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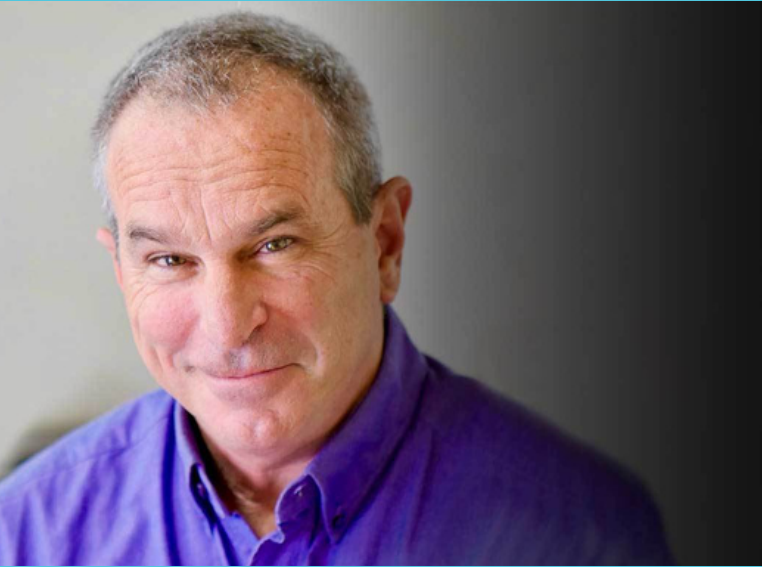
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Bryce has been writing about energy, power, innovation, and politics for four decades. His articles have appeared in dozens of publications including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, and *Time*.

His feature-length documentary, [Juice: How Electricity Explains the World](#), which he produced along with Austin-based film director Tyson Culver, was released in mid-2020 and is now available on numerous streaming platforms. In it, Bryce asserts that “all the things we care about can be tied back to one simple question: Can you turn your lights on in the morning?”

In January, he and Culver released their five-part docuseries: *Juice: Power, Politics, and the Grid*, which spotlights the growing fragility of our electric grid and why we need fission to fix it.

Bryce has published six books, all on energy-related topics. His first book, [Pipe Dreams: Greed, Ego, and the Death of Enron](#), was named one of the best non-fiction books of 2002 by *Publishers Weekly*. By 2010, he'd published his fourth book, [Power Hungry: The Myths of “Green” Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future](#). In a review of *Power Hungry* in *The Wall Street Journal*, Trevor Butterworth called the book “unsentimental, unsparing, and impassioned; and if you’ll excuse the pun, it is precisely the kind of journalism we need to hold truth to power.”

[A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations](#), his latest book, came out in 2020.

Here is a summary:

In the ancient world it was guns, germs, and steel that determined the fates of people and nations; now, more than ever, it is electricity.

Although global demand for power is doubling every two decades, electricity remains one of the most difficult forms of energy to supply and do so reliably. Today, some three billion people are still living in places where per-capita electricity use is less than what’s used by an average American refrigerator. How we close the enormous gap between the electricity rich and the electricity poor will affect everything from women’s rights and health care to warfare and climate change.

Bryce is also the host of the [Power Hungry Podcast](#), which started in 2020. He has published more than 200 episodes. Bryce spotlights energy, innovation, and political topics as he discusses issues with some of the world's top thought leaders. His guests have included Daniel Yergin, Michael Shellenberger, Bjorn Lomborg, and many others.

Bryce has given nearly 500 invited or keynote lectures to dozens of groups, including the Marine Corps War College, Sydney Institute, Jadavpur University, Northwestern University, and a wide variety of professional associations and corporations. He has also appeared on dozens of TV and radio shows, including NPR, BBC, MSNBC, Fox, Al Jazeera, CNN, and PBS.

He spent 12 years as a reporter for *The Austin Chronicle*. From 2006 to 2010, he was the managing editor of the Houston-based *Energy Tribune*. From 2010 to 2019, he was a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. From April 2020 to September 2021, Bryce was a visiting fellow at the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity. He now writes exclusively on Substack. You can follow him there: robertbryce.substack.com.



