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CHRISTMAS MIXER

THURSDAY, November 30, 2023

At ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER

Extended Hospitality Period
11:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Lunch and Program
12:15 pm to 2:00 p.m.

\$75 per person

Tables of 8, 9 or 10 or individual tickets available

Mixer FUNMASTER
BILL McDERMOTT, "Mr. Soccer"

Rich Sanders – Lester Sales – Mixer Chair

Andrea Fetter– Kaiser Electric – Assistant Mixer Chair

- Rich and Andrea encourage you to invite your associates and customers to attend this year's Mixer. If you have not ordered your tickets yet, call the EBMI office before Tuesday, November 21st. Our food guarantee is due to the St. Charles Convention Center on 11/21. Tickets already reserved will be mailed by Nov 22nd to person ordering tickets.
- **Jackpot ticket sales – \$5 – 3 strips of 3 tickets / \$10 - 8 strips / \$20 – 20 strips**
- **Attendance Prizes will once again be handed out during lunch, but each table will decide who wins.** We are only accepting monetary donations, no gifts for this year's Mixer. If you have not yet done so, anyone wishing to donate at least \$25 towards our attendance prize fund should contact the EBMI office – 636-305-6434 before November 21st.
- **Enjoy the Holiday "spirit" with industry associates.** We will also be collecting funds for the Salvation Army's Tree of Lights Campaign and "TWO HANDS – TWO CANS" for "Feed My Peeps". (Details inside newsletter) Please let your guests know about these.

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ORDERED TICKETS YET!

Please complete the form below to reserve a place at the luncheon or to donate \$\$\$ to attendance prize fund. Email annie@electricalboard.org or call the EBMI office prior to November 21st.

NAME _____ COMPANY _____

PHONE _____ e-mail _____

_____ # of Tickets @ \$75 = \$ _____

Yes, we also wish to donate \$ _____ for attendance prize fund.

Sorry, we cannot attend the Mixer, but wish to donate: \$ _____ for attendance prize fund.

(Please check appropriate box for payment.)

Invoice Will send check Mastercard, AMEX or Visa (Call the office)

MESSAGE FROM NEW EBMI PRESIDENT

The November issue of *The Flash* traditionally includes information about the upcoming Christmas Mixer. We will get to that in a minute. It is my hope that Bill doesn't edit this before "going to print". Just kidding.... (kind of).

I am providing this content three days prior to my official "start date" at EBMI. I am very excited and grateful for this opportunity to serve. If you haven't already, please join me in expressing appreciation to Bill for his hard work, commitment, dedication, and friendship. I recognize there is much to learn pertaining to the daily operations that it takes to continue the success of EBMI. I am fortunate and grateful to have Bill assist me through this transition. Many members have reached out to me, and the common theme was "you have some big shoes to fill." I couldn't agree more.

Bill, every day, for the last 49 years, you have been instrumental in establishing a strong foundation and support of the vision and mission of EBMI. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

With much excitement I look forward to re-connecting with those whom I have worked with in the past and connecting with new members. In the coming weeks, I look forward to learning about your goals and how EBMI can support and grow its resources for members.

I would like to thank Annie for your commitment to providing events and continuous support to EBMI and WEB members. Your dedication is impressive. I recognize both the privilege and responsibility that comes with this role, as we continue to build on Bill's great accomplishments and prepare to continue to develop the objectives of EBMI, by aligning our strategy, and goals to best serve members of this historic organization.

Now for information pertaining to our annual Christmas Mixer. The Christmas Mixer is our biggest annual event. This event allows all segments to gather and celebrate hard work demonstrated throughout the year. Many members take advantage of this event to show appreciation to their internal team members. It allows members to introduce themselves to others they have only met on virtual meetings, emails, or phone calls. This is yet another event that engaged members are introduced to others and can share opportunities and best practices. Members are encouraged to invite those in our industry who are not current members. Our Board of Directors look forward to sharing their experiences and how they have found

value by being involved in EBMI.

EBMI members have historically been gracious givers to two local charities. We appreciate the support of everyone who donated attendance prices and purchases raffle tickets that supports these initiatives. Thank you to the *Mixer chairs Rich Sanders and Andrea Fetter* and the St. Charles Convention Center for coordinating the details of this year's event.

