

2024 NEPPA RodE&O Conference and Expo Agenda

(May 6 – 9, 2024)

(Agenda details are subject to change)

Monday, May 6, 2024	
	<p><i>Benevolent Fund Activity:</i> Golf Tournament - 9 Holes <i>(12:00 pm Box Lunch)</i> Shotgun 1:00 pm</p> <p>Widow's Walk Golf Course 250 Driftway Scituate, MA 02066</p>
5:00 pm	Lineworkers Rodeo Judges Meeting - Rodeo Event Tent

Tuesday, May 7, 2024	
7:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast – Rodeo Event Tent
9:00 am	<p>Competition begins 16th Annual Lineworkers Rodeo Hull Shore Commons & Grounds (HRA) <i>Hull Shore Drive</i> Hull, MA 02045</p>
11:30 am	Lunch sponsored by Altec
	<i>Exhibitors can move in/set up in Exhibit Hall (3:00pm – 6:00pm)</i>
5:00 pm	Reception & Cash Bar
6:00 pm	Dinner Buffet
7:00 pm	Rodeo Awards and Raffle

	Wednesday, May 8, 2024
7:00 am	Registration, Breakfast Buffet
8:15 am	Welcome & Intro
8:30 am	<p>Keynote Speaker Intentional Excellence of Human Performance by James Merlo, KnowledgeVine</p> <p><i>Come learn about human performance and error reduction, specifically the importance of leadership and the role the organization plays in setting up its human capital for success. As a Psychologist, Merlo will talk about the why and how humans make errors and learn some of the general accepted theory of human brain science, specifically in the domain of electric work. Mr. Merlo has published REMEDY: The Formula for an Evolving Human Performance Culture</i></p>
9:30 am	Break
9:45 am	<p>Operations Track Understanding Arc Flash Hazards & Analysis by David Morrissey, P.E., Asplundh Engineering Services</p> <p><i>The goal of this presentation is to help all individuals better understand arc flash hazards and how they are calculated regardless of previous technical and engineering knowledge. A strong emphasis is made in this presentation to provide visual representations to better explain arc flash hazards, how they are calculated, the importance of PPE, and real world examples of incidents. After attending this training, attendees should have a better overall understanding of key factors that determine arc flash hazard incident energy levels and PPE requirements.</i></p> <p>Engineering Track So, you have a GIS System in Place...Now What? Part One Facilitator: David Ketchen, LELWD, Presenters: Brian Abcunas, Peabody Municipal Light Plant</p> <p><i>Attend this session to hear how Peabody MLP is using the ESRI based GIS system to produce tailored applications for their utility. Topics include homemade outage maps, AMI data for operations analysis, etc.</i></p>
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	<p>Management Track Navigating Cybersecurity Challenges in the Electric Sector by Joseph “Joe” Flores, Massachusetts Cybersecurity Advisor (CSA) for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)</p> <p><i>Explore the evolving landscape of cyber threats targeting the electric power sector. The presentation delves into case studies, risk management strategies, supply chain vulnerabilities, ransomware and offering actionable insights for effective mitigation.</i></p>

	Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – continued
11:00 am	<p><i>Engineering Track</i> So you have a GIS System in Place...Now What? GIS and AMI for Engineering Analysis - Part Two by Brian Lassiter, Milsoft Utility Solutions, Jason Small, Danvers Electric Division and Kelly Kobrenski, Danvers Electric Division</p> <p><i>Representatives from Milsoft Utility Solutions and Danvers Electric will present practical use cases for leveraging GIS and AMI data to perform studies in Milsoft WindMil. Topics will include engineering model requirements and integrations and Danvers Electric will discuss running different analyses such as fault current, voltage drop, and load flow.</i></p>
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch in Exhibit Hall & Visit Exhibitors – 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm</i> (Event Pavilion & Nantasket Ballroom)
1:00 pm	Mutual Aid Committee Meeting
1:30 pm	<i>Demo #1</i> - Going Beyond the Perimeter Tom Kelley, Axis Communications
2:00 pm	<i>Demo #2</i> - Locating and Pinpointing Underground Cable Faults Dan Hurley, Megger
2:30 pm	<i>Demo #3</i> - Equipment Check (Good/Bad) Cressey Mollison, Hydron
3:30 pm	Cornhole Tournament
3:45 pm	Raffle Drawing in Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm	Adjourn & Exhibits Breakdown/Load Out

	Thursday, May 9, 2024
7:00 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 am	<p>Management Track What is the Difference Between a Supervisor and a Manager? Anthony Calascibetta, NEPPA</p> <p>This session aims to clarify supervisors' distinct roles and responsibilities within an organization, emphasizing their unique functions and contributions to team success and reviewing the eleven most significant qualities of a good supervisor.</p> <p>Operations Track Exploring the Why's of FR workwear by Andrew Perillo and Sophia Dixon, Blaklader</p> <p><i>Open discussion and review of everyday fire resistant PPE uniforms for Arc Flash. Includes, heat stress, care and maintenance and what happens when you don't wear your fire resistant uniforms.</i></p>
9:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
9:30 am	Break
9:45 am	<p>Management Track Insurance Necessities and Contractual Risk Transfer by Nichole Magnifico, PURMA</p> <p><i>This session will provide Managers and Executives with an overview of the critical insurance products necessary to operate a public utility or cooperative. We will also review the significance and subtleties of contractual risk transfer including when and why additional insured and/or waiver of subrogation language is necessary in a written contract.</i></p> <p>Engineering Track Engineering Roundtable Facilitated by David Ketchen, Chair of the NEPPA Engineering Subcommittee</p> <p><i>Subjects for discussion include: OP4 and OP7 load shedding schemes, Transformer loading and sizing, Distribution System forecasting of EV's, Solar installations, Interconnection Agreements, how to attract and retain talent.</i></p>
10:45 am	Break

	<p>Thursday, May 9, 2024 – continued</p>
11:00 am	<p>Operations Track Roadmap to Career Development Programs (CDP) by Art Graziano, Braintree Electric Light Department</p> <p><i>How do you know where your career is going, without mapping a plan? Take a minute to reflect and project from where you have been; where you are and where you want to go. This ten-step detailed process will keep you moving forward to success!</i></p>
11:00 am	<p>Engineering Track Engineering Roundtable Continued Moderator: David Ketchen, Chair of the NEPPA Engineering Subcommittee</p>
12:00 pm	Box Lunch
1:00 pm	Conference Adjourns