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Every other year, NERC's Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC), hosts the GridEx security exercise to stress test crisis response and recovery plans. The exercise starts with an emergency event simulating cyber and physical attacks. Other contingencies (known as "injects") are added as the exercise progresses. Participants can then practice their various response protocols over the two-day exercise. This exercise affords participants the ability to review their protocols and, should there be any reliability gaps, participants can further refine internal procedures as necessary, without any regulatory noncompliance penalties.

IMEA was represented, as an Active Participant, on both days of the exercise by the following:

- **Mike Genin**, Vice President of Member & Energy Services
- **Alice Schum**, Vice President of Operations
- **Mandy Ripperda**, Manager of Power Supply
- **Shadi Ahanchi**, Electrical Engineer
- **Glenn Cunningham**, Director Information Technology & Security
- **Adam Baker**, System Administrator
- **Jaken Hicks**, Information Technology System Analyst, and
- **Mary Ann Todd**, Legal/Regulatory Specialist

IMEA also welcomed Illinois National Guard Lieutenant Colonel Dr. **Matthew Garrison** as an observer. Garrison offered information on how the Illinois National Guard might be able to help IMEA and IMEA-member communities in emergency situations, provided the Governor called on the Guard to do so.

This year's GridEx exercise involved an incident of organized-crime related vandalism at a substation in the wake of extreme weather events across the country that caused damage to facilities and found many utilities still working to repair their systems. Both coasts were affected, as were Canada and Mexico. The multiple coincidental events meant mutual aid response was stretched and slower than normal.

While various contingencies played out all around Illinois (Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, and Tennessee), no specific events took place in-state. IMEA discussed its responses, should the exercise activities cross the state border and into member municipalities. The agency monitored social media reports – but relied on legitimate news sources and government agencies – for information and checked in with member municipalities to encourage them to have fuel and other supplies at the ready.

IMEA monitored for possible diesel shortages on behalf of its member communities. The IT staff guarded against opportunistic financial cybercrime attacks, as well as operational threats. ■



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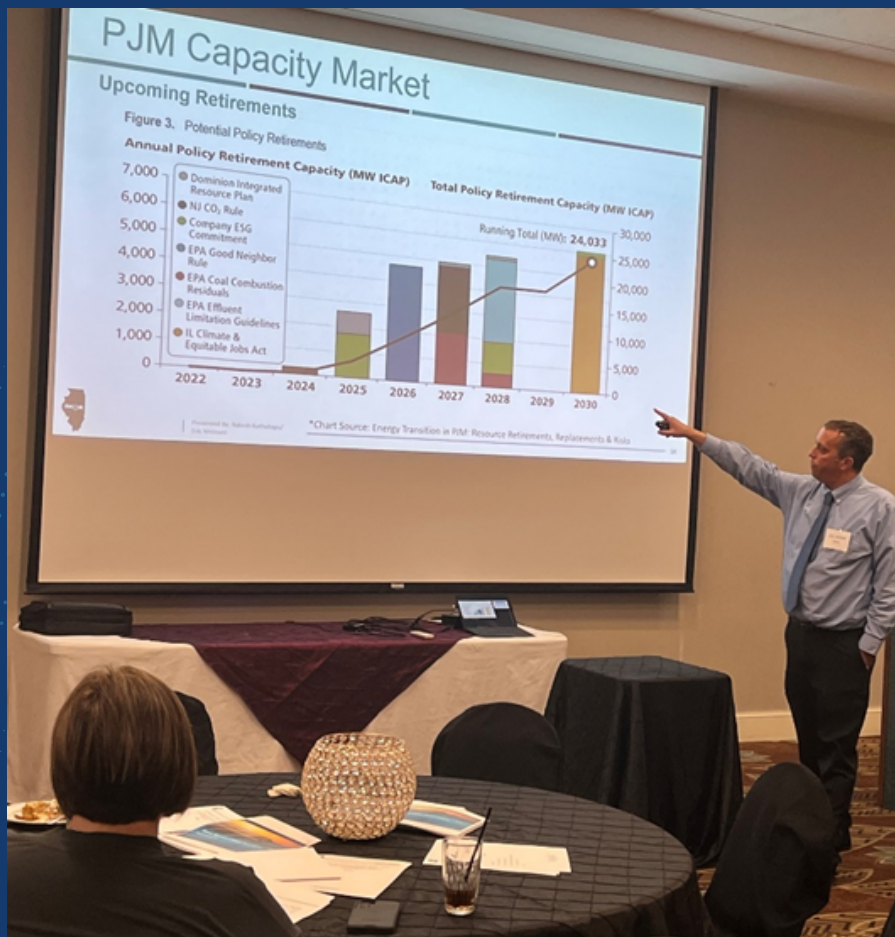
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IMEA Resource Planner **Eric Weinant** discusses the retirement schedule of generation units in PJM at an IMUA Regional Meeting held in Effingham on November 8.

