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Spring must be close as the Engineering Workshop was held in Syracuse on March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the attendance was excellent with over 100 MEUA Municipal and Corporate Members participating.



The morning session had the following presentations:

- **Sefcor Corporation**-Bolted Electrical Connections
- Compass Industries- Personal Voltage & Current Detectors
- Ampact by TE Connectivity- Compression Electrical Connectors
- **MEUA Engineering Committee** Electrical Meter Future Testing
- Radian Research, Inc.- Electrical Meter Testing



After lunch, the MEUA Corporate Vender Equipment & Services Show was held with twenty-five Corporate Members displaying their products. Those Corporate Members displaying were:

- A.A. MacPherson & QEI
- ABB c/o Primary Lines
- Altec Industries
- CB Associates
- D&D Electrical Sales
- Eaton Corporation
- Electricomm
- Electroswitch
- HASGO Power & Sefcor Inc.
- HMT, Inc.
- Irby Utilities
- Lineman's Supply Inc.
- Marmon Utility/Hendrix Wire & Cable
- Middough, Inc.
- Milwaukee Power Tools
- NextEra Energy
- Nighthawk
- Northline Utilities
- Powertech Associates
- TCI of NY LLC
- The Okonite Company

This equipment and services show, continues to be a popular event as participants like to see what is new on the market. Thank you to all corporate sponsors and venders who participated. IT is greatly appreciated by the membership.

Also, a hands-on demonstration for underground splicing and terminations was put on by multiple venders who were in attendance.

The second day of the workshop saw presentations by:

- ABB/Blackburn/Homac Corp.- Compression Electrical Connections
- QEI- Cyber Security
- **ABB, Inc.-** Metering Transformers
- Marmon Utility Inc./Hendrix- Spacer Cable Installation
- Bierer Meters, Inc.- Electrical Phasing Meter
- **MEUA-** Review of Mutual Aid Events

Thanks to the Engineering Committee on another fine job in putting forth a great agenda for the membership.



Matt Hegarty, Engineering Committee Chair

Kudos to Matt Hegarty-Chair, Ken Kostowniak, Kimball Daby, Tim Joyce, Owen McIntee, Andy McMahon, and Marc Staves.



Kurt Davis, Village of Greene, TV Winner at 2019 Engineering Workshop

### SEMI ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

Please be sure to register for the MEUA's Semi Annual Meeting to take place at the Destiny Mall Embassy Suites location in Syracuse. Registration form may be found on the website, <a href="https://www.meua.org/2019-meua-events">https://www.meua.org/2019-meua-events</a>.

The agenda (copy included), has a couple new items. To help some of our newly elected officials and members, there will be a session on "Management of a Municipal Utility". This session will concentrate on key functions your utility should be doing and also explaining why these functions are important.

Also—a session on Lineman Training & Retention.

This subject has been a topic of the last couple NYMPA Board/MEUA Executive Committee meetings as it will address issues some municipal members are having keeping linemen and addressing staffing needs in the future. I believe this will be a very interesting and informative topic.

Registration materials have been out, so please—Get Registered & Get Involved.

## PRESIDENT MCINTEE NAMES CHARITY EVENT RECIPIENT FOR MEUA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE ASSOCIATION'S 89<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

On September 10<sup>th</sup> – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Municipal Electric Utilities Association (MEUA) will be hosting its 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Fairport, NY. This year's president, Owen McIntee is continuing the annual fundraising event that will raise funds for a charity of the president's choice. Mr. McIntee has picked the Aurora House a local comfort care home and the funds will be used to help with the cost to run this organization.

This year's fundraising event will include a Golf Tournament and Silent Auction.

We are asking friends, past sponsors, merchants, and organizations to contribute to this event with donations of prizes or money. If you are interested in helping us raise money for this worthy cause please contact the MEUA Office or Pam Gilbert at <a href="mailto:deputyclerk@vil.spencerport.ny.us">deputyclerk@vil.spencerport.ny.us</a> or by calling (585) 352-4771.

