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Ameren Missouri | EBMI Energy Efficiency Symposium

Date: March 7th | 8am-Noon |
Location: Ameren 1901 Chouteau Ave.

Mark your calendars and register now for the
Ameren Missouri and EBMI Symposium

This annual event is a must-attend for professionals looking to stay informed on the latest industry trends, innovations, and opportunities.

While the full speaker lineup and topics are still being finalized, you can expect engaging presentations and valuable insights on a range of subjects, including:
Updates on Incentives and Changes– Learn about the latest energy efficiency programs and how they can benefit your projects.

Case Studies– Real- World applications, big and small, showcasing successful energy efficiency strategies.

Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS)– Understand the latest standards and how they impact businesses and communities.

Lighting Technologies and Controls– Explore cutting-edge lighting solutions and how cities are applying them to drive efficiency.

Energy Efficient product solutions provided by program sponsors.

Click [here](#) to reserve your spot today!

4 PDH's offered for IN-Person | 3PDH's for virtual
8AM-Noon

EBMI Members: \$50 Per person, for In-Person or virtual | Other: \$65 Per person, for In-Person or virtual (3% discount if paying by check or ACH)
Add \$25 if registering after March 18th

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\$200 investment. | info@electricalboard.org

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3 PDH's for virtual.





Outlook for 2025: Building on a Strong Foundation

As we step into 2025, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your engagement and support throughout 2024. This past year has been one of growth, collaboration, and progress for The Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois (EBMI), and we could not have achieved this without our dedicated members and partners.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to bring even greater value to our members. We are expanding our educational courses and programs, the professional development events, and creating more opportunities for networking and strengthening connections within the industry. Our focus remains steadfast on EBMI's core mission: **to provide services that develop, improve, and preserve business opportunities for our members across all segments of the electrical industry.**

Just as the electrical industry continues to evolve through mergers, acquisitions, and technological advancements, we are experiencing increased interest from industries that are broadening their services to meet customer demands. This expansion presents exciting opportunities for collaboration and growth, allowing us to refine and enhance the resources we offer.

Our Board of Directors, made up of experienced leaders representing all corners of our industry, play a critical role in guiding these initiatives. Their insights and leadership ensure we continue to thrive and remain a valuable resource for all our members.

Looking to 2026 and Beyond

While 2025 will be a year of progress, we already have our sights on 2026. We are actively developing a project management calendar and forming committees to drive new initiatives. If you are looking to get more involved or expand your business opportunities through networking, reach out today to learn how you can play a larger role in EBMI's future.

Ameren Programs and Emerging Opportunities

We continue to highlight the programs that streamline communication and create seamless interactions across the industry. We will continue to share strategic insights in our upcoming programs.

We Value Your Input

Keep an eye out for our Membership Engagement Survey. This survey is an invaluable tool for us to understand your needs and identify how we can better serve you. Your feedback will help us provide the resources necessary to grow your business and invest in your teams. You can click here to complete survey.

We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and success. I wish you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2025.

-Kim Johnston | President | kim.johnston@electricalboard.org

Save the Date- Calendar of Events

January 16th	19th Annual Dart Tournament
February 6th	Grounding course begins
February 6th	Night with the Blues-STL Blues Hockey Game
February 11th	Leadership seminar
February 13th	Fundamentals of Electrical Theory begins
February 18th	Practical Applications of Electrical Equipment & Devices begins
February 19th	Reading Electrical Construction Drawings begins
March 4th	National Electrical Code Calculations begins
March 7th	Ameren Missouri Energy Efficiency Program
March 13th	Board Meeting
April 3rd, 4th and 5th	IES Fundamentals of Lighting 3 day seminar
April 8th	Sales Strategies
April 10th	Ameren Illinois Emerging Energy Topics in Springfield Illinois
April 16th	Ameren Illinois Emerging Energy Topics in Mt. Vernon, Illinois
April 24th	Protection of Electrical Systems
May 1st	Transformers
May 19th	Night at the Ballpark STL Cardinal Game
June 2nd	Sportsmans Holiday Golf Tournament
June 12th	Board Meeting
Aug 22nd	Ameren Missouri Clean Energy Symposium
Sept 29th	GolfFest— Crescent Farms Golf Club
Oct 11th	Veterans BBQ VA Medical Center
Nov 7th	Ameren Missouri Electric Power Topics Program

Call EBMI at 636.305.6434 or email events@electricalboard.org click [here](#) for more information on any of our events.