I will be checking out the upcoming holiday sales for those "Big Shoes" to wear to our Christmas mixer. I commit to you that "my columns" will improve. Especially as I grow my knowledge of CHATGPT. Again, Just kidding.... (kind of).

Kim Johnston

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See calendar on www.electricalboard.org

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| NOV. 21 st | Arc Flash & Electrical Safety 8:00 to 12 noon At EBMI Office \$120 EBMI member firm price Before Nov. 17 th -Add \$50 after |
| NOV 23 rd | THANKSGIVING DAY (EBMI Office Closed) |
| NOV. 24 th | (EBMI Office Closed)} |
| NOV. 30 th | CHRISTMAS MIXER at St. Charles Convention Center 11 am – Hospitality 12:10 – Lunch 1:00 -Program Reservation form included with this FLASH |
| DEC. 25 th & Dec 26 th | MERRY CHRISTMAS (EBMI Office Closed)} |
| Dec 29 th | (EBMI Office Closed) |
| JAN 1 ST | HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! (EBMI Office Closed)} |

Call EBMI at 636-305-6434 for more information or to gain more information on any of our events or visit our website at www.electricalboard.org. You can also send an email to annie@electricalboard.org or kim.johnston@electricalboard.org.

HELPING OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



9th Annual Food Drive at Mixer

TWO HANDS - TWO CANS

Several years ago, the Events subcommittee from our strategic planning session suggested a **FOOD DRIVE** at the Christmas Mixer. We hope to have over 400 people attending this annual event and think of what could be contributed if everyone would bring just TWO (or more) cans in their TWO hands when attending this year's Mixer.

We have teamed up with "Feed My Peeps" once again to help us collect these cans at the Mixer. They will have their truck parked in parking lot near entrance to the convention center so you can just drop off the cans at the truck before heading into the facility. Info for guests can be found on our website and was emailed to anyone ordering tickets.

We hope to surpass the 790 cans collected from attendees at the 2022 Christmas but we need your help in letting your guests know to bring TWO CANS!

We ask all EBMI members inviting guests to the Mixer, please mention to them – **TWO HANDS – TWO CANS** and/or forward the Mixer info sheet emailed to table sponsors.



Donations to Salvation Army

EBMI has a long tradition of supporting the efforts of the Salvation Army and this year is no different. There will be Salvation Army canisters on each table to allow attendees to make a donation during the Mixer. **Let's beat 2022 total of \$2,409.**

MICHAEL POSTIGLIONE AWARD

We hope you will join us at this year's Christmas Mixer when we recognize two very deserving members of this award.

**TERRY BREMER – SIEMENS
BRIAN CUFFLE – AMEREN ILLINOIS**

AS MICHAEL A. POSTIGLIONE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Our recipient for the 2021-22 year is Terry Bremer.

Terry is a volunteer who will help the staff when asked. He handles the Mixer Jackpot for us, working with the jackpot volunteers and collecting the money. Terry helps all day at both the GOLFfest and Sportsman's Holiday. He assists with volunteers at contest holes, setting up and taking down the tents, hole signs and BBQ area at GOLFfest. Ask any of the volunteers what they think of Terry, he constantly checks on them and assists the staff in closing down the events. Because he helps at both events, he knows what we need him to do. While he is working, golfers and Mixer attendees can enjoy the event. We thank Terry today for his service to the Electrical Board.

Our recipient for the 2022-23 year is Brian Cuffle.

Brian took over as co-chair of the Ameren Illinois-EBMI, representing Ameren Illinois. He leads this committee with Don Harrod (a previous recipient) in planning our Illinois programs. During each program, Brian begins with our announcements and make sure we remain on time. He has been a speaker on several occasions. His commitment allows us to maintain quality programs for the attendees of our Illinois programs, even though we have switched to virtual programs. He volunteered at Expo '23 to coordinate the judging of single booths. He always steps forward when asked by the staff. We thank Terry today for his service to the Electrical Board.

As you can see, the staff is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers as Terry Bremer and Brian Cuffle.