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These meetings featured updates on various industry issues and topics; a review of the many benefits of public power; a look at future municipal plans for energy supply and delivery; and question and answer sessions.

Meetings took place:

- November 1 in Springfield,
- November 8 in Effingham,
- November 16 in Collinsville,
- December 14 in LaSalle.



Participants were reminded of the value propositions inherent in the municipal power service model, including affordability, reliability, sustainability, accountability, and transparency. IMUA personnel also reviewed challenges to the industry, including power plant retirements, transmission rate increases, and effecting a sensible transition to using more wind and solar-generated power. ■

From the Corner Office

by Kevin Gaden, President & CEO



IMEA Board Approves Plan to Transition to Our Energy Future

At its December 2023 regular board meeting, the IMEA Board of Directors adopted the agency's Sustainability Plan, which sets forth the agency's vision for reducing to net-zero the carbon emissions of the power supply delivered to member municipalities by 2050. You can access the plan [here](#).

The formalization of the plan is the latest step in a journey toward a new energy future, which IMEA began in 2009 when the agency was among the first large-scale purchasers of wind power in the state. Since that time, the agency has continuously increased its use of carbon-free resources. In 2023, approximately 11% of the agency's load was served by renewably generated electricity.

The Roadmap Forward

The IMEA Sustainability Plan is based on a roadmap forward that:

- Targets reductions in greenhouse gases.
- Increases the agency's renewable generation resources to replace current resources.
- Allows the flexibility needed to embrace changes in technology, such as battery storage.
- Continues and expands energy efficiency program incentives to our communities and their residents.
- Reduces resource capacity needs by accelerating our demand response options, and
- Advances electric vehicles and EV infrastructure.

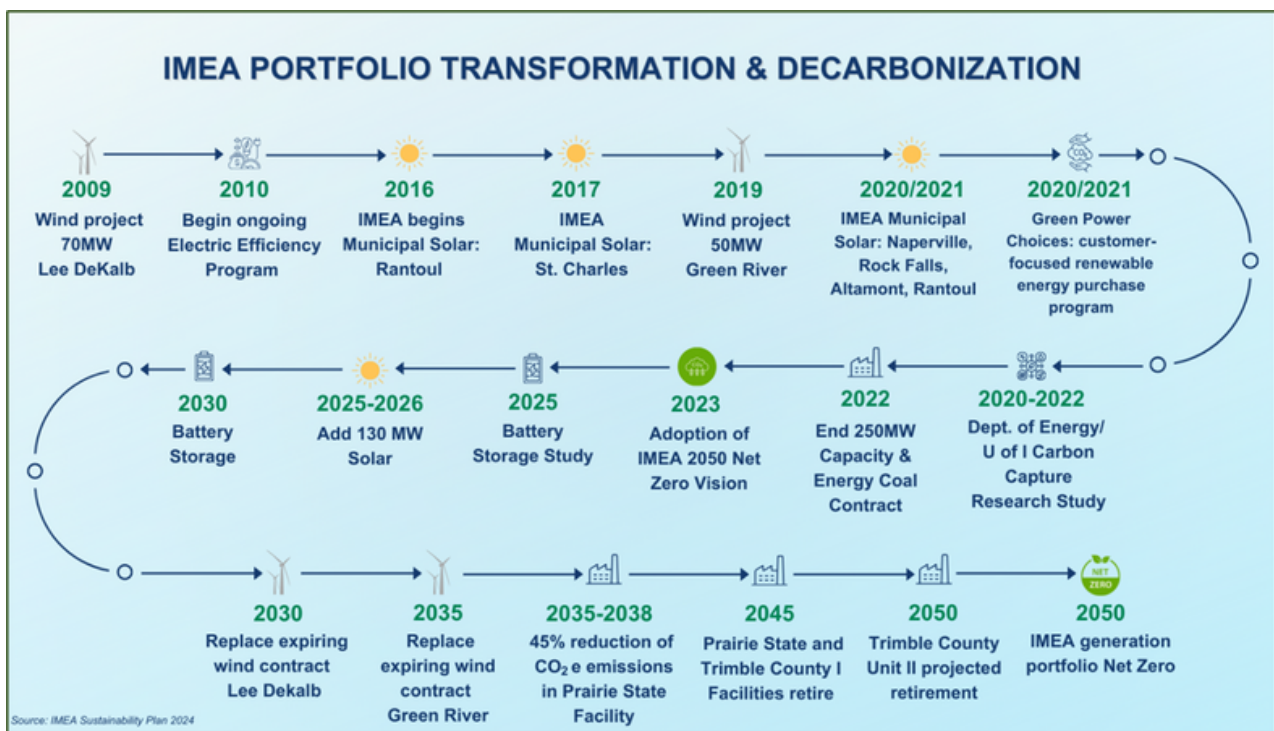
This transition can't happen overnight. To attain IMEA's vision of a net-zero portfolio by 2050, commercially viable innovations will need to occur. Examples include the development of dispatchable emission-free resources, increased availability of economic energy storage solutions or similar new technologies, transmission upgrades to reliably deliver new renewable generation to residents, increased integration of distributed generation, and economic exit strategies or emission reduction technologies for existing fossil-fueled resources.

