



# Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State

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## SPRING 2026

### MEUA ACCOUNTING & FINANCE and ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL**, Syracuse, NY

Tuesday, March 10 – Wednesday, March 11, 2026

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

##### DAY 1: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

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| 8:00         | Registration Opens  |
| 9:00         | Accounting Breakout Session Begins ( <i>See detailed agenda on page 2</i> )       |
| 9:00         | Engineering Breakout Session Begins ( <i>See detailed agenda on page 3</i> )      |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | Combined Buffet Lunch and <b>Vendor Expo</b>                                      |
| 1:30 – 4:00  | Individual Accounting/Finance Session Resumes                                     |
| 1:30 – 4:00  | Individual Engineering Session Resumes  |
| 3:30 – 4:30  | <b>Vendor Expo</b> continues.   |
| 5:00         | Complementary Social Hour   |
| 6:00         | Dinner at <b>DoubleTree</b> with entertainment provided by Dustin Dean, Mentalist |

##### DAY 2: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

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| 9:00 – 12:00 | Combined Session –Severe Weather Preparedness Drill. Representatives from Florida public power utilities and others will lead a discussion through lessons learned from past severe weather emergency responses. |
| 12:15        | <b>RAFFLE DRAWINGS - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!</b>   |
| 12:15        | Buffet Lunch, then departure   |



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## SPRING 2026 **ACCOUNTING & FINANCE**

### WORKSHOP AGENDA

#### DAY 1: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 – 9:00** Registration and Welcome
- 9:00 – 10:30** **Preparing for your rate filing – what to expect!**  
*Kierstin Kieffer, BST; Ken Podolny, Read and Laniado; Dylan Marsland, PLM*
- 10:30 – 10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Virtual Vendor Presentation: Online Collections**  
*Scott Munn, Online Collections*
- 11:15 – Noon** **Electric Metrology 101 with Panel Discussion**  
*Ryan Trinkl, Fairport; Andy Bartz, Arcade; Maribeth Wilke, Fairport*
- Noon – 1:30** Lunch and Vendor Expo
- 1:30 – 1:50** **Bad Customers, Bad Options**  
*Ken Podolny, Read and Laniado*
- 1:50 – 2:15** **Preparing for the Audit & Reviewing Common Audit Findings**  
*Brendan Kennedy, BST*
- 2:15 – 2:35** **Cashflow Projection Calculations**  
*Chuck Rankin, Groton; Holly Evans, Fairport*
- 2:35 – 2:55** **IIEP Programs and NYSERDA Grants Update**  
Mike Lyons will lead a review of available IIEP programs and an update on NYSERDA PON's 5737 and 5896 and other programs.
- 2:55 – 3:45** **Roundtable Discussions**
- How does your municipality process payroll including review steps taken?
  - How do you handle payroll reported? (W-2, ACA, 941s, Workers' Comp, etc.)
  - What benefits are offered within your municipality and how do you handle changes to them?
  - How do the labor costs flow into your work order process for capitalization?
  - What financial reports are presented to your board monthly?
  - What does your budget process look like?
- 3:45 – 4:00** Question & Answer and Wrap-Up  
Door Prize Giveaway – **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**



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## SPRING 2026 **ENGINEERING** WORKSHOP AGENDA

### DAY 1: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 – 9:00**      **Registration & Welcome**
- 8:30 – 8:45**      **Opening Remarks**
- 8:45 – 9:20**      **New Technology for Breakers and Reclosers**  
**Chris Guyette**                      **D&D Electric**  
*A discussion on new technology for Distribution and Transmission Systems*
- 9:20 – 9:55**      **New Technology for Underground Locating**  
**Jim Flint**                              **Eastcom Associates**  
*Review of new technology for locating conductors and conductor faults*
- 9:55 – 10:30**      **SF6 Regulations Changing for the Future**  
**Adam Duerr**                              **Ramboll Engineering**  
*Review of State and Federal mandated changes and the timeline to reduce and replace your SF6 Gas Infrastructure.*
- 10:30 – 10:50**      **Break**
- 10:50 – 11:25**      **Dig Safely NY Presentation on 2026 Rules**
- 11:25 – Noon**      **Today's Utility Challenges with Pole Inspections**  
**Osмосe Technologies**                      **XYZ**  
*A presentation on Pole Inspection Options that will help you in your understaffed, overworked environment.*
- Noon – 1:30**      **Lunch / Vendor Expo**
- 1:30 – 2:05**      **Relays of the Future**  
**Scott Scharett**                      **Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories(SEL)**  
*Discussion on Relay controls for your substation and your distribution system.*
- 2:05 – 3:30**      **Embracing Mental Health in Electrical Trade**  
**Mark Taylor**                      **IUOTA 2026 Board Member**  
*Discussion on Mental Health issues that affect us every day in the workplace.  
Review of IUOTA 2026 Conference at Turning Stone August 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>  
MEUA Safety Committee Representatives - Keith Bezon, Brent Losey, Andy Bartz*
- 3:30 – 4:00**      **Wrap Up, Questions, Door Prize Giveaway**  
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