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Attendees of the 94th MEUA Annual Conference enjoy a cocktail reception by the lake on the patio of the Hotel Canandaigua.

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Executive Director's Report

Greetings Everyone,

What a month! We began with ideal weather for MEUA's 94th Annual Conference in Canandaigua and, with the exception of a few days, October continued to bring us a wealth of warmth and color. While admittedly it hasn't been great for energy sales, as I have traveled from Richmondville, Mohawk and Frankfort in the east to Fairport, Andover and Angelica to the west over the past few weeks, I have to say

I can't recall a year with more spectacular fall foliage. This isn't the first time you have heard me remark about the natural beauty of upstate New York, and likely won't be the last, so I hope you don't mind as I share a few shots from my windshield.



Country Road in the Mohawk Valley



Belmont Village Park in Allegany County

A number of our MEUA systems have submitted applications for funding under NYSERDA's PON 5737 for distribution system studies and upgrades.

This is a program MEUA and the IEEP have been heavily promoting over the last few months.

Skaneateles, Massena,

Salamanca, Watkins Glen, Richmondville, Penn Yan and Fairport have been awarded grants so far, and we expect more in the coming weeks. If you have been thinking about applying and have any questions as to how to proceed, I encourage you to contact me as soon as possible here at the MEUA office.



Country Church in Lawyersville, Schoharie County - Boyhood Home of John Jennings

Another area of continuing activity for MEUA and our members is NYPA's EVolve NY program, under which NYPA has been working with a number of our systems to expand the State's network of Level 3 Direct Current Fast Charging stations to support New York's goal of increasing electric vehicle usage. Fairport and Bath were two of the early recipients of NYPA fast chargers. Richmondville went online



DC Fast EV Chargers Under Construction at Angelica Village Offices

earlier this year, and Angelica is nearing completion. Several others are in the planning stage for construction this year and next.

And now, back to the Annual Conference. By all accounts, an informative and enjoyable time was had by all. On the business side, the membership was brought up to date with various administrative and committee reports, and the 2025 MEUA budget was approved. My thanks to the members of the Budget Committee, chaired by Nancy Niswender of Groton, for their assistance with the budget process.

Also, I want to congratulate and welcome Nancy Mitchell of Hamilton on her election back to the Executive Committee after a one-year hiatus. Nancy's experience and insight will be a great benefit to the EC and MEUA. I especially want to thank outgoing President Bryan White of Fairport for his enthusiastic leadership this past year, as well as Trustee Andrew Thompson of Westfield, who is leaving the EC after 8 continuous years of service and two terms as president. Andrew has been a great support to me as executive director and has played a very important role in helping MEUA navigate many challenges over these years.



President Bryan White



IIEP's Mike Lyons

The annual meeting of the members of the IIEP was also held during the conference. As always, Mike Lyons and Chris Wentlent gave an informative update on IIEP's financial condition and all of its programs. The IIEP is an important part of MEUA, and Mike and Chris, along with our corporate partners at Honeywell, run an extremely efficient and effective operation.

On the educational side, we are most appreciative of all our professional and municipal presenters, including Ken Podolny and Kevin Brocks of Read and Laniado, Jay Brew of Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, Diane Lang, Hamilton Mayor and NYCOM President, RuthAnn Loveless, Chris Wentlent of Wentlent LLC, David Gottfried and John Simmins of Alfred University, and John Jennings and Megan Dorritie of Harter Secrest and Emery. We heard updates on State and Federal government, legislative, administrative and regulatory changes, internship and apprentice opportunities, social media pitfalls, available NYCOM resources and Diane Lang's insightful and timely presentation on stress and coping skills for managers.



Golf Tournament Director Rob Schneider Reports Results

CenterPointe Golf Club played host to the annual Read & Laniado tournament that attracted upwards of 60 golfers. My thanks to Rob Schneider of Boonville for organizing and overseeing the tournament. Non-golfers enjoyed a relaxing and scenic lake cruise aboard the Canandaigua Lady. Many thanks go to PLM Power Engineering for its sponsorship of the cruise.

Canandaigua City Manager, John Goodwin welcomed us to town at our opening luncheon, and New York State Senator Pam Helming gave generously of her time as our Tuesday evening dinner speaker.