A Member-Generated, Living, Evolving Document

Given that level of technological uncertainty, the Sustainability Plan is designed to evolve as new opportunities present themselves. Staff will report to the IMEA Board on the progress of the plan on an annual basis. Every three years, the governing bodies of each IMEA member municipality will have the opportunity to engage in a stakeholder process aimed at reviewing and updating the plan.

That collaboration-based revision process echoes the genesis of this first iteration of the plan. A working group comprised of seven IMEA board members met about once a month from February to October 2023 to envision and write the plan that was presented to the full IMEA board in October and adopted in December 2023. We are thankful for the time and effort that our working group put forth, as well as the full IMEA board's engagement as we provided a detailed review of the draft work product in the October 2023 IMEA board meeting and ultimately unanimously approved the plan in the December 2023 board meeting.

The working group represented the geographic and demographic diversity of the IMEA member communities to ensure that we had a good cross section of the IMEA Board's thoughts and input. Thus, the plan gained input from board members representing north, central, and southern parts of the state, as well as small, medium, and large member communities to ensure that the viewpoints of the whole membership were considered. The group quickly realized that ever-changing factors, such as future load growth, economic conditions, changing regulatory demands, the increasing electrification of the transportation sector, the need for new transmission lines, and the evolving feasibility of energy storage could all influence plans for how to achieve a net-zero goal. Thus, as conditions warrant, this document will be reviewed and updated to reflect progress and future strategies and targets.



As can be seen from the graphic above, IMEA and our members must work now to acquire renewable energy resources to serve the member communities for the next generation. This drive to acquire additional solar resources and to begin to replace other renewable supply resources in the coming years will ensure that IMEA's members have a phased, sequential transition to our net-zero goals, avoiding a situation where we'd need to rush to make resource decisions in the face of looming deadlines. By acting now and extending the IMEA member contracts over the coming year, IMEA resource counterparties will have the surety that IMEA members will be buying the power from these resources for the full term of any solar sales agreement the agency would enter into. Long-term planning and long-term commitments from IMEA and its member communities will allow us to gain the best possible products for the lowest possible prices.

The Five Sustainability Principles Behind the Plan

Though the specific actions that the agency will undertake to achieve its net-zero vision by 2050 may change as new opportunities arise, the plan is anchored by five principles. Briefly stated, these are to:

1. Provide an affordable, reliable, and sustainable power supply to member communities.
2. Design and facilitate energy conservation programs in support of the concept that the most sustainable watt is the watt not generated.
3. Offer flexible programs to mitigate peak loads, increase reliability, and better integrate clean energy potential.
4. Enable, accelerate, and integrate electric vehicle use and accompanying charging infrastructure.
5. Maintain and support a sustainable workplace.

