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## Insider

October 2022



### 2023 Newly Elected Officials



Shawn Lickey, Superintendent Columbia City Municipal Utility

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

Welcoming & Celebrating our Newly Elected Board President and Directors for 2023

he IMEA Members recently elected Randy Ennis, Superintendent of Washington Electric Light & Power as President of the organization for the 2023 calendar year. January 1, 2023 Randy will assume his leadership role and become the 82<sup>nd</sup> President of IMEA. Also elected as new Directors at our Annual Meeting held October 12, 2022 are Jason Quirk, Supervisor of The Town of New Carlisle Electric Department and Shawn Lickey, Superintendent of Columbia City Electric Department.

We very much look forward to the insights and new ideas that Randy, Jason and Shawn will provide in their new roles, especially given our organizations prospects for growth and change in the coming months and years. They believe deeply in our organization and are dedicated to ensuring this organization remains an engaged and respectful partner for Public Power and we are thrilled to have their incredible leadership.

Please join us in welcoming our newly elected officials and wishing them the best in their new roles within the organization.

### **Our Mission**

"We (IMEA) are a non-for-profit organization functioning as the statewide service association representing the issues and concerns of municipally owned and operated electric utilities. We provide value to your ability to meet your municipal utility needs toward your associates and/or customers. "



## We Take Pride in our IMEA Members!

### IMEA Shines in the Sunshine State

Mutual aid is electric utilities helping each other in times of need. Utilities that want to give and get help for power restoration efforts after a disaster are part of a network of community-owned electric companies. When a major disaster hits a utility's territory and the utility knows that its own crews and equipment can't handle the restoration of power quickly, so it calls for mutual aid. Other utilities in the network respond with what they can offer as well as assist in the restoration efforts.

On Friday, September 23rd, the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) requested lineworkers' and equipment from Indiana to assist in the restoration efforts expected from Hurricane Ian. IMEA Executive Director Duane Richardson, coordinated members to deploy 22 lineworkers' and resources to Florida on Thursday, September 29th. Originally deployed to Tallahassee FL., IMEA crews staged in Troy AL. and reassigned to assist New Smyrna Beach once the damage assessments began.

IMEA Board of Directors & Staff want to thank all our Indiana crews for their efforts and willingness to respond in the time of need: Lawrenceburg Municipal Utilities, Lebanon Utilities, Logansport Utilities, Mishawaka Electric Department, Rensselaer Municipal Utilities, Scottsburg Electric Utility and Washington Municipal Light and Power.



An image of teams from across the state and U.S. that have been assisting with Hurricane Ian recovery in Florida.

### Public Power at a Glance

There are over 2,000 public power communities across the nation. One out of seven Americans are served by a public power community. Public power utilities are public service institutions whose primary focus is to serve their customers. Their common purpose is to provide reliable and safe not-for-provide electricity at a reasonable price while protecting the environment. The hallmark of public power is local control where citizens have a direct and powerful voice in utility decisions and policies.





#### The future of Municipals in the Public Power Industry

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### Jobs in Public Power



Public power is more to communities than just an essential utility. It is a source of unique and fulfilling career opportunities in your local community. Employees make a difference by serving their own neighborhoods and families. Talented high school, college and technical college graduates—and even technology, environmental and public service professionals—will find that competitive salaries aren't the only thing attractive about careers in public power.

Do you have important news or photos that you would like to share in our bi-weekly newsletters? Please email all news and photos to ianel@imea.com

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