The Sponsor form may also be obtained from the MEUA Website: https://www.meua.org/2019-meua-events

#### **LONG TERM AGREEMENT (LTA) UPDATE**

As I have been reporting for well over a year now, an MEUA Special Committee consisting of Brent Bodine of Penn Yan, Larry Kilburn of Arcade, and Bill Whitfield of Wellsville has been working to negotiate an extension of your hydro-electric contracts with NYPA. I am pleased to tell you that our Committee, working as needed with our consultants, has successfully completed its work. We have agreed with NYPA on a revised and extended hydro-supply contract. The new contract will run through the year 2040. The NYPA Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the contract. NYPA now must follow a series of procedural steps, including public hearings and approval by the Office of the Governor, before the new contract becomes official. Once that is done, we will send the contract to each of our members. for execution by your municipal authorities.

In the next few weeks, I will be providing you with a full explanation of the contract extension, and a detailed description of the steps we will take to officially execute the new contracts. In the meantime, please note for your calendars our important upcoming MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for April 24-25, 2019, at the Embassy Suites across from the Destiny Mall in Syracuse. We will cover this contract extension, as well as a number of other important items, such as the new ISO TCC program, and the latest from Albany. I look forward to seeing you there.



# Chris Wentlent: March 2019 NYISO Report

**NYISO 2018-2019 Winter Cold Weather Operations Report** – the NYISO presented its cold weather report on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The New York electric grid had two periods of cold weather conditions, January 19-22, and January 30-February 2. Minimum temperature for the first period was -3 degrees in the upstate region, and -2 degrees during the second event.

During the second event, the Con Ed and National Grid local distribution company (LDC) gas system experienced restrictive Operational Flow Orders (OFOs) and natural gas consumption was at a record level in the United States and at many New York LDCs. Total peak load was experienced on January 21 at 24,728 megawatts (MWs). This is well below the NYISO all-time winter electric peak of 25,738 MWs in January 2014. Natural gas pricing was volatile during the period resulting in energy prices exceeding \$100 MWhr on several days.

Nuclear and hydro generation supplied over 50% of the actual generation during the period. Wind, and other renewables together provided about 3-7% of actual generation. Wind and solar production together ranged from approximately 400 MWs up to 1600 MWs during the period.

The NYISO concluded the market performed well with no need for statewide supplemental capacity commitments, or demand response. In addition, there was no need for emergency action or emergency energy purchases. The NYISO is currently in the early stages of finalizing specifications for a Fuel and Energy Security Study. It is expected the study will be completed in 2019 and evaluate potential fuel and/or energy security conditions/considerations that may need to be addressed during these type of extreme weather events.

**AC Transmission** – the NYISO Board will finalize the winning developer (s) for segment A and segment B of the clean energy public policy transmission project in the next 30-45 days.

#### **New York State Department of Environmental**

Conservation – released its long-anticipated generation peaker environment regulation to reduce Nitrous Oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM). The proposed regulation will be subject to public hearing, and is expected to be finalized in 2019. Recently, the NYISO provided an analysis which outlined up to 3300 MWs of generation supply could be impacted. Affected generators are expected to file compliance plans by May 2020, and be subject to reducing NOx emission levels in May 2023 and May 2025. The NYISO forecasts that up to 2200 MWs could be retired by 2023 and 1100 MWs of electric supply could be retired by May 2025. We will continue to monitor this proceeding.

# Employment Ads

# **Electric Lineperson**

VILLAGE OF PENN YAN 111 ELM STREET PENN YAN, NY 14527

The **Village of Penn Yan** has an opening for one (1) experienced electric lineperson. This is a competitive NYS Civil Service position that is full time, 40 hours per week and subject to Civil Service rules for eligibility.