A Plan Based on a History of Achievement

IMEA does not make plans lightly. Whether we are considering budgets, reliability, or value-added services, IMEA sets difficult – but reachable and realistic – goals. Unachievable, pie-in-the sky plans may grab headlines, but our member communities don't need headlines. They need the type of reliable results the agency has delivered for them since its inception 40 years ago. That is why our plan will result in an economically responsible and (ultimately) a technologically feasible transition to a net-zero power supply over a 25+ year period.

No one should interpret the measured approach of our plan as reluctance or as a lack of commitment on the part of this agency. Even before the plan was put into place, IMEA took strides towards transforming our electricity portfolio:

- We currently have renewable projects totaling 125 megawatts of aggregate solar and wind capacity.
- We recently negotiated an early contract exit that reduced our total reliance on coal by more than 40% from a capacity perspective and by nearly 24% from an energy perspective, based on the 2021 level of energy production.
- We offer robust demand response, energy efficiency, and REC programs for our member communities.
- We developed one of the first electric vehicle charging station programs in the state and have now expanded it to incentivize members to purchase electric vehicles for municipal use.

With the guidance of this plan – and its future, member-driven revisions – we look forward to working with our communities to continue and expand these successes. ■

Rochelle Municipal Employees, Fire Department, and Other Area First Responders Take Part in Confined Space Entry & Rescue Training



City of Rochelle Fire Department Lieutenant **Jason Underwood** (center, holding rope) demonstrates to a group of Rochelle municipal employees the proper way to attach a rescue lifeline rope and harness to a retrieval tripod.

Nearly 60 City of Rochelle employees – ranging from firefighters, police officers, electric linemen, water and public works personnel, county rescue squad members and other area first responders – took part in a half-daylong, hands-on confined space entry and rescue training session held this past September 6 in Rochelle.

The annual on-site training, coordinated by City of Rochelle Human Resources Risk & Safety Coordinator **Brittney Zick** in cooperation with members of the City of Rochelle Fire Department, consisted of a step-by-step simulated rescue of a mannequin “victim” from a municipal lift station located on the north side of Rochelle.

“Rochelle residents are very fortunate to have available to them such highly skilled and trained personnel who can quickly and safely respond to any such emergencies, both within our municipality, throughout our county and in neighboring areas as well,” Zick pointed out. “On behalf of myself and the City of Rochelle, we thank all those who volunteered their time to participate in this valuable training and life-saving partnership opportunity,” she concluded.

IMUA Director of State Association Services & Communications **Ed Cobau** said IMUA, through its monthly Safety & Training Program, offers a variety of safety training programs, topics and services for its municipal Utility Members which fulfill various OSHA, IDOL and other regulatory-compliance requirements, including those requiring hands-on training requirements.

In addition to confined space entry and rescue (both permit-required and non-permit required), Cobau said other IMUA Safety & Training Program topics include arc-blast and arc-flash prevention and protection; First Aid/CPR/AED certification; hazardous communications; Flagger certification and work-zone safety; fire extinguishers/fire safety; lockout/tagout; personal protective equipment; pole-top & bucket rescue; and, trenching and shoring, among others.

IMUA Utility Members interested in any of these training programs and services should contact IMUA’s Member Services Coordinator **DeeDee Bunch** at dbunch@imea.org. ■

City of Rock Falls Employee Jeff Tupper Memorialized through Historical Electric Meter Display



Longtime City of Rock Falls Power Plant Operator, Electric Lineman and Metering/Substation Technician **Jeff Tupper**, who died unexpectedly at home in late 2022, has been memorialized by Rock Falls Electrical Director **Dick Simon** and fellow Electric Department employees through construction of a custom-made electric utility meter display.

The shelving features Tupper's extensive collection of electric meters, testing equipment and related utility historical memorabilia, such as insulators and chronometers. It is on display in the main lobby of the Rock Falls Electric Utility Department's offices.

"Jeff was an avid collector of antique electric meters and related equipment, such as insulators, testing devices and other memorabilia," Simon noted. "He was very proud of his collection and what it represents – various time periods in the electric utility industry and the development of industry technology."

