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## BCEA Celebrates 85 Years!

The BC Electrical Association held their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Awards Gala on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Inn of the Quay in New Westminster. The event was over sold and members showed their support to the Association for their many

years of service. The BCEA Recognition awards went to:

FortisBC  
Member of the Year

Rudi Wrinskelle,  
Eecol Electric  
Volunteer of the Year

George Horsman  
Outstanding Individual  
Award

Siemens and Schenke/  
Bawol Engineering  
Project Excellence Award

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## ELI Prepares for Biennial Expo!

The Electric League of Indiana (ELI) and leaders of the Electrical Industry in Indiana will be gathering for a biennial exposition at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, on October 27, 2010. Attendees and exhibitors will gain valuable information and education on industry

trends, current and future technologies, upcoming electrical initiatives, and more. The event is also a great opportunity to network with others within the industry and connect with potential clients browsing the show.

The 2010 Expo is predicted to have record breaking attendance, as the format has broadened to include a more diverse demographic of participants. ELI will be collaborating with the following associations on content, vendor displays and

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ILEA  
President  
Carrie Spaeth

## President's Message

As Chicago recovers from the recent blow by the International Olympic Committee, our association is working harder than ever to increase the value of membership during this difficult economic time. Our local industry may not see recovery of any sort in the coming months or year, which means we will have to work harder than ever to retain our members in 2010. Our first effort to increase the value of membership was to host the area's first electrical industry green

conference: **ChicaGO Green 2009.**

At the ILEA conference this past July, I learned much from Philadelphia, Seattle, and others about their "sustainability" events, and I want to thank you! Our conference is next week, and we have already surpassed our expectations. Going green is the "in" thing for us. What is working for you?

I would love to hear what your association is doing to retain and attract members in a tough economy. Submit an

article about your association's activities to Kirstie, and she will include it in the ILEA newsletter.

I would also like to remind everyone that the ILEA Board of Governors will meet in January to plan the 2010 conference. Please take a moment to email me or your ILEA Governor with your suggestions. We appreciate your input!

*Carrie Spaeth  
ILEA President*

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The BCEA Alumni inductees:

Vern Novack, Peter Hodges, Bruce Holtzman, John Howell, Stan Johansson, Don Lawler, Herb Phillips, George Pitman, and Mike Tanner.

*As submitted by Barbette Cejalvo, BCEA*



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education tracks: the Indianapolis Chapter of the International Facility Management Association, the Metro Indianapolis Coalition for Construction Safety and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. By partnering with these groups the League believes it will generate more traffic

for exhibitors at the event as well as increase awareness of the association by providing education and insight on the benefits of becoming involved.

The event is expected to pull in between 150 - 200 exhibitors from a variety of electrical, engineering and safety related entities. Exhibitor registration is expected to available by December 2009. If you have any

additional questions about the event, please contact the ELI office at 317-328-2146. More information about the event will be available in the near future via the Electric League of Indiana website at [www.elinews.org](http://www.elinews.org).

*As submitted by  
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## Green Light + Green Energy Pittsburgh Conference and Exhibition A Success A Success!!



Green Light + Green Energy Pittsburgh, a day long conference, reception and exhibition that focused on the business opportunities for professionals in western Pennsylvania in the green lighting and energy industry was held on October 7 at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh History Center with over 500 professionals in attendance.

The event kicked off with a keynote luncheon and presentation by

Richard Piacentrini, the executive director of Phipps Conservatory, the nations first and largest green conservatory and soon to become a living building. Phipps was selected by President Barack Obama as one of the main locations for the recent G20 Summit and is certainly a centerpiece of the emerging LEED building movement in Pittsburgh.

From solar, wind and the future of energy reduction, the conference

day was packed speakers discussing lighting and energy opportunities in the region. The event concluded with a reception in the trade show area sponsored by WESCO, Cardello, All

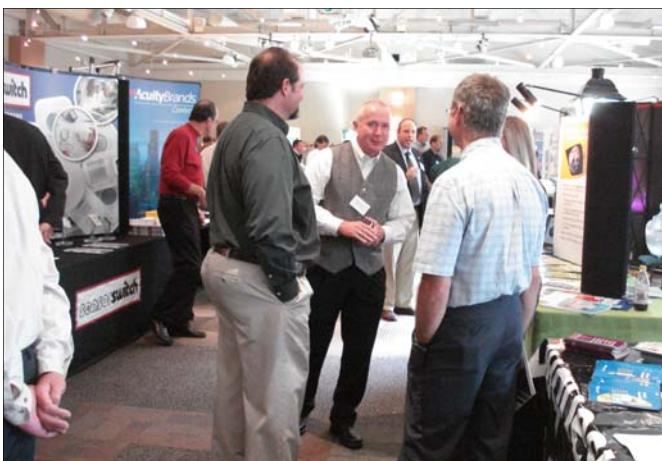
Phase and The Hite Company.

The platinum sponsors for Green Light + Green Energy Pittsburgh were Duquesne Light Company and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The gold sponsors are Johnson Control and Logical Automation.

Green Light + Green Energy Pittsburgh was hosted by The Electric League, an association of professionals working in the lighting and electrical industry and is supported by the Illuminating Engineering Society, NAIOP and ASHRA.

For more information visit [www.electricleague.com](http://www.electricleague.com).

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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.

[www.ileaweb.org](http://www.ileaweb.org)

## **Calendar of Events**

### 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](mailto:kirstie@ileaweb.org)

## **Tainting the Family Tree?**

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose - how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the **electric chair**. The author said he could handle the story tactfully.

The book appeared. It said "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock."

