1. **Call to order** - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 1/19 minutes.

2. **Communications** -
   2.1. EC&M article about proximity testers (tick tracers) use and operational limitations.
   2.2. Howard Leight article explaining hearing protection requirements for EEW.

3. **Old business** -
   3.1. New injury reporting form to be added to NIETC website. Any method is acceptable for reporting of workplace injuries to the Joint Safety Committee via Barry Moreland however, using the online report is preferred.

4. **New Business**
   4.1. The committee discussed operational limitations of proximity testers and recent incidents where their use, or misuse, has been a contributing factor. Barry to review manuals from common brands for comparison of safe use procedures.
   4.2. Concerns about residential apprentices and energized work were discussed. No formal language in CBA directs when, and under what conditions, residential apprentices are able to work live. Barry to draft language similar to the Inside Contract for review at next meeting.
   4.3. Questions regarding use of hearing protection during energized work activities prompted review of types of PPE required by NFPA 70E. Heat generated during an arc event would be reduced by outer layer PPE and not cause ear plugs to melt or catch fire.
   4.4. A discussion regarding absenteeism and sick leave took place. Questions about requiring a doctors note once sick for more than 3 days, and other return to work concerns due to workplace injuries were addressed.

5. **Round Table - Injury Reports - Lessons Learned**
   5.1. Report of apprentice arc flash injury to eyes when working on 480 volt splice assumed to be de-energized. Minor injury. Very lucky not hurt worse.
   5.2. Report of apprentice shocked on 120V circuit due to LOTO being used on wrong breaker. No verification of absence of voltage test conducted.
5.3. Report of apprentice shocked on 120V receptacle located below panel board under LOTO. While panel was de-energized, another circuit from alternate source was routed through panel to receptacle below. Labeling on faceplate indicated alternate source, but was overlooked by apprentice and JW. Bob indicated that he came across that situation in the field frequently.

5.4. Report of apprentice with back injury after falling on slippery stairs that lacked any hand rails.

5.5. Report of technician receiving 20 stitches to forearm after striking sharp T-grid edge when pulling cable from awkward angle.

5.6. Report of JW missing last step on ladder when descending while talking on cell phone. Serious injuries to knee joint.

5.7. A report of a JW shocked on 277V due to LOTO deficiencies and lack of testing for zero energy state.

5.8. A report of incident involving I-line panels and factory installed, self tapping screws being a hazard when pushing conductors toward back of panel tub. This caused insulation damage and a ground fault condition to happen. Manufacturer has been notified and is now using dull point screws.

The meeting was concluded at 3:15 PM and the next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, at 2:00 PM, at the NIETC. NOTE - Meeting date change to the 4th Thursday of the month due to NECA Safety Conference conflict.