EBMI FOUNDATION DONATIONS

We thank the following companies or individuals who have donated to the EBMI Foundation during 2023-24. We plan to award at least 5 - \$1,500 scholarships.

GOLD - \$1,500 AND ABOVE

- Friends of Michael A. Postiglione
- Dean and Nedra Klohr
In memory of Esther Sanders, Nedra's Mom
- Rolf Albers

SILVER - \$1,000 - \$1,499

- IAEI – Eastern Missouri Chapter -
In memory of Jerry Feagans
- Jackie Postiglione
- Friends of Walter Koessel

BRONZE - \$250 - \$999

- John and Beth Duda
- Schaeffer Marketing Group
- Chester Supply
In Memory of Dale and Jeff Frost

FRIENDS OF EBMI FOUNDATION - \$1-\$249

Agilix Solutions
Central Electric of Crawford County
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co.
Pyramid Electrical Contractors

Jim Bess (in memory of Theresa Bess)
Chris Burgoyne (in memory of Mike Postiglione and Paul Friemel)
Harry Gardiner
Rusty Gipson
Bill Haley
Tim Handlan
Jim and Pat Heisserer (in memory of Theon Heisserer)

Contributions to the EBMI Foundation (a 501c3 organization). **Voluntary donations to the EBMI Foundation support the Board's scholarship fund.**

These donations are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE EBMI FOUNDATION CAN ACCEPT STOCK AS A CONTRIBUTION?

As you consider year-end donations, please know that the EBMI Foundation can accept checks and appreciated assets, such as stock as a contribution to the EBMI Foundation for our scholarship program. **If you are considering a stock donation, we recommend you discuss this with your tax advisor first.**

If you are still interested in donating stock, please contact the EBMI Office for the paperwork needed to transfer the stock to the Foundation account.

JANUARY 18TH DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Do you have a son or daughter who is a senior in high school this year or now in college? Why not have them apply for an EBMI Scholarship!

Please e-mail annie@electricalboard.org as soon as possible to request the application and criteria on the EBMI scholarships. She will e-mail criteria and application so you can forward to your son or daughter. **You** must be an **EBMI member** for one year to apply for a scholarship for your son or daughter.

We are committed to provide five - \$1,500 scholarships but have given as many as nine during a year.

INDUSTRY NEWS **EBMI night at the STL. Cardinals Game**

Save the date: May 20th 2024
STL. Cardinals vs. Baltimore Orioles
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10123 – ASSOCIATE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

WSP is searching for a full-time **Associate Electrical Engineer** to join our strong and dedicated **Transportation and Infrastructure Team** in **St. Louis, Missouri**.

[Click on link for this job opportunity...](#)

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10223 – ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

WSP is searching for a full-time **Electrical Engineer** to join our strong and dedicated **Transportation and Infrastructure Team** in **St. Louis, Missouri**.

[Click on link for this job opportunity...](#)

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These two positions are best suited for an engineer-in-training who is seeking an opportunity to work within a team-focused environment, with the resources and support of a large world-wide engineering firm. Career development, mentoring, learning to lead and employee satisfaction are core tenets within our local office and the firm. Enjoy WSP's career-building resources to achieve your goals while contributing to the company's goals and clients' success

RECAP OF ELECTRICAL EXPO 2023

Part 3

The following Expo attendees were selected to receive a \$50 gift card through our Step Forward promotion:

Jonathan Albarran, Katlyn Albers, Ben Anderson, Marc Anderson, Benjamin Barnhart, Charita Bingham, Harry Borrenpohl, John Carlson, James Cook, Jonathan Cureton, Nicholas DiMercurio, Douglas Eggers, Jay Eman, Brandon Fasnacht, Anthony Ferrante, Zach Fillback, Jason Gaines, Randy Goffin, Mary Grib, Paul Gualdoni, Dallas Haerr, Ross Henson, Kate Hoynacki, Cody Hutchison, Joey Iaquina, Andrew Kerkemeyer, Mike McAdon, Payton McCallister, Tate McCarthy, Ryan Mircsov, James Ohmes, PaIGE Oursler, Andy Reyes, Duane Sandin, David Savage, Dustin Schmidt, Kevin Schmidt, Jordan Shirley, Keith Thomas, Madison Thomas, Eric Wandersee, Paul Wareheim, Ben Wachter, James Whittington,

Our Distributor Partners also has a drawing for \$50 Gift Cards. Attendees had to register for the Expo before August 1st AND attend the Expo.

