

Electric League News

January 2012



President's Message

Happy New Year! I want to thank the Holiday Committee for putting together a great luncheon and meeting last month as well as thank those who attended. The Holiday Luncheon is the largest annual event the Electric League hosts and is a good way to network with members we may not otherwise see throughout the course of the year. A very special thanks to the SouthWestern Association for the ongoing assistance and guidance they provide to our League. I also would like to thank the returning board members and welcome the new ones. Your ideas and discussion will help move the Electric League forward. I extend my appreciation to the committee chairs for your contribution and commitment. Committee chairs are an important part of Electric League business initiatives and I look forward to working with you all.

With 2012 underway it's a good time to think about how the Electric League can help you with your business or career. I invite you to get involved and choose a committee that is of interest. You can contact me or the Electric League to make or discuss your selection. The time commitment is minimal and the meetings are a fun way to get to know people. Plan to attend one or several luncheons; they feature interesting local speakers and unique venues. The two golf tournaments move to different courses to keep things interesting and, typically, sell out.

Please take a look at our educational opportunities as well. There is some great talent in our industry and you can take advantage of their knowledge and experience by attending classes. And although the trade show is not until 2014, the committee starts meeting now. If you are a vendor it's an excellent committee to join or communicate your interests on how the details of the event should be coordinated.

These are just a few ideas to consider and, as always, I appreciate your membership and contributions to the Electric League.

Please accept my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Dan Roemer,
2012 President

Electric League Education Offering

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

Reading Electrical Construction Drawings

Don't miss the first Electric League educational offering for 2012 "Reading Electrical Construction Drawings."

This program, presented by Tim Scott, Gibbens Drake Scott, Inc., will provide an overview of typical electrical construction drawings with explanations of standard symbols, legends and schedules, associated with typical commercial projects. Explanations of branch circuits, equipment, schedules, one-line diagrams and riser diagrams will be provided. It is intended to be an interactive review process.



Covered Topics:

- Panel Board Schedules
- Light Fixture Schedules
- Distribution Equipment Schedules
- Feeder Schedules
- Drawing Symbols
- General Notes
- Plan Notes

Location: Electric League Office
638 W 39th St. (3rd Floor)
Kansas City, MO 64111

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Tim Scott, Gibbens Drake Scott, Inc.

Cost: \$100/Members; \$125 Non-Members
(Box Lunch Included)

\$20 Discount (per person) - Enroll three or more from the same company

A registration form is included with this newsletter.

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The People Column

Congratulations to:

Lisa (Bye) Kercher on her promotion to Customer Service Supervisor
at Wesco KC

and

Anniversary Congratulations to:
Judy Williams 5 years at Wesco KC
Rod Holmes 12 years at Wesco KC
Donald Iorio 18 years with Wesco

and:

New Grandson to **Doug** and **Joanie Carlson** (C&O) in December
Ted and **Stacey Yehle** (Square D) on the birth of their son
Alexander Patrick during the Holidays

and:

Lisa Tope (CBM) on her retirement after 20 years

Happy Birthday to:

Doug Eggen (CBM)
Darren Blackburn and **Mary Coldiron** (C&O)
Bruce Nixon (Square D)
Lisa (Bye) Kercher (Wesco KC)
and at Western Extralite:
Scott Feldkamp
Jared Beer
Brian McGinnis
Michael Doyle
John Yackley
David (Trey) Collins

Happy New Year to all. Keep those e-mails coming in. This is YOUR
column and we want to print YOUR news.

Missouri Legislative Report

By Dale Amick, Missouri Legislative Director

The Missouri General Assembly convened its 2012 legislative session recently with a short list of expectations and a \$500 million budget shortfall.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will begin deliberations on a new budget by mid-January, allowing public testimony on a variety of state department programs.

Loss of federal stimulus money, along with mandatory funding hikes for Medicaid and the state corrections system, mean a steep funding shortfall and major budget cuts awaiting state government. Even with a three percent or more revenue growth, legislative appropriations committees must look to cut some \$500 million from the current \$23 billion state budget.

There will be no tax increases to soften the budget shortfall. The arguments over how to cut various state tax credit programs, carried from last fall's special session, probably mean no budget savings in the tax credit venue either. The entire House and half of the Senate are up for election this fall. And a complicated new legislative redistricting ordered by the courts placed 55 House incumbents in districts with one another.

Deadline Approaching

Scholarship Applications Now Available



The 2012 Electric League Scholarship application is now available on-line at www.electricleague.org. The scholarship is available to children and grandchildren of Electric League members. The deadline for completing applications and returning them is March 9. Please encourage your staff to complete the application - every dollar helps, especially with today's financial market.

Contact Jane or Kim at the League office for an application or more information - phone 816.561.5323.



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Regulatory Update

Use of Cell Phones

On November 23, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced a joint ruling with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) prohibiting interstate trucks and bus drivers from using hand-held cell phones while operating their commercial motor vehicles. Drivers who violate the restriction will face penalties of up to \$2,750 for each offense and may be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for multiple offenses.

Further, states will suspend a driver's commercial driver's license (CDL) after two or more serious traffic violations. Commercial truck and bus companies that allow their drivers to use hand-held cell phones while driving will face a maximum penalty of \$11,000.

This went into effect on Jan. 3, 2012, but there are still some gray areas: This can be enforced ONLY by federal inspectors. The states have three years to adopt and put into place. For now, companies need to focus on educating all drivers, putting together a policy, having drivers document that they have been trained, and making sure that all drivers are following the regulation. Bluetooth is allowed at this time.

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