



Save these Dates!

**PMEA 2023 Annual Conference – September 4 – 6, 2024
@ Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford**

PMEA Finance Workshop – September 4, 2024 @ Omni Bedford Springs, Bedford

2023 Training for Line Crews – * **REGISTRATION OPEN** *

- **Rigging** - October 23 & 24 in Lansdale and October 26 & 27 in Grove City
October 31 & November 1 in Chambersburg

Stay tuned for more details about the 2024 schedule of classes!

Thompson Receives Havrilla Public Power Award

Bob Thompson, former manager of Ephrata Borough, was the recipient of this year's James J. Havrilla Public Power Service Award. In addition to his role as Manager, Thompson served on the PMEA and AMP Board of Directors. He believed in the power of advocacy for public power communities as he routinely participated in APPA events and lobbied in DC with Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation during APPA's annual Legislative Rally.

Over his years of service, Thompson was a fierce advocate for public power and the unique role it plays in these communities. At the conference, he urged attendees to get involved at the state and federal levels and to attend the conference, APPA, and other events. He also encouraged the AMP member boroughs to participate in AMP and to press for an additional PA seat on the AMP board. Thompson encouraged attendees to persevere in protecting and promoting public power in their communities and with policymakers.

Named after James J. Havrilla, the award is presented to an individual who, throughout their career, has consistently demonstrated a commitment to public power. James Havrilla was a professional engineer who engaged with many, if not all, of PMEA's member municipalities over the course of his career. His 25-year affiliation with PMEA first began in 1993 when he was employed by Quad 3, the association's appointed engineers.



Conference Presentations Available and Updates Coming

The PowerPoint presentations from the Finance Workshop and the Annual Conference are available under the members only section of the PMEA website - <https://www.papublicpower.org/>. The members only section can be located in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. Please be certain to access these soon as they will only be available for a limited time.

The members only section will be going through a revamp this fall. We want to be certain that we are providing you with the information you need at your fingertips. PMEA welcomes your feedback on items of most importance and information that would be most helpful to you. To share your feedback and suggestions for an improved experience, please complete this very brief survey – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZC6TNXK>. Your input is most valuable.

Highlights from the PMEA 2023 Annual Conference

From the first in-person Finance Workshop to highly informative and engaging sessions as well as an opportunity to talk with more than 20 companies exhibiting and attending, this year's conference had something for everyone. More on the conference in next month's newsletter!



PennDOT Hosting Regional EV Meetings

PennDOT is hosting a community conversation about electric vehicles (EVs) and how they best fit in your community. Join the Department to learn about EVs, the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, funding options and more!

Gettysburg Heritage Center
297 Steinwehr Ave
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325
Monday, October 16, 5pm-7pm

Graystone Mansion
53 S 1st Ave
Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320
Thursday, October 19, 6pm-8pm

Michael Ross Event Center
144 W 3rd St
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701
Monday, October 23, 5pm-7pm

H. O. Hirt Auditorium at Blasco Library
160 E Front St
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507
Wednesday, November 1, 5pm-7pm

Goggleworks
201 Washington St
Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
Thursday, November 2, 6pm-8pm

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)
42 21st St, Suite 101
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
Wednesday, November 8, 6pm-8pm

Space is limited, register today!

Register online today at: <https://forms.office.com/r/hSJANSXQ0S>

Information about NEVI and meetings will be added to our [Learn About NEVI webpage](#).

Background:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides states with \$7.5 billion to help make EV charging more accessible to all Americans for local and long-distance trips.

Over the five years of the NEVI Formula Program, Pennsylvania will receive \$171.5 million in dedicated formula funding.

The Pennsylvania NEVI State Plan is an evolving document updated annually. The initial plan supports the allocation of federal funds for federal fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The [FFY 2024 Pennsylvania NEVI Plan Update](#) was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration on August 1, 2023, for approval and will support the allocation of federal funds for federal fiscal year 2024.

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Smart Utility Management, LLC
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TE Connectivity
TESCO- The Eastern Speciality Co.
The Okonite Company
United Utility Supply
Utility Engineers
Utility Sales Associates
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USDOE Hosting Cybersecurity Training

The US Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response will be hosting a series of training sessions on cybersecurity. The training is free.

Cybersecurity Training for the Utility Workforce

- Registration for the first three training sessions is NOW OPEN!
 - October 31-November 2, 2023, in Columbus, OH – registration now open
 - November 28-30, 2023, in Orlando, FL – registration now open
 - December 5-7, 2023, in Kansas City, MO – registration now open
 - January 17-19, 2024, in San Diego, CA
 - January 23-25, 2024, in Dallas, TX
 - April 23-25, 2024, in Buffalo, NY
- You can register for the date or location that is most convenient for you here: <https://www.eventleaf.com/c/CybersecurityTrainingUtilityWorkforce>
- A few details:
 - This training is available to electric utility staff. Please use your utility's email address when you register to attend. Your registration information will be reviewed and you will receive a registration confirmation after it is approved.
 - A number of spaces are held just for RMUC eligible utilities to ensure that there is room for the electric cooperative, public power, and small IOUs that are interested in attending.
 - Registration for these trainings is free. The training costs are covered by funding provided to CESER under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
 - Participants are responsible for their own travel, lodging, and meal costs. Meals will not be provided. There will be a break for participants to have time for lunch.
 - Each training event has a hotel block that closes about 2-3 weeks prior to the training date. The registration site provides a link to the hotel block.
- The main landing page provides an agenda and short description of the classes that will be available each day.
 - On the first day, you can choose between two full-day options.
 - On the second day, you can choose between 4 half-day sessions, so you can take one in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. OR you can choose the full-day Cyberstrike option, which is a repeat of the Cyberstrike training offered on Day 1.
 - On the third day, there is only one full-day session that everyone will take.

We Want to Hear From You

Please share with us your exciting projects and photos for future newsletters. Your submissions should be sent to bosak@papublicpower.org at any time and we will use them in upcoming editions. We also welcome your suggestions for topics of interest for our newsletters.

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