The following were selected to receive the \$50 gift cards from our 12 distributor partners.

Steve Allen, Bennie Anderson, Amanda Armes, Shane Behling, Chad Boeving, Kevin Brady, Daniel Canavan, Jason Christian, Patrick Collins, James Cook, Joe Craig, Michael Dulaney, Daniel Dunavant, Terry Dunville, Dominic Ferronato, Justin Galiher, Anthony Garland, Paul Harmon, Chris Hiemenz, Jeremy Huston, James Jackson, Joe Loughridge, Brian Loy, Steve Melkowski, Joe Mendehall, Gary Miller, Thomas Moore, Dave Norfleet, Bakir Nukicic, Erik O'Guinn, Letcher Pickens, Bradley Piper, Tim Riley, Kevin Rooney, Don Schlitt, Dennis Schulte, Jason Schulte, Zach Smith, James Thurber, Todd VanCardo, Sara Volkerding, Chris Wambrodt, Michael Weiss, Warren White, Derrick Williams, Richard Wood, Ed Yaeger and Thomas Zytko,

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ARC FLASH AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY

(Half-day seminar)

(4 PDH's / JC: 4-electives only)

Space is limited - sign up early! **(Need minimum of 12 to hold this class – have 8 so far!)**

Early Registration:

\$120 per person for EBMI member firms;

\$180 for non-member companies

After November 14th: \$170-EBMI members; \$230 – non-members

Date: **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: EBMI Office

900 S. Highway Dr.-Ste. 203 - 63026

Presented by: Dave Ritter

Ritter Safety & Facility Support

Dave will discuss Arc Flash & Shock Hazards and the most critical requirements of the 2021 Edition of NFPA 70E, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace.

- Overview and explanation of Arc Flash and Shock Hazards.
- Real-world, practical examples that illustrate the need and effectiveness of NFPA 70E.
- Relationship and differences between NFPA 70E, NPFA 70B, NFPA 70 & OSHA.
- OSHA and NFPA 70E Justification for Energized Work.
- Arc Flash Labeling Requirements including Explanation and Proper Interpretation.
- Shock Hazard Risk Assessments.
- Limited and Restricted Approach Boundaries for Shock.
- Detailed instruction regarding the use and care of, rubber insulated, voltage-rated gloves.
- Insulated tools and other voltage-rated materials.
- Arc Flash Hazards and Arc Flash Boundaries.
- Arc Flash Hazards with covers on and/or doors closed vs. covers off and/or doors open.
- Arc Flash Risk Assessment Procedures.
- PPE Selection for when the Incident Energy Analysis has been performed.
- PPE Selection for when the PPE Category Method must be used.
- Proper care and maintenance of Arc Flash PPE.
- New Job Safety Plan & Job Briefing Requirements – recommendations for implementation.
- Energized Electrical Work Permits (EEWP).
- Host Employer & Contract Employer Responsibilities.

PLEASE EMAIL TO

annie@electricalboard.org prior to Nov. 20, 2023.

Call 636/305-6434 for more details.

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2nd Name _____
email _____

Company _____

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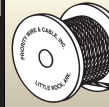
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HAPPY
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The Officers, Board of Directors and Staff wish all our members and associates a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Let's dive into this season feeling inspired and grateful! Looking forward to seeing how our members continue to thrive and give back to our communities. This holiday season is a great time to assist others in our community. Many of our members have instilled this into their culture. EBMI, and our divisions (Women's Electrical Board and EBMI Veterans) continue to provide opportunities, to collectively, give back to our industry and region. EBMI coordinates and simplifies how you can contribute and be involved. This gives you the opportunity to represent your companies in our communities.

To learn more visit: the [Electrical Board of Missouri & Illinois](#)

In this month of thanks, we thank every one of our members, partners, and volunteers. There are many who are engaged and committed to continuously growing the resources of EBMI. We will continue to collaborate and strengthen our network and EBMI. Thank you!

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