the first

Summit in St. Louis and 50 in Columbia, MO. While the presentations were very informative, the real value to the Electrical Board is recapped below.

Value inside the numbers:

- 50% of the attendees in St. Louis were EBMI members and represented a cross section of industry. Higher than expected. Several members who could not attend the St. Louis program drove an hour and a half to attend the Columbia, MO program.
- Key reason for our members attending: Not very familiar with these technologies or even the companies involved in wind and solar industries. Looking for business opportunities.

- We had 10 Table Top vendors in St. Louis and 5 in Columbia, MO including wind and solar installation companies. Some of the vendors are very interested in joining our organization.
- Both programs well received by participants and by show of hands requested that this program be presented annually.
- EBMI now has more resources to tap for other events.
- We still made money on these programs. More than some of our classes which are dead.

*As submitted by
Bill Regan
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Missouri & Illinois*

MEL TWEETS!!!

The Manitoba Electrical League is now on Twitter.
Follow them at www.twitter.com/melnotes

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The mission of ILEA is to promote, advance and unify the electrical industry by strengthening its representative organizations.

The International League of Electrical Associations, created in 1936, has grown to become an organization of professional electric association and electric league managers from more than thirty US and seven Canadian cities. In most cases the membership base and services offered by ILEA member organizations are consistent throughout the continent.

Generally, ILEA member organizations are supported by electric utilities and offer membership to contractors, manufacturers, distributors and manufacturer's representatives. In a few cases, the organization has a membership that is restricted solely to electric utilities.

Services offered by membership organizations often include monthly meetings, educational programs and networking opportunities. Many organizations offer discount programs for items such as health care insurance, general liability and workers compensation coverage, bonding, cellular phone, automobile rental and leasing and courier services.

To learn more about which programs and services are offered in your area, contact the closest ILEA member office, visit the ILEA web site or contact Kirstie Steves, Executive Director at the ILEA Office.

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Calendar of Events

2009

October 7-8 Electric Expo 09
Electrical Association of Philadelphia

October 7 Green Light + Green Energy Conference
Electric League of Western Pennsylvania

October 7 Lower Mainland Safety, Energy, Efficiency [SEE] Conference
British Columbia Electric Association

October 29 ChicaGo Green 2009
Electric Association of Chicago

2010

March 31 Electri...FYI!
Rochester, NY
Electrical Association of Rochester

April 14-15 Upper Midwest Electrical EXPO
North Central Electrical League , Minneapolis, MN

May 3 Consulting Electrical Engineers and Technical Forum & Trade Show
Electric Association of Chicago

2011

March/April Electrical Expo
Electrical Board of Missouri & Illinois

To have your events listed in the newsletter and on the web site, please email kirstie@ileaweb.org