

INSIDER NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026 IMEA PRESIDENT, WILLIE DANIELS

Dear IMEA Members and Associate Members, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As your 2026 IMEA President, I have high hopes and expectations for the coming year as we continue to grow and serve our members. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to the IMEA Board of Directors and all our members—past and present. (Continued, Page 2)



2026 IMEA VICE PRESIDENT, JASON QUIRK

The IMEA Board of Directors & Staff welcomes Jason Quirk as the 2026 IMEA Vice President. Jason will support IMEA President Willie Daniels and work with members to advance IMEA's mission. We look forward to his contributions and leadership in shaping the organization's future. We thank Jason and all the Directors for their time and contributions to the success of both the industry and the organization.

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Without your dedication and knowledge, IMEA would not have the solid 84-year foundation we stand upon today.

I believe that by rolling up our sleeves and pressing forward together, we will continue to build one of the premier programs in the industry - helping our members develop safe, reliable teams for their communities.

Our recent IMEA Business Meeting at the Belterra Casino Resort was a tremendous success. We received wonderful feedback, with many noting it was one of the best meetings we have ever held. From the golf scramble and the “painting and wine” event to our guest speakers and vendors, every aspect of the program was exceptional. The awards banquet and dinner provided a welcoming atmosphere to connect, share stories, and exchange valuable experiences.

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IMEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & VENDOR EXPO

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!
OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2026
REGISTRATION COMING IN MAY!

The IMEA Conference serves as an important forum for knowledge exchange, innovation showcases, and essential networking opportunities. It enables member and organizational growth, while influencing future trends through expert speakers, workshops, and direct engagement. This event assists member utilities in maintaining competitiveness and advancing within the industry. It is integral for connecting leaders, identifying new technologies, establishing partnerships, and facilitating a shared understanding of evolving industry dynamics—ultimately supporting individual career advancement and the continued growth of Public Power.

(Continued) I would personally like to thank Janel Sparks for the countless hours she dedicated to making this event so memorable.

IMEA remains committed to providing impressive safety training programs tailored to your community's needs, including our DOL - certified apprentice program and continuing education programs. Our staff brings an extraordinary amount of knowledge and experience to these programs. Duane and Tim have been invaluable assets, bringing their passion and expertise directly to your communities to ensure your teams remain safe. I truly believe these efforts are vital in reducing utility accidents and fostering a safe environment for everyone.

We are also proud of our permanent training facility located on the St. Joseph's College campus in Rensselaer, Indiana, which includes on-site lodging. To further enhance our hands-on training capabilities, IMEA has purchased both a bucket truck and a digger derrick truck. As IMEA continues to grow, we aim to be an even greater resource for our members - helping you protect your most important assets, your employees, and supporting them in reaching their full potential.

Additionally, we have expanded our training offerings to include the Lineman Apprentice Skills Training Program for individuals looking to enter the trade. This initiative benefits our members by strengthening the pipeline of skilled, upcoming talent within your local communities. IMEA's Mutual Aid assistance also continues to be a vital asset for both members and non-members. Whether responding to local or national needs, our partnership with APPA ensures an organized, reliable, and dependable response system. My vision is for all of us to strive for a higher calling—to never stop learning and to continue growing safely in our daily lives and careers. I strongly believe IMEA can help build that foundation through the training and support we provide to your utilities. In closing, I would like to once again thank our members, associate members, affiliate members, and the Board of Directors for your unwavering support. I also want to recognize our Executive Director, Duane Richardson, and our Member Services Communication Manager, Janel Sparks for their devotion to IMEA and the significant time they spend away from home serving our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at wdaniels@scottsburg.in.gov.

Sincerely, Willie Daniels
2026 IMEA President



INDIANA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

The Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) Educational Scholarship Program provides scholarships for up to six (6) college / tech school-bound seniors of IMEA municipal members for continuing education annually. The scholarship aid, in part, is designed to assist the student in attaining the education and skills necessary to compete in today's workforce as he/she works to become a productive and viable member of his/her community.

The \$1,000 scholarship, which is non-renewable, is made available in the spring of each year. The award notification will be presented to the student prior to graduation by a representative of the Indiana Municipal Electric Association. The scholarship will be issued at the end of the first year of college or completion of tech school as long as the student maintains a passing grade.

To learn more on eligibility requirements please click the link to register!



WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE IMEA LINEMAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

- Better Student-to-Instructor Ratio at 10:1 versus larger schools
- Each lineman instructor has at least 20+ years of experience
- Diverse instructor staff. Many of our linemen have not only over 30 years' experience but are well versed in substation, overhead distribution, underground utility construction, and transmission.
- Our instructors are patient, knowledgeable, constructive, and collaborative with students-not adversarial.
- In-house FULL CDL training and testing facilities. This cannot be emphasized enough as obtaining a CDL is critical to job placement, and IMEA makes obtaining a CDL very easy and affordable versus other programs. MOST schools will help you only obtain the permit versus earning the entire CDL. We do ALL of the training and TESTING in-house, on-site.
- Job placement services and career planning services.
- IMEA is a Non-Profit Organization, unlike other schools so we can provide the same training at a significantly lower cost.
- On-site lodging.

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INDIANA MUNICIPAL
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LINEMAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

OUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Personal Protection Equipment and Procedures

Students will learn about safety working procedures and personal protection equipment.



Electrical Systems

Students will learn the basics of the entire electrical system from generation through transmission, distribution, and conversion.



Basic Electricity

The students will be taught the fundamentals of practical and mathematical application of Direct Current and Alternating Current.



Transformers

Students will learn how and why transformers are used, banked, energized and the various configurations of both Delta and Wye.



Personal Protective Grounding

Students will learn how and why companies work on transmission and distribution lines as well as all equipment and methods used when working.



Rigging And Knot Tying

Students will learn how to tie specific knots, splice rope and learn the proper use of various ropes, slings, block and tackle.

Why Us?

Are You Ready To Begin Your Career Ahead Of Your Competitors?

Our lineman school program will allow you to begin your career ahead of all the rest. Our students have experience performing the jobs of a lineworker, as well as obtaining professional knowledge of the industry while they proceed through our program. Our students are well equipped to stand out from the interview to the actual job. Our program will provide an outlet for electric companies to search for new qualified applicants.

Our students will be able to enter the industry with the technical skills that their employers can't pass up!

Do you want to learn from Experienced and Knowledgeable Linemen?

The lineman school instructors at IMEA Lineman Training Institute have extensive real-world experience in power generation, transmission and distribution. Their exceptional understanding of the industry and what companies are looking for makes our program a cut above other school. Our students will have hands-on experience in the trade and be coached in problem-solving skills in order to help them excel in their work. Do you want to be able to graduate and have the opportunities for immediate positions anywhere? Then this trade is the right career for you. IMEA Lineman Training Institute provides its lineman school graduates with a listing of municipalities that will be useful in your search. Our instructor's connections with the leaders of the trade will also give the students of IMEA Lineman Training Institute the upper hand at finding a career. Our students will be trained, not only to look for the job, but to find jobs. A career planning class is required to help our students create a resume and learn to find their own jobs.

So is it what you're looking for?



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