



*August*  
**2018**

MEUAs Points of Interest

- Since 1930
- President Larry Kilburn
- Office located in Syracuse New York

Executive Committee

2017-2018

**President— Larry Kilburn**

**President/Elect—Owen McIntee**

**VP/Treasurer— Andrew Thompson**

**VP/Sec.— Bill Whitfield**

**Trustee— Nancy Steedman**

**Trustee— Brent Bodine**

**Trustee— Jeff Dobbins**

**Municipal Electric Utilities  
Association of NYS**

**News and Views**

**2018 Annual Conference Theme**

**September 11-14, 2018**



MEUA—Meeting the Challenge of Change in  
New York State.

Don't *Wing* it. Stay together, get involved.

**Municipal Members**

*Akron-Andover-Angelica-Arcade-Bath-Bergen-Boonville-Brocton-  
Castile-Churville-Endicott-Fairport-Franfort-Greene-Groton-  
Hamilton-Holley-Ilion-Lake Placid-Little Valley-Marathon-  
Massena-Mayville-Mohawk-Penn Yan-Philadelphia-Plattsburgh-  
Richmondville-Rouses Point-Salamanca-Silver Springs-  
Skaneateles-Solvay-Spencerport-Springville-Theresa-Tupper Lake-  
Watkins Glen-Wellsville-Westfield*

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Representative

The MEUA's Annual Conference is set for the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, September 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

I believe the agenda will be informative with what is going on presently at FERC and New York State issues involving the Governor's office, NYSERDA, the PSC and NYPA.

There is a lot going with the energy field as it pertains to municipalities and I encourage everyone to attend so the issues can be fully explained and understood.



The non-delegates will have three planned events for Wednesday and Thursday morning. The Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Tour is all set with participants going to and from the event by bus.



Thursday morning, a 1 ½ hour Boat Cruise of the Buffalo Harbor is planned with narration on the history of the harbor.

Thursday afternoon following lunch, participants will go to the Niagara Power Vista site for a tour with a guided explanation of the power project.

Thursday's events will also have bus transportation provided.



Speakers have been confirmed and will include, Patrick Gallivan- New York State Senator from the 59<sup>th</sup> Senate District, Sue Kelly- APPA President & CEO, and Brad Jones- NYISO President & CEO.

*Energy Efficiency Guidelines, Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations, Energy Storage, Renewable expansion, Carbon Pricing and the LTA Agreement* are just a few of the topics that will be addressed.

Golfers will play at the Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course in Lewiston, which is a Robert Trent Jones designed course, and is located in a very picturesque area.

Please make sure your system is represented at the Annual Meeting as it is now more important than ever that the membership is informed.

We will provide the information. Come and be involved— and learn for the benefit of your system and rate payers.

The **NYPA Annual Cost of Service Meeting** is set for August 8<sup>th</sup> in White Plains. This is where we examine and question costs that were included in last year's **Rate Stabilization Reserve (RSR)** formula. There will be more on this after the meeting and following up with NYPA officials.

## **Secretary of Energy** **Rick Perry Visits Fitzpatrick**

Secretary of Energy, Rick Perry, toured one of Oswego's nuclear plants on August 1<sup>st</sup>.





The tour was at the James Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant and focused on the importance of nuclear energy.

This plant which was slated to close, was purchased by Exelon Generation which saved thousands of jobs in the Oswego area.

Secretary Perry stressed the three **Es**— Sustainable and cheap **E**lectricity, the **E**conomy and the **E**nvironment.

He also stated, “I can tell you what the value to this country is, from the standpoint of knowing that it’s got a reliable electrical grid that’s protected against attacks, and it’s diverse enough to withstand an attack over here because we can fill in with this nuclear plant.”



The secretary also said the fight to keep the Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant open is the same fight he wants to see across the country in regards to other plants facing closing. The Fitzpatrick Plant is licensed to operate until 2034.

## **US Senate Bill S.3157**

A proposed bill in U.S. Senate would put municipal utilities under FCC jurisdiction.

Legislation was recently introduced in the U.S. Senate, that if passed, gives the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) jurisdiction over access to public facilities in right-of-way owned or managed by the State or local government.

The Bill would require mandatory, nondiscriminatory access for attachments to facilities in the right-of way.

In addition, the proposed Bill would set the attachment rate for all municipal utilities at the federal pole attachment rate. Currently, municipal utilities are exempt from federal pole attachment provisions and their rates and procedures are set at the local level.

A New York State version of this Bill was defeated in the legislature last year. The MEUA will be in contact with our federal representatives to express our displeasure with this Bill S.3157, the “Streamlining the Rapid Evolution and Modernization of Leading-Edge Infrastructure Necessary to Enhance Small Cell Deployment Act”. This topic will be updated moving forward and you will be kept informed.

Thank you.