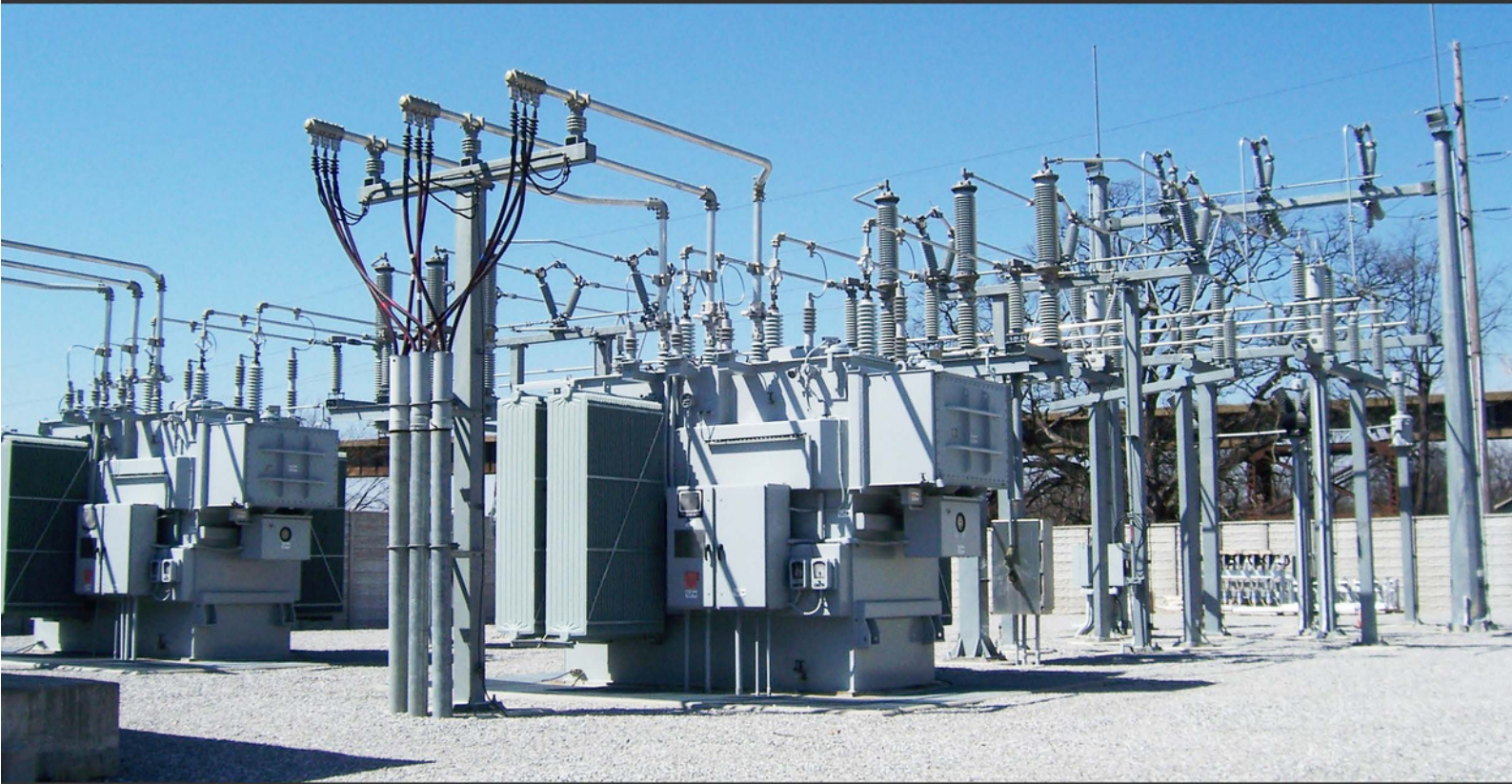
Simon continued: "Given that, it was decided to honor Jeff and pay tribute to his memory through this display. He would've wanted it to be this way – that this valuable collection be shared with everyone, including friends, co-workers, customers, and even members of the general public."

This past December 15 marked the one-year anniversary of Tupper's passing. ■





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2023 IMUA Vendor Fair Sees Great Turnout



More than 150 people – including numerous IMEA/IMUA/IPEA Board Members, member municipality employees, IMUA Associate Members and IMUA Staff – took part in the Association’s second annual Vendor Fair held October 26 at IMUA offices in Springfield.