Senator Pam Helming with Bryan White and John Jennings

I also want to acknowledge all of you who contributed gift baskets for our charity raffle that raised over \$1200 for the



benefit of the Fairport Public Arts

Committee. This is an important part of our annual conference and as always, all the baskets and gifts were terrific and greatly appreciated.

Finally, I also want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone that helps make the annual conference and this organization active and relevant for the members. That includes, but is certainly not limited to, our corporate members and sponsors, the



Executive Committee, Member Relations Coordinator Ashleigh Murphy, NYMPA Secretary Margo Manning and all of our members who participate on committees and support all of our educational and training programs. MEUA is truly



a member participation organization, and we could not function without the continuing efforts and energy that you all supply

In closing, I want to just say how great it was to have longtime friends Ken and Therese Stabb from Boonville and Bill and Cathleen Whitfield of Wellsville at the conference. And most of all, seeing Pam Gilbert of Spencerport smiling and chatting made all of us feel good. Pam, we thank you for all you have done for MEUA over the years and wish you the best of retirements.



Pam Gilbert

Looking forward to another great conference in Verona, NY October 1, 2 and 3, 2025!

Take care,
Jim

2024 Annual Service Award Winners



Luke Wenschhof received the D.B.H. Dalrymple Community Service Award for his extensive charitable activities in the Fairport Community



Bill Treacy, Plattsburgh, received a 20-year service award



Holly Easling of Penn Yan was recognized as the Deo B. Colburn Person of the Year for her dedicated service to MEUA as Chair of the Accounting and Finance Committee

2024 Annual Conference – Everyone’s a Winner!



2024 Annual Conference Colleagues and Friends



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NYISO Update Chris Wentlent

**NYISO Installed
Capacity Working
Group (ICAP)** – Met
on August 22, August
29, September 10 and
September 24. The

topics reviewed were 2025-2029 Demand Curve Reset, Improved Duct Firing, Dynamic Reserves, and Balancing Intermittency, The Demand Curve Reset is expected to go to hearing before the NYISO Board of Directors on October 14, 2024. The NYISO must file the revised Demand Curves at FERC in November. The revised Demand Curves, if approved by FERC, are effective beginning May 1, 2025.

State Energy Planning Process - Governor Hochul & NYSERDA announced the official kickoff of the State Energy Plan Review. NYSERDA hosted a meeting of the State Energy Planning Board on Monday, September 8, 2024. New York will be evaluating the period 2025-2040. Key areas reviewed in the Plan include:

- Overview of the Energy System
- Climate Change, Adaptation, and Resiliency
- Environmental Justice and Climate Justice
- Clean Energy Jobs and a Just Transition
- Clean Energy Innovation and Economic Development
- Electricity
 - Electricity Demand, Supply, and System Reliability and Resiliency
 - Renewable Resources for Electricity Generation
 - Energy Storage and Flexible Resources
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Fossil Fuels
 - Natural Gas
 - Petroleum Fuels
 - Alternative Fuels
- Buildings and Industry

- Transportation
- Smart Growth
- Emergency Preparedness and Security
- Assessment of Impacts of the Plan
 - Economic Development Impacts
 - Health Impacts
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Energy Affordability Impacts
- Local, Regional, and Federal Action and Collaboration

The initial scope will have an open comment period to November 25, 2024. The proposed draft plan should be available by mid-2025 and be subject to public hearings in the fall 2025 timeframe. The final State Energy Plan is expected to be completed by the end of CY25.

The blending of the Climate Scoping Plan, CLCPA and the new revised State Energy Plan will be an interesting integration. The combination of large load growth, slower than expected development of new renewable resources per the Clean Energy Standard, the need to substantially build out the existing Transmission & Distribution (T&D) systems, and system reliability/public safety considerations as New York moves toward a winter peaking system must be considered in any final plan developed.

This highlights the important need for Dispatchable Emissions Free Resources (DFERs) to supplement and complement the renewable energy buildout out to ensure economic development within New York State is realized, winter peaking risks are mitigated, and system reliability is maintained. This was a major area of discussion at the recent Governor Hochul Economic & Energy Summit held in Syracuse on September 5.

All materials regarding the State Energy Plan process are available at <https://energyplan.ny.gov/>.

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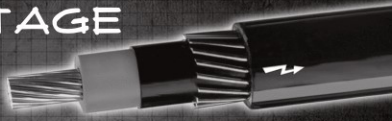
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