**Chris Wentlent:**  
**August 2018**  
**NYISO Report**

## **NYISO 2019 Project Prioritization Process**

– recently, the NYISO conducted its stakeholder survey process to gather feedback from market participants about what projects should receive top priority during the 2019 Calendar year. MEUA/NYMPA participated in the process. The municipal sector had 100% participation in the survey; while overall 69/156 or 44% of the eligible stakeholders participated in the survey.

The MEUA/NYMPA key project list is below and the projects highlighted in red are proposed to proceed forward within the NYISO process subject to final stakeholder feedback:

- ❖ Model 100+ kV Transmission Constraints
- ❖ Enhancing Fuel and Energy Security
- ❖ Ancillary Services Shortage Pricing
- ❖ Constraint Specific Transmission Shortage Pricing
- ❖ RTD-RTD Convergence Improvements
- ❖ Climate Change Impact and Resilience Study
- ❖ Tailored Availability Metric for Capacity Resource Performance
- ❖ Dynamic Setting of Import Rights
- ❖ Carbon Pricing
- ❖ External Capacity Performance and Obligations
- ❖ More Granular Operating Reserves

The Model 100+ kV Transmission Constraints will go forward but in a different project scope. RTC-RTD Convergence Improvements and Dynamic Setting of Import Rights were not a high priority for other stakeholders and are not expected to proceed forward at this time. Ultimately, the final NYISO budget, which includes the projects identified, will be voted upon by the Management Committee in October 2018 and be subject to NYISO Board Approval in November 2018.

**NYSPSC/NYSERDA Electric Vehicle Technical Conference** – The NYSPSC and NYSEDA hosted a two-day Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment and Infrastructure Technical Conference on July 18 and 19 in New York City. In total, eight different panels participated in the dialogue. MEUA/NYMPA was invited to participate on Panel 3 – Other New York Government Perspectives. The panel included New York City, New York Power Authority, Long Island Power Authority/PSEG-LI, and MEUA/NYMPA. In addition, the seven other panels included:

- ❖ Panel 1 – Scope of the Generic Proceeding and NYS Agency Activities
- ❖ Panel 2 – Utility Perspective and Current Landscape
- ❖ Panel 4 – Other States, Regional and National Perspectives

- ❖ Panel 5 – Utility Roles in Providing EVSE and Infrastructure Ownership Models
- ❖ Panel 6 – Electric Vehicles as Distributive Energy Resource Providers
- ❖ Panel 7 – Demand Charges, Short Term Bridges, and Long-Term Rate Design
- ❖ Panel 8 – Customer Outreach and Engagement

Our presentation included an overview of what we have done to date with respect to fleet management, and expansion of EV Charging infrastructure in selected municipal systems and a summary of our core objectives going forward. Our presentation and others presented are available at

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=18-e-0138&submit=Search>.

The NYSPSC will issue a whitepaper in the October/November timeframe which will be subject to a stakeholder comment period in late 2018. An expected order with a path forward is expected very late 2018 or 1Q 2019. Several major takeaways from the discussion include the following:

- 1) Electric Vehicle expansion is a highly visible initiative and being managed in a coordinated manner by multiple northeast and mid-Atlantic states.
- 2) Utilities, including our own member systems, are key stakeholders to ensure this buildout is done in an economically efficient, and technically sound manner.
- 3) Buildout of infrastructure is not a one size fits all approach. Fleet management, major highways and urban locations are likely the first movers. It is very important that we manage our MEUA system buildout in a strategic, holistic approach.
- 4) The MEUA/NYMPA – IEEP efforts and presentation were well received.

**MEUA 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:**  
**Adam's Mark Hotel & Event Center**



September 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

**2:00-6:00 pm Registration OPEN: Lobby**

### **Signup Sheets:**

Botanical Gardens Tour (Wed, 09/12)

Buffalo River History Tour (Thurs, 09/13)

Niagara Power Vista Tour (Thurs, 09/13)

2018 Annual Golf Tournament (Thurs, 09/13)

**6:00-7:00 pm Reception: Fountain Room**  
(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)

**7:00 pm Dinner: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)

**Speaker: TBA**

## Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:00-9:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)

**8:00-12:00 pm Registration OPEN: Erie Preconvene  
& 4:00-6:00 pm**

**8:30-11:30 pm Opening Session: Erie Ballroom**  
(CLOSED MEETING-BLUE BADGE ONLY)

President Larry Kilburn Presiding

Invocation

### **Business Session**

A. Roll Call

B. Proof of Notice of Meeting

C. Reading of Minutes

D. Communications

E. Report of Officers

1. President's Report—Larry Kilburn

2. Executive Director's Report—Tony Modafferi

3. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update—Jeff Dobbins

F. Unfinished Business

G. New Business

1. Proposed 2019 Budget

H. Appointment of Committees

1. Nominating

2. Resolutions

**10:00 am Break – Corporate Member Exposition**

**10:15-11:30 pm**

I. Consultant Reports

1. MEUA – IEEP Update

**Mike Lyons & Chris Wentlent**

2. ISO Update

**Chris Wentlent**

3. Legal Update, FERC Update

**Jay Brew, Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew**

4. Legal Update, NYPA, PSC & NYSERDA Updates

**Kevin Brocks & Ken Podolny, Read & Laniado**

J. Announcements

**12:00-1:00 pm Lunch: Fountain Room**

(Meal Ticket Required)

