

# INDIANA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Business Meeting

October 14, 2020

Via GoToWebinar

Duane welcomed all participants and introduced the 2020 Officers and Board of Directors. Thank you to Spectrum Engineering and Automated Energy for sponsoring the meeting.

In the absence of President Bob Dunderman, Vice-President Lenny Larson called the 2020 IMEA Annual Business Meeting to order at 10:16 am.

Members in attendance per roll call: Anderson, Argos, Avilla, Bremen, Chalmers, Columbia City, Flora, Gas City, Greendale, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, Linton, Mishawaka, New Carlisle, Pendleton, Rensselaer, Rockville, Scottsburg, Tipton, Washington, Waynetown and Williamsport, Etna Green.

Also, in attendance: Duane Richardson, Executive Director and Janel Sparks, Member Services & Communications Manager.

Executive Director Duane Richardson reported that IMEA is striving for a unified legislative effort partnering with Gallagher Insurance and Ice Miller to get a billed passed to allow municipalities to pool property and loss insurance with other municipals.

IMEA, along with Ice Miller are investigating forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) to support legislative activities for Municipal Electric Systems at the Statehouse.

Due to the COVID pandemic, safety meetings have been virtual since March 16. The apprentice training program has 50 currently enrolled after 9 topped out in 2020. The 2020 program was suspended until June and ended August 28 for all apprentice levels.

The IMEA is searching for a permanent training facility at a member community.

Duane outlined the Mutual Aid Program. He is the coordinator for Indiana as well as the National coordinator for Indiana. There are 2 regional coordinators: Bob Dunderman, Logansport in the north and Willie Daniels, Scottsburg in the south. Willie Daniels is also the alternate/backup coordinator for the National program.

The IMEA welcomed 2 new Associate Members (AMPP Construction, Inc. and Groves Electrical Services) in 2020 bringing the total Associate Members to 58.

Jeff Rowe, Baker Tilly, reviewed the September 30, 2020 financial report. All event expenses for 2020 will transfer to 2021 due to the COVID pandemic.

## **New Business:**

Duane presented the slate of Officers for 2021.

Lenny Larson, Rensselaer – President;  
Jeff Greeno, Lebanon – Vice-President;  
Bill Ley, Avilla – Secretary/Treasurer.

Faith Willoughby, Chalmers motioned to approve the 2021 slate of Officers. Paul Syverson, Anderson seconded. There were no objections. **The motion carried.**

Duane opened the floor for nominations for a vacant position on the Board of Directors. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Anyone interested in serving should contact Duane or Janel Sparks.

8 recipients of the 2020 IMEA \$1000 Scholarships were recognized. Congratulations to:

Madison VanDerbosch – Garrett Light & Power  
Lauren Kenworthy – Washington Light & Power  
Clarissa Gibson – Bainbridge Utilities  
Carlie Sarver – Logansport Municipal Utility  
Nick Ledonne – Logansport Municipal Utility  
Olivia Newton – Logansport Municipal Utility  
Wyatt Schroeder- City of Auburn  
Bryce Hunt – City of Auburn

Duane announced the winners of the 2020 Distinguished Service Awards. Congratulations to Jamie Shields of Elus Company and Gary Rhodes of Advanced Technical Sales.

Duane announced the winners of the 2020 Safety Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to Town of New Carlisle, small system, Scottsburg Electric Utility, medium system, and Henderson Municipal Light and Power, large system.

Duane announced and congratulated Eli Stangland, Columbia City as the 2020 Apprentice of the Year Award.

Duane announced the 2020 Frank R. Rudolph Award winner is Jim Schrader, General Manager of Mishawaka Utilities. Congratulations Jim!

Duane welcomed Lenny Larson, Rensselaer, as the 2021 President of IMEA.

The next IMEA Annual Business meeting will be held during the fall conference October 12 – 15, 2021 in Noblesville.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18.

Recorded by: Bill Ley, Secretary/Treasurer