The applicant must be able to perform skilled work in the construction and maintenance of electrical overhead and underground distribution systems, including the rebuilding and maintenance of electrical substations. The work requires climbing poles, working in all kinds of weather conditions and rigid observance of safety precautions to protect the lives of themselves and others.

For an application, full job description, minimum qualifications and Civil Service rules for eligibility please

visit https://mycivilservice.yatescounty.org/jobopps.

Candidate will be subject to drug and alcohol testing prior to employment.

Please submit your application along with work history, qualifications, training history and education, proof of Lineworker status, references and any other pertinent information to the Yates County Civil Service Office by Friday, April 5, 2019.

# Help Keep Us Current

Please email or fax over name or address changes Fax: 315-453-7849

Email: info@meua.org

Thank You

# Supervisor of Village Electric Department

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN 303 N. FRANKLIN STREET WATKINS GLEN, NY 14891 607-535-2736

**SALARY**: \$31 - \$35/hr. (eligible for overtime)

**HOW TO APPLY**: Interested candidates must submit an original Civil Service "Application for Employment and/or Examination" to Schuyler County Civil Service office, 105 Ninth St., Unit 21, Watkins Glen, NY 14891. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

**VACANCY**: At the present time, there is one full time opening with the Village of Watkins Glen. This is a non-competitive title; therefore, no Civil Service examination is required.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**: Candidates must have been legal residents of Schuyler or a contiguous (Chemung, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins and Yates) county for at least one month immediately preceding the date of application

#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Responsible for overall management and operation of Village Electric Department, including daily operations and long-term planning thereof as dictated by the needs of the Village. Responsible to the Village Board. Does related work as required. Responsible for the operation and management of the village electric department. Supervises, directs, manages and coordinates various levels of staff assigned to the electric department.

Applications and announcements are available at www.schuylercounty.us or the Schuyler County Civil Service Office 105 Ninth St., Unit 21, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

# 2019 MEUA SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Wednesday, April  $24^{\text{th}}$  & Thursday, April  $25^{\text{th}}$ 

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON DESTINY USA 311 HIAWATHA BLVD W.
SYRACUSE, NY 13204

### **AGENDA**

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

8:00-9:00am Registration (coffee will be available)

9:00am-Noon Business Meeting—CLOSED SESSION

President Owen McIntee, Presiding

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Proof of Notice of Meeting

Treasurer's Report President's Report

Executive Director's Report

Consultants' Report

Mike Green

Evans and Bennett CPAs

2018 Financial Review

Tony Modafferi

MEUA Executive Director

2019 Financial Update

Chris Wentlent

**NYISO Issues** 

Mike Lyons,

Chris Wentlent,

& Mark Cordeiro
IEEP & NYS Energy

**Issues Update** 

Kevin Brocks & Ken Podolny

Read and Laniado

Legal Update

John Jennings

Harter, Secrest & Emery

**Governmental Update** 

**New Business – Resolutions** 

1:30-2:30pm Management of a Municipal Utility

Will Reynolds, BST

2:30-3:30pm Open Dialog

Linemen Training & Retention

3:30 - 5:00pm Corporate Exposition

5:30 - 6:30pm Reception

6:30pm Dinner

Presentation: Corporate Member of the Year Speaker – Kim Harriman NYPA Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

# **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

8:00-8:30am Coffee will be available

8:30-8:45am Andrew Thompson,

President-Elect, Presiding

# **Committee Reports**

Accounting & Finance NYISO

Audit & Budget Safety & Training
By-Laws Economic Development

Energy Conservation Governmental

Engineering Regional Liaisons

Media & Communications

8:45-9:15am Nick Parrotta, PLM

NERC/NPCC Update

9:15-10:15am NYPA Report & Update

Keith Hayes & Associates

10:15-10:30am Break

10:30-11:00am Mutual Aid Update

Owen McIntee, President

11:00-11:30am LTA Review & Questions

LTA Committee

11:30-11:45am Wrap up and Announcements

Owen McIntee, President