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## ELECTRICAL BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairman of the Board – **Phil Wentz**

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In accordance with the Electrical Board By-laws, Article IX-Section 6, Bill Kuempel, chair of the 2021-22 Nominating Committee has verified the ballots submitted and approved the election of the above officers. Clark Costello, Jerry Dorhauer, Don Ferguson, Chris Scarbrough and Dan Meyer are new members of the Board of Directors. The new EBMI officers and elected Board members will be installed at the June 14th Board of Directors Meeting.

## WOMEN'S ELECTRICAL BOARD (WEB) OFFICERS FOR 2022-23

Chair – **Melissa Berry**

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Congratulations to these WEB officers who will be installed on May 24th!



**Bill Regan**

# LET'S TALK...

**Congratulations to the newly elected EBMI Officers and Board of Directors. We thank them for volunteering their time to guide your organization.**

The Officers, new and re-elected Board members will be installed at our June 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Annie and I look forward to working with the new Board of Directors on moving the organization forward during 2022-23.

We are hoping to have many more in-person meetings this year. Each committee will need to re-evaluate the situation at that time to determine how best to offer their programs. While virtual have given us the opportunity to continue our educational offerings during Covid, we have heard from members that the face-to-face networking is so much more beneficial.

We have very few programs during the summer but most of our event planning process takes place over the summer months, especially with Expo 2023.

The seminar and awards committees have met earlier this month. We hope to have the seminar topics selected by the end of August and speaker confirmations by end of September. The awards committee decided on the number of awards to be given for booth excellence and new products.

We will update the membership as our committees work through their assigned tasks and begin to confirm our Expo activities. We appreciate your past support and look forward to providing programs and events that will keep you safe, yet with some in-person events.

We hope that everyone will continue seeing the value that the Electrical Board provides to your company and the industry. It is still YOUR organization.

Stay Safe. We hope you have a very enjoyable summer!!!

## IN MEMORIAM

The Electrical Board officers and staff express our sincere condolences to **Jim Bess**, retired from Union Electric whose daughter Kathleen "Kelli" passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>; and to the Family of **Rich Valenta**, retired from Union Electric who passed away on April 7<sup>th</sup>; and to the family of **Butch Miller**, Butler Supply who passed away on May 9<sup>th</sup>; and to family of **Bob Szevery**, retired from Frost Supply who passed away on May 17<sup>th</sup>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See calendar on [www.electricalboard.org](http://www.electricalboard.org)

<b>MAY</b>	<b>NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH</b>
<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> (EBMI Office closed)
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SPORTSMAN'S HOLIDAY</b> At Forest Park Golf Course 12:00 noon Shotgun start <b>SOLD OUT</b>
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b> Installation of officers and new directors
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> (EBMI Office closed)
<b>Aug. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT</b> Held virtually using Teams platform
<b>Sept. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b> (EBMI Office Closed)
<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>GOLFfest</b> at Crescent Farms
<b>Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MIXER</b> at St. Charles Convention Center

## 2023

## ***SAVE THE DATE*** **ELECTRICAL EXPO**

**August 23-24, 2023**

**At St. Charles Convention Center**

Call EBMI at 636-305-6434 for more information or to gain more information on any of our events or visit our website at [www.electricalboard.org](http://www.electricalboard.org). You can also send an email to [annie@electricalboard.org](mailto:annie@electricalboard.org) or [bill@electricalboard.org](mailto:bill@electricalboard.org).

## EVENT AND PROGRAM WAIVERS

The Executive Committee has voted to DISCONTINUE the need for waivers for EBMI events, classes and programs at their March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## POSITION AVAILABLE

### **1122 – ELECTRICAL DESIGNER OR ENGINEER**

We are looking for an Electrical Designer or Engineer to join our growing Engineering team in St. Louis. This is a fantastic opportunity to work on complex projects within our core markets – Healthcare, High Education and Science & Technology. In this role, you will be responsible for all aspects of engineering design within designated projects. You will work directly with clients to progress BSA's mission of Creating Inspiring Solutions that Improve Lives.

We are looking for self-starters with the ability to work as part of a cohesive, collaborative team. If that's you and you are interested in joining a 100% employee-owned firm, this may be your opportunity to make an impact on your career and on the lives of others.

Link to job posting:

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3422 - Electrical Engineering Manager (Edwardsville, IL)  
3522 - Engineering Technician (Brookfield, WI)  
3622 - Engineering Technician (Cedar Grove, WI)  
3722 - Senior Survey Technician (Edwardsville, IL)  
3822 - Utility Engineer (Edwardsville, IL)

Click on <https://utilitra.aaimtrack.com/jobs/> for more information.

### **J.F. Electric Positions**

3922 - Project Manager – Utility Department (Joliet, IL)  
31022 - Electrical Estimator (Edwardsville, IL)  
31122 - Project Manager – Commercial (Edwardsville, IL)

Click on <https://jfelectric.aaimtrack.com/jobs/> for more information.

## **Ameren Missouri activates newest clean energy source**

*Community Solar program celebrates more than 2,000 subscribers and looks to sunny skies ahead*

Ameren Missouri announced on April 18 that its newest clean energy source, a solar facility, is now up and running. The [Montgomery County Community Solar Center](#) was constructed following the support of more than 2,000 customers who wanted to take part in clean energy generation without having to pay high up-front costs to install solar equipment on their own roofs or property, or renters who don't have a solar generation option.

"Thanks to the backing of so many Missourians, we are providing more renewable solar energy than ever before," said Patrick Smith, vice president of economic, community and business development at Ameren Missouri. "Ameren Missouri's Community Solar program is an easy solution for customers looking to step up their renewable energy use, support solar energy expansion and help reduce emissions economy-wide."

