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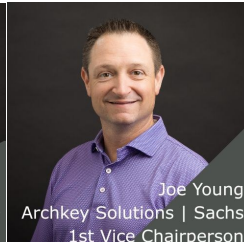
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### 2025-26 Electrical Board Officers Elected



Bob Mirbaha  
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NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
PHIL WENTZ  
MCCLURE ENGINEERING

In accordance with the Electrical Board By-laws, Article IX-Section 6, **Phil Wentz**, chair of the 2024-25 Nominating Committee, has verified the ballots submitted and approved the election of the above officers.

EBMI officers and new elected Board members will be installed at the June 12th Board of Directors Meeting.

New board members will include:  
Kevin Bridick | Compass Electrical Solutions  
Brian Cuffle | Ameren Illinois  
Melissa Meywes | Eaton- Cooper Power Series Products  
Bryan Shannon | BHMG Engineers, Inc.  
Rich Sanders | Lester Sales

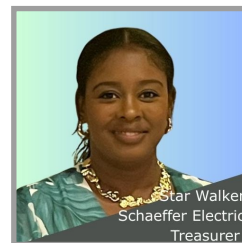
### Women's Electrical Board (W.E.B) officers



Julie Ohlms  
Guarantee Electrical  
Chairperson of W.E.B.



Julie Polson  
Graybar  
Vice Chair



Star Walker  
Schaeffer Electric  
Treasurer



Caitlin Alexander  
Schaeffer Marketing Group  
Secretary

W.E.B. closed out its program year with a dynamic May meeting. This special event not only provided members the chance to connect and engage with industry peers, but also celebrated the installation of the new officers for the upcoming term.

We extend our gratitude to all of our volunteer members who dedicate their time, energy and leadership as committee members and officers. Your contributions are what drive our mission forward.

EBMI and WEB are truly organizations built for the members, by the members- and we are proud to be led by engaged volunteers committed to advancing our industry.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Riley Adams**  
Ameren Illinois

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Schaeffer Marketing Group

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**Message from  
Chairperson  
Craig Schild**  
AZCO,  
A Burns &  
McDonnell Company

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois (EBMI), I want to thank you for your continued support and dedication to our organization. Your membership is vital to fulfilling our mission of providing resources, opportunities, and leadership to the electrical industry. To ensure we can continue delivering exceptional value and expanding our services, the Board has approved a modest adjustment to our membership dues, effective August 1, 2025. The new dues structure will be as follows:

Click [here](#) for NEW dues structure.

This adjustment allows us to:

- Enhance member services and benefits
- Expand and amplify educational programs, instructors, and speakers
- Advance technology resources and support staffing needs

Increase brand exposure to grow membership across our existing regional territory

These investments are critical for EBMI to expand, innovate, and continue providing top-tier services to our members, as well as maintain EBMI's financial stability as operational costs continue to rise.

We understand the importance of transparency and want to assure you that this decision was made after careful consideration of our needs and the long-term goals of our organization.

Your membership is valued and enables us to provide many resources for connectivity, networking, and educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued support.

## Save the Date- Calendar of Events

May 19th	Night at the Ballpark STL Cardinal Game
June 2nd	Sportsman's Holiday Golf Tournament
June 11th	Industry Awards- Foundation Scholarship banquet
June 12th	Board Meeting
July 16th	AI Program Keynote Speaker: Ashley Pyle Westport Event Center
Aug 22nd	Ameren Missouri Clean Energy Symposium
Sept 17th	Ameren Illinois Power Topics Program- Springfield
Sept 24th	Ameren Illinois Power Topics Program- Mt. Vernon
Sept 29th	GolfFest— Crescent Farms Golf Club
Oct 11th	Veterans BBQ VA Medical Center
Nov 7th	Ameren Missouri Electric Power Topics Program
Dec 4th	Holiday Mixer

2026

### SAVE THE DATE

Electrical Expo  
August 26th & 27th  
St. Charles Convention Center

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



# Powering Connections; Navigating AI in our industry

July 16th

8am-10:30am

Westport Event Center

12031 Lackland Road | St. Louis Mo 63146

*Catered by RUSSO's*

*Program coordinated by Emerging EBMI Members*

EBMI is excited to present an inspiring session on Generative AI, led by a thought leader in the AI space, showcasing how AI is transforming businesses and redefining industry functions. While many are receiving AI insights through specific channels, EBMI is uniquely bringing all industry segments together to collaborate, share knowledge, and explore how AI will shape the future of electrical work.

## This high-level session will provide:

- AI fundamentals tailored for our industry
- Real-time business benefits and practical takeaways
- Strategies to leverage AI effectively in your role and across teams
- Insights that may lead to future, deeper-dive sessions

## Thank you to the sponsors of this event:

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## Meet the Speaker



### Ashley Pyle

CXO at GadelNet | AI GTM Leader  
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Board Member & Speaker

With over 40% of US work activities now being automated or significantly enhanced by AI, the impact on project management, operations, and all business operations is undeniable. Our dynamic speaker will break down the real-world effects of AI- from optimizing operations to cutting cost and shaping policies that drive efficiency.

