
INSIDER NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year 2025 IMEA Board President, Brian Chapman

Dear IMEA members and associate members,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. With a new year comes hopes and expectations of what is to come. Thanks to our IMEA board of directors and members (past and present), this organization and I have benefited greatly from the uncountable years of experience and dedication. Without the foundation and support of the members/ associate members, IMEA wouldn't be possible. Our annual IMEA business meeting was a great success held in Bloomington. I can't say enough about the vast knowledge of products and services of our associate members. Guest speakers always present relative and informative information. Time spent exchanging stories, information and experiences with fellow line workers and sales representatives provides all the time to wind down and get away from the daily stress.

IMEA offers impressive safety classes, apprentice/linemen training program and supervisor development, along with other available classes. The unprecedented knowledgeable staff of safety and training professionals, Duane Richardson and Tim Erickson are the backbone to the success of this program. I believe it has helped to reduce injuries, not only at work but at home as well. Which results in less lost work time.

An IMEA legislative presence along with IMPA is a necessity at a state and federal level, to express our voice, however small, must be heard.



IMEA Mutual Aid assistance is an asset to the public power in a time of need, we all know can be priceless.

My vision would be to continue the ongoing success of IMEA in whatever capacity available. More training is always an asset (new or refresher classes) concentrating on the day to day and new practices. Also, would like to see an increase in attendance at the annual business meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank the IMEA members, associate members, affiliate members and the board of directors. Finally giving a special thanks to our executive director Duane Richardson and our outstanding member services coordinator Janel Sparks. Their time and devotion to IMEA is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at

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Sincerest Regards,

2025 IMEA Board President, Brian Chapman

Seasons Greetings 2025

IMEA Executive Director, Duane Richardson

Dear IMEA members and associate members,

Happy New Year

The success of IMEA in 2024 was made possible by you – a remarkable and committed group of municipally owned electric utility professionals. You enabled us to fulfill our mission of advancing Public Power growth and quality of service for our members. As we reflect on the past year, we thank you for your continued support of IMEA. Our programs and events help our members navigate a unique set of opportunities and challenges.

We plan to continue to build on the successes of the past year, increase our presence throughout our member communities, bring new personnel, new training and education opportunities for utility professionals of all levels, build stronger alliances and being a collaboration clearinghouse.

With a rapidly changing industry, IMEA’s role and function is more important than ever and being a strong, united voice is critical in the months and years ahead. I invite you to continue your involvement as a member of Indiana’s oldest trade association created by and for public power utility professionals.

We have exciting plans for 2025, a new training center at St Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, new pre-apprentice training and CDL training. We encourage you to stay in touch through our website and social media channels and encourage you to register for our events and programs in 2025 to connect and learn.

Thank you for believing in the Indiana Municipal Electric Association!



On behalf of the IMEA Board of Directions and Staff, we thank you for being loyal champions of the organization. We look forward to continuing to serve you, your employees and your customers to help keep the value of public power, local ownership, great service, low rates and efficient operation the hallmarks of your utility. With much appreciation and wishing you a healthy, safe, happy and prosperous New Year

Duane Richardson, IMEA Executive Director

2025 IMEA BOARD OFFICERS



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***WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF THE
ORGANIZATION AND YOUR PARTICIPATION AS AN
IMEA MEMBER 2025!***



Careers in Public Power

Public power is more to communities than just an essential utility. It is a source of unique and fulfilling career opportunities in your local community. Employees make a difference by serving their own neighborhoods and families. Talented high school, college and technical college graduates and even technology, environmental and public service professionals will find that competitive salaries aren't the only thing attractive about careers in public power.

Do you have important news or photos that you would like to share in our bi-weekly newsletters? Please email all news and photos to janel@imea.com

To post a classified ad to our jobs in Public Power page. Please email text to janel@imea.com.

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2025 IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo

IMEA Annual Business Meeting & Vendor Expo provides an opportunity to learn from industry experts and network with peers. It attracts all levels of the Indiana utility professionals and staff from member communities, as well as IMEA staff.

The conference features educational sessions on technical programs focused on the utility industry. It also provides an opportunity to collaborate with other utilities one on one during the IMEA business meeting.

In order to make sure that all guest are provided hotel room availability we ask that you reserve your room ahead of time. This way we are able to keep track of quantity and increase the group block if needed.

We need your voice to be heard & your experience of the Public Power Industry to share with others during the IMEA Annual Business meeting.

We Look Forward to Your Participation!



14 - 16 October, 2025



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