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- ILEA on LinkedIn

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## Annual Conference in Bellevue, WA



This year's Annual Conference in **Bellevue, WA on July 20th - 22nd** is fast approaching! Registration packets have been emailed. **Registration deadline is June 27th** as is the deadline to book your hotel rooms. Room rates can not be guaranteed after June 27th! Registration packets can also be found on the ILEA website at [www.ileaweb.org](http://www.ileaweb.org).

A few key reminders:

- The conference site is the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. The conference room rate is \$159, single or double. It's a beautiful hotel with lots of shopping right nearby.

Just across the street is an indoor mall that houses, among many stores, a Tiffany's. You can get in some early Christmas shopping there! There's a bus that goes right from the hotel to downtown Seattle's world famous Pike Place Market.

- Our host association is the Electric League of the Pacific Northwest. Linda Howell and her board members will welcome you to the 2011 conference at the Opening Reception which will be held at the lake home of one of her members. It's just a few minutes from the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. That will take place on Wednesday evening, July 20.
- The annual golf outing will be the morning of July 20th at The Golf Club at Newcastle which features a great golf course as well as a spectacular view of the entire Seattle area.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

## What to Do in Seattle/Bellevue

Seattle is well known for its rain and gloomy days. However, Seattle ranks 44th among United States cities for rainfall with an average yearly rainfall of 36.2 inches (92 cm), but still less than New York and Miami. Spring and summer are nice. It's still very spring-like until around July 5th. From July through September the weather is perfect, temperatures range from a nice 75 degrees to a hot 98 degrees. The long range forecast for our stay is a high of around 75 degrees and low of 55 degrees and an anticipated 0% precipitation.

Regardless of the season, there is always something to do in the Seattle area! It's a

wonderful city even when drizzly. Seattleites do not typically use umbrellas; parkas are the standard outerwear, ready for rain or shine in this very geographically diverse region.

Bellevue Washington is widely known as a "City in the Park," and offers almost 100 city parks, ten of them on the water. One of the parks is the famous 36 acre Bellevue Botanical Gardens, visited by enthusiasts from all over the world.

Popular Bellevue - Seattle attractions include the Bellevue Arts Museum, the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design, Bellevue Square, considered one

# President's Message



ILEA  
President  
Carrie Spaeth

## Join ILEA on LinkedIn!

Fellow ILEA members, please take a moment to visit our new group page on **LinkedIn**. I have found a few of you already on LinkedIn, but I encourage you all to participate ([www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)). It is easy to set up a free account, and then join the ILEA group. You may also want to join your fellow members association pages to see how others are using this great marketing tool.

Our association established a **LinkedIn** page last year, and we now have hundreds of followers on our group and divisional pages. **LinkedIn** has proved to be

an easy, cost-effective way to communicate upcoming events and educational opportunities to our members. This marketing tool has also been beneficial to our growing population of Gen X/ Gen Y members that use this as a primary means of networking. I am the administrator on the ILEA group page, so please contact me if you have any questions getting started.

## Bellevue!

Skip Morris, and your ILEA board, have planned another excellent conference for us in beautiful Bellevue, Washington. Outside of the

great networking and education, this location offers so much to take in. Make plans to visit the Pike Place market, downtown Seattle attractions, and all that this beautiful Pacific Northwest region has to offer. I would like to thank Linda Howell, (Electric League of the Pacific Northwest) and her board, for preparing a unique welcome reception experience on Wednesday, July 20. This is going to be a great conference, and I look forward to seeing you all next month!

*Carrie Spaeth  
ILEA President*

## Seattle/Bellevue continued...

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of the best malls in the country by many, with over 200 stores and many excellent restaurants including P.F. Chang's China Bistro and The Cheesecake Factory. The Seattle Space Needle, Pike's Place Fish Market, Seattle Aquarium and other Seattle area attractions are less than 15 miles away.

There are many well-known businesses in the Seattle - Bellevue Washington area, including Microsoft, T-Mobile, Eddie Bauer, Expedia, Inc., and many others. Whether your stay is for business or pleasure, there are many fun things to do in the Bellevue- Redmond area.

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## Seattle/Bellevue continued...