**Speaker: Hon. Patrick M. Gallivan**

*NYS Senator 59<sup>th</sup> District*

**Business Session:** President-Elect Owen McIntee Presiding

**1:15-2:15 pm Sue Kelly, APPA President & CEO**

**2:15-3:15 pm NY Power Authority Presentation**

**3:15-3:30 pm Break- Corporate Member Exposition**

**3:30-4:15 pm John Jennings, Harter, Secrest & Emery**  
NYS State Issues

**4:15- 4:30 pm Wrap up & Announcements**

**6:00- 7:00 pm Reception: Fountain Room**  
(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)

**7:00 pm Dinner: Fountain Room**  
(Casual Dress, Meal Ticket Required)

**Entertainment by Comedian Dan Viola**

## Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:30- 9:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)

**9:00-11:00 am Registration OPEN: Erie Preconvene  
& 5:00-7:00 pm**

**8:30-11:00 am**

**Business Session** (CLOSED MEETING- BLUE BADGE ONLY)

President Larry Kilburn, Presiding

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

Vice President/Treasurer, Andrew Thompson Presiding

Report of MEUA Committees

**Presentation – Brad Jones, NYISO President & CEO**

### *Charity Golf Tournament*

### *Courtesy of Read and Laniado*

**11:00-12:00 pm Golfers: Box Lunch @  
Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course**

**Non-Golfers: Lunch in Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket required)

**12:00-5:00 pm Golfers: Annual Golf Tournament @  
Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course**

**Non-Golfers: 1pm Niagara Power Vista Tour via Bus**

**6:00- 7:00 pm Reception: Fountain Room**  
(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)

**7:00 pm Annual Banquet Dinner:  
Fountain Room**  
(Business Dress, Meal Ticket Required)

President Larry Kilburn, Presiding

Invocation



Executive Director, Tony Modafferi, Introductions  
Presentation of Officers for 2018-2019  
Awards Presentation  
Golf Awards by Jeff Dobbins  
Appreciation by Larry Kilburn, President  
Presentation of Gavel to New President

### Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:00-9:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**8:30 am Concluding Business Session**  
Erie Ballroom (CLOSED MEETING- BLUE BADGE ONLY)  
President-Elect Owen McIntee, Presiding  
A. Adoption of Budget  
B. Report and Adoption of Resolutions  
C. Announcements  
D. Adjournment  
**9:30 am Box Lunch Pick-Up in the Fountain Room**

### Non-Delegate Entertainment Program

### Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

**2:00-6:00 pm Registration: Lobby**  
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(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)  
**7:00 pm Dinner: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**Speaker: TBA**

### Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**9:00 am Welcome Gathering: Ontario Room**  
**9:30 am Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Tour via Bus**  
**12:00-1:00 pm Lunch: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**Speaker: Hon. Patrick M. Gallivan**  
*NYS Senator 59<sup>th</sup> District*  
**1:00 pm Free Time**  
**6:00-7:00 pm Reception: Fountain Room**  
(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)  
**7:00 pm Dinner: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**Entertainment by Comedian Dan Viola**

### Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:00-9:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**8:00 am Morning Gathering: Ontario Room**

**9:00 am Buffalo River History Tour via Bus**  
**12:00-1:00 pm Lunch: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**1:00 pm Niagara Power Vista Tour via Bus**

### Charity Golf Tournament Courtesy of Read and Laniado

**11:30 am Arrive at**  
**Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Course**  
**11:30 am Annual Golf Tournament**  
(Box Lunch Provided)  
**6:00-7:00 pm Reception: Fountain Room**  
(Business Casual, Meal Ticket Required)  
**7:15 pm Annual Banquet Dinner**  
**Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)

### Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

**7:00-9:00 am Breakfast: Fountain Room**  
(Meal Ticket Required)  
**9:30 am Farewell Gathering: Ontario Room**  
**6:00-7:00 pm Box Lunches**  
Available in Fountain Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pre-Registration ends on 08/18/18. All registrations received after this date will be subject to the higher registration fee.

The deadline date to register for this event is:

## August 31, 2018

**To request a Registration Form to this Event—**

**Please contact Narin Ly at**  
**MEUA @**

**Email: [info@meua.org](mailto:info@meua.org)**

**Phone: 315-453-7851**