Register for classes by clicking on links provided in the course catalog. Click [here](#) for full course catalog.



Join Us for EBMI's Night with the Blues!

The Emerging EBMI Members committee is excited to host "A Night with the Blues"-an evening of fun, networking and professional growth tailored for newer members in the electrical industry.

7PM vs Florida Panthers
 Date: Feb. 6th 2025
 Venue: Double Sky Suite
 Enterprise Center

Tickets include: Access to suite,
 Nacho Bar | Popcorn | Toasted Ravs
 Bratwurst | Beer & Wine | Soda/Water

Thank you to our sponsors:



This event provides a unique opportunity to mingle with peers, expand your network, and learn more about the industry- all while enjoying an unforgettable night with the St. Louis Blues.

Ticket price: \$197.76
 Discounted ticket prices available if you bring a Non-EBMI member.

The objective of this event is to share with non-members the value and opportunities EBMI can offer.



Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets today!



WELCOME...

To the following NEW MEMBERS-





Corporate Member Companies

	Company	Member (s)
	Danger Gone LLC	Larry Berry Jared Berry
	WM Electric LLC	Willard McDonnell Sr. Joe Hart
	Calliott Consulting LLC	Jennie Calliott Rob Schrader

Individual Memberships

	BHMG	Mike Thoele
	Holt Electrical Supplies	Steven Pemberton
	Guarantee Electrical	Julie Ohlms

New Corporate Representatives (or changes)

	ABB Installation Products	Kevin Schwass
	Eaton's Crouse-Hinds series	Eric Hickert
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	Burdny A Hubbell Company	Lori Sharp
	JF Electric	Les Benton
	LEDVance	Mike Cortese
	Omnicable	Drew Jackson
	S&C Electric	Jon Carrier
	Schaeffer Electric	Carolyn Conboy
	Siemens	Pete Fisher
	Southwire	Christopher VonBehren

Gratitude for Service and Celebrating Michael Smith's Retirement

Smith will be retiring from teaching the National Electrical Code class in February 2025, as well as stepping away from the industry. Mike has been a valued instructor for various EBMI seminars since 2002. His commitment is exemplified by his involvement with the National Electrical Code class since 2021, a 20 week-class held from 6 to 9 PM, which requires a significant time commitment.

In addition to the National Electrical Code Class, Mike has taught the National Code Calculations class since 2003 and has been responsible for coordinating the Code Seminar at several expos. He has worked closely with national organizations, EBMI staff, and local electrical inspectors to ensure the seminar meets St. Louis licensing requirements. Smith allows EBMI to offer lower fees for education courses compared to other industry offerings. This is an added value for members of EBMI.

Since 2010, Smith has also taught the Protection of Electrical Systems Seminar, allowing contractors to earn the necessary requirements for the City of St. Louis and Jefferson County. Beyond teaching, Smith has served on EBMI's Christmas Mixer Jackpot Committee and has been a past chair of EBMI (2021-2022). He has been a member of EBMI since 1997 and joined the board in 2012.

EBMI extends our gratitude to Smith for his years of dedication and service.



**Jeff Wahl presents Michael Smith with
Chairperson Recognition plaque.
June 2020**

**SAVE THE DATE:
2026 Electrical Expo
August 26th & 27th
St. Charles Convention Center**



**Craig Schild EBMI Chairperson | John Luth
Tom Bush previous past Chairperson
June 2020**



Recognizing the contributions of: John Luth | Ameren Missouri

At the December EBMI board meeting, we shared our gratitude for the outstanding contributions of **John Luth**, who has served as an instructor and a valued member of our Board of Directors. His dedication and expertise have made a lasting impact. Luth resigned his position on the Board of Directors of EBMI.