This session will empower you to leverage AI for innovation and growth, helping you stay ahead of the curve in our evolving industry. These sessions "allow ALL BOATS to Rise"- Ashley Pyle

## Tickets:

**Just \$60 per person!  
\$95 for non-members**

**Click [HERE](#) to secure your spot!**

## Contact Us

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**Welcome  
Ted Zemper-  
Senior Associate  
Electrical Engineer  
BR+A  
Consulting Engineers  
New Co-Chair of  
EBMI's Education  
Committee**

Ted will serve alongside **Phil Wentz**, PE Principal & Electrical/AV/Acoustics Engineer at **McClure Engineering**

*We look forward to his expertise contributing to our mission as we continue to provide top-quality educational resources for our members and expand opportunities for professional growth."* -**Phil Wentz Chair** of Education Committee

Ted brings a well-rounded perspective to the committee. His unique background equips him with both technical insight and market awareness –skills that will assist expand our course catalog and ensure EBMI continues to meet the evolving needs of all industry sectors.

We are confident that Ted's ideas, passion, expertise will help us further the **EBMI mission** of **providing valuable educational resources for professionals across all segments of the electrical industry.**



#### **Personnel Service.....**

allows our members to advertise employment opportunities, at no charge, on our website.

For UpToDate listings, visit:  
[www.electricalboard.org/career-center/job-listings/](http://www.electricalboard.org/career-center/job-listings/)

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Contact EBMI office for more to add your listings today!  
This months featured postings from:

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**Holiday Mixer- Dec 4th**  
**St. Charles Convention Center 2PM-6PM**  
**New event format- MIXING it UP!**  
**SAVE THE Time and Date**

This holiday season, under the leadership of Holiday Mixer, Chairperson- **Melissa Berry** with **Schaeffer Marketing Group, Inc.**, and Co-Chair, **Julie Ohlms** with **Guarantee Electrical Company**, we are excited to support LIFT FOR LIFE ACADEMY. They have been selected as our community initiative focus. Each year, our members are generous with their donations. Every ticket purchased will contribute to the donation given.

We had the pleasure of touring their incredible facility yesterday and meeting with: Marshall Cohen, Executive Director and Co-Founder  
 Claire Deane, Marketing and Volunteer Manager  
 Courtney Stevens, Development Manager

Their passion and commitment were truly inspiring. Learn more about their mission here: <https://www.liftforlifeacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp>

We are looking forward to sharing more about this initiative and how you can get involved. Stay tuned for updates- we cant wait to see what we can accomplish together!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Dec 4th - Holiday Mixer event.**



## **Women's Electrical Board Event**

**Held on April 30th**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the WOMEN'S ELECTRICAL BOARD EVENT-a long-standing tradition that celebrates leadership, connection, and collaboration that power our industry. This special evening is our opportunity to recognize those who support and lead efforts that make space for women from all segments of the electrical industry to network, collaborate, and build meaningful relationships. We're proud to share that the W.E.B. has grown by 22% over the past year- a reflection of the energy and momentum building.



Chair of committee- **Sarah Cody Fletcher-Reinhardt Company** led the efforts in coordinating the details of this event. Carey Adkisson, Rose Luedde, Terri Lux, Jeri McCormick, Whitney Major, Kerry Regan, Beth Vancil, Melissa Meywes, Caitlin Alexander, and Star Walker all contributed time and great ideas.

Attendance prizes provided by:

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If you are new to the industry or looking to get more involved, we encourage you to connect!

You will be joining a community of dedicated professionals-including some of the true ALL-Stars of our region.







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June 2nd | Forest Park

10-11 Box lunches provided | 11AM Shotgun START

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Sportsman's Holiday– Golf tournament to be held on June 2nd, at Forest Park- Registration begins at 10AM | Boxed lunch provided 10AM-11:00 | 11AM shotgun start. Thank you to all who are participating. Shout out to all our volunteers. We couldn't do this without you! Click [here](#) for FULL details.

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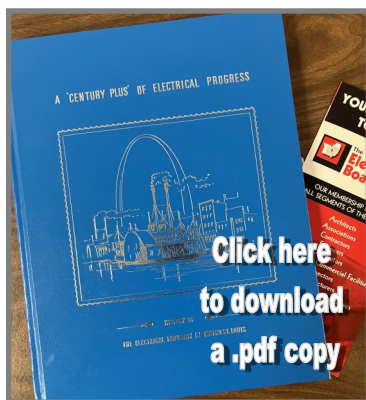


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***"A generation which ignores history has  
no past and no future."***

Marshall McLuhan

In 1984, this organization published a book, ***"A Century of Electrical Progress,"*** documenting the history of the electrical industry in the St. Louis metropolitan area. While the original book is out of print, an electronic copy is available to download and review on the main page of the EBMI website [<https://electricalboard.org>].

**We encourage you to forward this link to your associates and place in your company newsletter.**

We are sure they will find the history of these companies quite interesting.

Every spark of innovation in our industry is a testament to the past. The history of electricity in Missouri and Illinois isn't just about the light we've brought into the world; it's the legacy of curiosity, resilience, and genius that powers our future. Let's honor those who lit the way by preserving our story for those who will follow.

Today, we are embarking on a significant effort to extend our historical record from that year to the present and into the future. This time, however, we will be doing it online, rather than in a traditional hardcopy book, which will provide us with maximum flexibility and cost effectiveness. We have formed a committee to lead this initiative, with members including Phil Wentz, Jim Will, Craig Schild, Jeff Stoyanov, Mike Schaeffer, Terry Sater and Bill Regan.

We invite the participation of all corporate members of the Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois. More information on this initiative will be provided later.

Contact Bill Regan for any questions or information [bill@electricalboard.org](mailto:bill@electricalboard.org)

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