### Bellevue Botanical Gardens

The Bellevue Botanical Garden, which encompasses 36 acres of rolling hills, has appeared in national and international magazines and journals, attracts garden enthusiasts from all over the world. The Bellevue Botanical Garden is the perfect place for a quiet moment to enjoy the beauty of the Northwest. Visitors enjoy strolling the dramatic display gardens and serene woodlands, browsing the gift shop, touring with garden docents and participating in classes



### Bellevue Arts Museum

Bellevue Arts Museum is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft and design through exhibitions, educational programs and partnerships, emphasizing the work of regional artists. The museum is located across from Bellevue Square in the heart of downtown Bellevue

### Bellevue Square

Considered one of the best malls in the country by many, Bellevue Square, or "Bel Square" as the locals say, is a wonderful place to shop. With over 200 stores and many excellent restaurants, you will be able to shop till you drop, recharge with a good meal, and start all over again. Bellevue Square features favorites like Nordstrom, Crate and Barrel, Macy's and Tiffany & Co., plus dozens of unique shops that you won't find anywhere else. Restaurants include P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Cheesecake Factory, Red Robin, and Ruth's Chris Steak House. Bellevue Square also offers concierge services, valet parking, a local shuttle bus, and children's play areas.

### Bellevue Parks

Bellevue is widely known as a "City in the Park," and has preserved over 1,727 acres of parks and open spaces (nearly 100 parks), with nearly 40 miles of trails for walking or biking. Ten of these city parks are on the water. Bellevue Downtown park provides 20 acres of green space in the heart of downtown, with formal gardens, a 14-foot waterfall and a reflecting pool.

### Beaches

Bellevue has at least six beaches, most of which offer fishing, swimming, and play & picnic areas. Enatai beach offers canoe & kayak rentals, and Newcastle beach is the largest, with many features that make it a great family fun destination in Bellevue.

### Pike's Place Fish Market

You can find them in Seattle's Pike Place Market, a historic, open air market located in the heart of Seattle, Washington. People come from all over the world to see their world famous crew of fish-mongers throwing fish and having fun with customers. They also come to buy some of the best seafood available anywhere in the world and have it shipped home.



### Seattle Aquarium

You can enjoy a hands-on marine experience and preservation education at the Seattle Aquarium. The Aquarium offers fun, exciting ways to discover more about the amazing Puget Sound that surrounds you! They offer many interesting events and programs sure to please the whole family.

### Seattle Space Needle

Built in 1962, the Space Needle served as the symbol of that year's World's Fair. It has since become the symbol of Seattle, and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The privately owned Space Needle is managed by the Space Needle Corporation. The needle features an observation deck, restaurant, gift shop and more.



### Fun Forest Amusements

This amusement park features a 25 foot climbing Wall, Max Flight rollercoaster simulator, Lazer Tag, Bumper Cars, Prize games, video games, mini-golf, kiddie rides and fun foods.

### Woodland Park Zoological Gardens

For more than 100 years, Woodland Park Zoo has been a cherished community resource and a unique urban oasis. Generations of Puget Sound families have come to the zoo to marvel at the animals and be inspired by the peaceful and beautiful surroundings. The zoo features more than 1,090 individual animals representing nearly 300 species. This conservation and education institution is open every day of the year. There are plenty of opportunities to visit the African Savannah exhibits, Raptor Center, Tropical Asia and Rain Forest.

For coupons to local attractions, go to [www.seattleattractions.com/client/assets/files/2010\\_2011.pdf](http://www.seattleattractions.com/client/assets/files/2010_2011.pdf)



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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**

### 2011

October 12-13 **Electrical Expo**  
*Electrical Association of Philadelphia*

November 2 **Electrix Learning Expo**  
*British Columbia Electrical Association*

November TBD **ChicaGo Green Conference**  
*Electrical Association of Chicago*

### 2012

April 18-19 **Upper Midwest Electrical Expo**  
*North Central Electrical League , Minneapolis, MN*

### 2013

March TBD **Electri...FYI! Upstate Electrical Show**  
*Electrical Association of Rochester*

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and on the web site, please email  
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**ILEA on **

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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?homeNewMember=&gid=3752343&trk=>