Attendees mingled with fellow member municipal employees, IMUA Associate Member representatives and IMUA staff throughout the three-hour-long event. They also had the opportunity to view various Associate Member displays and product demonstrations and were served lunch.

Fifteen IMUA Associate Members took part in the Vendor Fair, including: Altec; Altorfer; BHMG Engineers; Evans, Lipka & Associates; Fletcher-Reinhardt Company; GridLiance; Haugland Energy Group; Power Line Supply; Power System Engineering; PRH Group; Proven Power; Quad Plus Testing; Schulte Supply; Sunbelt-Solomon Solutions; and Utilitra.

IMUA extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who attended and who helped make this year’s Vendor Fair a success! ■



IMEA Welcomes Two New Employees



Longtime Illinois resident and Chicagoland native **Bob Kosner** joined IMEA this past October as the agency's new Manager of Energy Markets & Settlements.

Kosner, who holds a master's degree in financial markets from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree from DePaul University in Chicago, has more than 29 years of experience in the commodities trading and energy-markets industries. Prior to joining IMEA, he served as Director of Macro Analysis for Indigo, AG, a custom software and information technology services company headquartered in Boston, Mass.

Kosner and his wife Pam are parents of three children. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, history, walking in parks and completing his wife's "Honey Do" list.

"I really enjoy all the wonderful people I've met at IMEA," Kosner said.

Springfield native **Katherine Nelson** started her new position as Staff Accountant with IMEA on December 1.

Prior to joining the Agency, she had been working as a tax accountant in the Springfield area since 2021. She earned a marketing degree from Southern New Hampshire University and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Springfield in December of 2022.

Nelson currently is sitting for her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. In her spare time, she enjoys music, reading, playing golf, and running. "I also enjoy cooking, but not doing the dishes," she said. ■

Calendar of Events



January 2024

IMEA Executive Board Meeting

January 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.
IMEA Headquarters

February 2024

IMEA Executive Board Meeting

February 14, 2024
2:00 p.m.
IMEA Headquarters

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IMUA Board Meeting

February 15, 2024
1:00 p.m.
IMUA Headquarters

February 2024

IPEA Board Meeting

February 14, 2024
12:00 p.m.
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IMEA Board Meeting

February 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.
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OSHA'S Top 10 Violations

by Ed Cobau, Director-State Association Services & Communications/Safety & Training, IMUA



In early November 2023, [Safety+Health magazine published OSHA's Top 10 most frequently cited standards violations for fiscal year 2022.](#)

Once again – and for the 14th year in a row – “Fall Protection, construction” topped the list as the most-cited violation, increasing more than 20% to a total of 7,271 violations compared to the prior year’s levels. Other rankings in OSHA’s annual Top 10 list include “Hazard Communication,” “Ladders,” “Scaffolding,” and “Powered Industrial Trucks” (forklifts and aerial platforms).

The OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards Violations for 2022

1. Fall Protection, construction ([29 CFR 1926.501](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
2. Hazard Communication, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.1200](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
3. Ladders, construction ([29 CFR 1926.1053](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
4. Respiratory Protection, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.134](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
5. Scaffolding, construction ([29 CFR 1926.451](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
6. Control of Hazardous Energy (lockout/tagout), general industry ([29 CFR 1910.147](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
7. Powered Industrial Trucks, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.178](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
8. Fall Protection Training, construction ([29 CFR 1926.503](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
9. Eye and Face Protection, construction ([29 CFR 1926.102](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]
10. Machinery and Machine Guarding, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.212](#)) [[related safety resources](#)]

What actions can employers and employees take to help reduce the overall number of accidents, injuries, fatalities and consequences related to all 10 OSHA categories and rankings?

Take Fall Protection, for example. The National Safety Council (NSC) says many, if not most, falls are preventable through strict adherence to OSHA standards and requirements and established safe practices. Other tips to stay safe from citations in this category include the following:

- Invest in training programs that emphasize ladder safety, fall restraint and protection and best practices.
- Install guardrails or use fall arrest systems. Place guardrails or other fall safety systems in areas where employees will be working in areas above six feet.
- Provide employees with the necessary fall protection PPE. Such PPE includes hardhats, body harnesses, life lines and the like.
- Install fall-arrest systems. Safety nets and other fall-arrest systems could mean the difference between life and death if a worker falls.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2024! – Ed ■

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