Customers interested in being part of the program's next expansion can add their name to a waiting list for the next opportunity. When opened for sign-ups later this year, the program will be easier to participate in than ever before with all residential and small business customers now able to offset up to 100% of their energy use.

The Community Solar program started in 2018 as a pilot to offer customers the opportunity to invest in solar energy generation in their community through a shared system. The program has since been made permanent and is now generating clean energy from the Montgomery County facility and another at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. "The successful Community Solar program fills a need for our customers and helps get the energy we provide as clean as we can, as fast as we can, while maintaining the reliability our customers depend on," said Mark Birk, president of Ameren Missouri. "Expanding solar generation is key to our goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050."

To learn more about the Community Solar program and see how Ameren Missouri can help you achieve your own energy goals, go to [AmerenMissouri.com/CommunitySolar](https://AmerenMissouri.com/CommunitySolar).

# Sportsman's Holiday

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

At Forest Park – Noon shotgun start.

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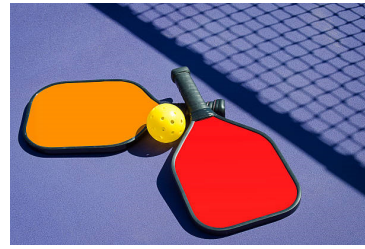
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## ANYONE FOR PICKLEBALL?

We are looking to have a pickleball night at Missouri Pickleball Club in Fenton for some time in June. Email [bill@electricalboard.org](mailto:bill@electricalboard.org) to let us know you are interested on receiving more information.

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## Thoughts on Excellence

### The Inner Journey Series, Step #1: *The Introduction*

By Dan Coughlin

24 years ago on January 15, 1998, I started my own business.

On that day, I had zero business experience having been a college soccer coach, a high school soccer coach, and a high school math teacher for the first 13 years of my career. I had no business cards and no website. I simply started with the idea of helping other people to achieve whatever they wanted to achieve.

This work has led me to people and places I never thought I would meet or go. For 24 years I've served as an executive coach, seminar leader, and guide for strategic sessions and group coaching programs.

My emphasis with people for all these years has been on the outer quest of improving results as we focused on personal effectiveness, leadership, teamwork, and management. All of my executive coaching, seminars, and articles have concentrated on how people can be more effective individually and collectively in achieving their desired outcomes.

However, over the past few years, I've realized that I have left out a tremendously important dimension of becoming truly meaningful as a person. I have focused on the outer journey to the exclusion of the inner journey. It's like I've been a track coach for people running the 100-meter dash or a marathon, and I've ignored the first 25 meters or the first 6 miles.

So starting with this series of articles and later this year with an 8-session course called *The Inner Quest: an internal journey to excellence* that will be offered for free, I am adding a new dimension to my work. This new dimension is not focused on achieving external results, but instead concentrates on the journey to strengthen our inner selves and fulfill our higher purpose. It's my belief that if a person strengthens his or her inner self first, then he or she greatly increases his or her chances for making a positive, sustainable, long-term impact in the world.

As part of adding this new dimension to my work, I am combining ideas I've learned from studying philosophy and spirituality into what I hope are a practical set of exercises to help you on this inner journey. I've almost always stayed away from sharing my thoughts on spirituality, but I realize now that it's time to incorporate them into my teachings because I have found them to be extraordinarily important and helpful in my own life.

Specifically, I will be writing and talking about my belief that there is a Greater Wisdom in the universe that goes beyond you and me, and that we can tap into that Greater Wisdom through prayer. To me, prayer means a conversation between a person and this Greater Wisdom. I'm not talking about some cosmic force that will bring you the house you want or the title you want or the income you want. Nor am I

referring to something that will cure diseases or eliminate all problems from your life. I'm simply talking about an entity outside of you and me that can offer you advice and a perspective to consider, which is my definition of wisdom.

#### Overview of The Inner Journey

We will begin with a set of words that I'm calling *The Basic Terms of The Inner Journey*. Over the past 30 years I've come to learn that words and what they mean to an individual are very, very important in establishing a personal philosophy. I will ask you to consider what each word means to you, and then I will share what they mean to me.

We will then focus on the enormous importance of seeing how we are selfish, and how we can surrender our selfishness to make room in our lives to be more virtuous. This simple phrase, "surrender selfishness and embrace virtue" will become an important mantra on this journey to strengthening our inner selves. The idea of integrity as doing what you believe is the right thing to do even if no one else is watching will emerge as a key aspect of the inner journey.

We will then dig into the idea of clarifying our higher purpose beyond just achieving results, which I think is a crucial factor on this inner journey. We will concentrate on the contribution we each want to make with our lives.

And in the end we will attempt to apply the ideas from our inner journey to the organizations and communities where we work and live.

#### Milestones on The Inner Journey

There is a great deal of work ahead for you and for me as we go on this inner journey. The milestones for us to aspire for are:

*Milestone #1: A Stronger Inner Self*

*Milestone #2: A Higher Purpose*

*Milestone #3: Deeper Relationships*

*Milestone #4: Greater Contributions*

*Milestone #5: Better Organizations & Societies*

*Milestone #6: Excellence*

Thank you for considering to step into this new dimension of my work. I hope you will find that it lays a practical groundwork for you as you journey toward the life that you fully want to live on your life's entire 100-meter dash or marathon.

#### About Dan Coughlin

Since 1998, Dan Coughlin has worked with serious-minded leaders and executives to consistently deliver excellence. He provides Executive Coaching, Leadership and Executive Development Group Coaching Programs, and seminars to improve leadership and management performance. His topics are personal effectiveness, interpersonal effectiveness, leadership, teamwork, and management. He also guides strategic decision-making meetings. And now he is also focused on helping people on their inner journey to excellence.

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