Thank you for your service! Your representation of Ameren throughout the years has strengthened the resources EBMI has provided for all members.

Rob Dixon | Senior Director – Economic, Community, and Business Development Ameren Missouri is appointed as replacement on Board of Directors as of December 2024

We are excited to welcome Rob Dixon as a newly appointed member of the Board of Directors. EBMI looks forward to your leadership and insights as we continue to grow and support our industry.

Welcome aboard Rob!

February Program Spotlights:

GROUNDING COURSE

Begins Thursday, February 6th 2025 | 6PM– 8PM
Virtual | Instructor: Phil Wentz
5 week course

This virtual course will provide an understanding on the subject of Grounding.

The basic physics of grounding will be reviewed and compared to the National Electrical Code.

This course is ideal for electricians, electrical contractors, consulting engineers, utility and industrial maintenance personnel.

Save \$60 if registration received 2 weeks prior to class.

Employees of non-member firms:	\$360
Employees of member firms:	\$300

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Tuesday, February 11th 2025 | 11AM– 1:30PM
Instructor: Mark Serafino
Boxed lunch provided by Sugarfire Smoke House

This course is interactive with participants and is ideal for all emerging leaders and/or current management.

This seminar will include in depth discussion and analysis on these topics; Leadership and management, what is the difference? | Listening like a leader | Coaching team members to the next level
Leading culture and managing change | How to prepare and conduct disciplinary conversation.

Employees of non-member firms:	\$215
Employees of member firms:	\$195

FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTRICAL THEORY

Begins February 13th 2025 | 6PM– 8PM
Instructor: Milt Murry
12 Sessions—Limited to 15 students
Click [here](#) for full course description.

Employees of non-member firms:	\$360
Employees of member firms:	\$300

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES

Begins Thursday, February 18th 2025 | 6PM– 8.30PM
Instructor: Dan Asaro
8 Sessions | Click [here](#) for full course description

Employees of non-member firms:	\$330
Employees of member firms:	\$270

This course provides a working knowledge of all segments of the electrical industry and how these segments interact in the construction and MRO markets. It gives a hands-on overview of electrical products and applications for industrial, commercial, and residential applications. It includes terminology and definitions put into layman's terms for a basic industry understanding.

It is ideal for warehouse, administrative, purchasing and entry-level personnel.

READING ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

Begins Wednesdays, February 19th, 26th & March 5th
6PM– 8.30PM
Instructor: Warren Kohm Location: Farnsworth Group

This course is designed as an introductory level to understanding of electrical construction plans and drawings.

Who should attend– Manufacturers agents, utility personnel, plant maintenance, building design professionals, electrical estimators and anyone else using electrical drawings.

Click [here](#) for FULL details or to register for any program.





UPCOMING EVENT
EBMI Night at the ballpark

STL Cardinals vs Detroit Tigers

Date: Monday, May 19th 6:45PM

Ticket costs: \$77.25 ea

All inclusive. (All food and beverages included)

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**We Want to Hear From You-
 Complete Our Membership
 Engagement Survey!**

Your feedback is important to us! Please take a few minutes to complete our membership engagement survey and help shape the future of EBMI. Your input will guide us in improving resources, events, and programs to better serve you.

As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift card.**

One lucky winner will be selected!

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The mission of The Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois is to provide services which develop, improve and preserve business opportunities for our members in the electrical industry.

We provide members industry information, educational training in various types of formats and opportunities for peer interaction throughout the year.

EBMI serves the region of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois as a unifying catalyst for the industry. The direction of the organization is driven by the active participation of our membership leaders, your peers.



Do you have an idea | question | feedback that you would like to submit to EBMI? Would you be interested in serving on a committee? We encourage your suggestions on how to continue to improve the resources we provide. Click here to submit your input.
Scan the QR code and submit today!

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