

NECA-IBEW Joint Safety
Committee

February 19th, 2026
Meeting minutes



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1. Call to order - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 12/19/25 minutes.
 2. Attendance - Bob Henderson - Capitol Electric, Steve Huson - Mill Plain Electric, Joe Hammond - IBEW 48, Jolene Burum - E. C. Co., Aaron Porter - J. H. Kelly and Barry Moreland - NIETC.
 3. Old business
 - 3.1. None
 4. New business
 - 4.1. Lnl proposes new excavation rules to require written hazard assessment, rescue plans and Competent Person duties. Hearings have completed. Now waiting on formal adoption. Barry shared a sample work plan that could be used to determine who meets Competent Person definition. Keep in mind both OR and WA already require a competent person to be onsite to inspect trenches and oversee safe work practices.
 - 4.2. NECA Safety Awards - applications close March 6th
 - 4.3. NECA Safety Pros Conf - Atlanta 5/18-20/26 - registration now open
 - 4.4. Safety training specific to Project Managers - the must knows = ? New project more info to follow.
 - 4.5. Committee reviewed new OSHA guidance on Li Battery hazards - handout
 - 4.6. NIETC updating LOTO trainer - to now reflect shared neutral hazards
 5. Round Table - Injury Reports - Safety Resources
 - 5.1. App cuts finger with razor knife stripping large size wire - contractor reported
 - 5.2. App gets debris in eye even with safety glasses on - contractor reported

- 5.3. App 5th Year 277 V shock h x h on white energized conductor used for switch feed in MC. Burns to hands. Taken to hospital and released. 280 Jurisdiction. - IBEW reported
 - 5.4. JW cuts finger trying to ream out existing hole with step bit while holding crimped on lug bit grabbed and spun lug / wire. Wire sliced circle around first knuckle — employer reported.
 - 5.5. JW - injures foot with ground rod driver when missing rod and slams onto foot - contractor reported. Jolene shared info on different ground rod driving tool that uses rotohammer.
 - 5.6. JW steps on nail and has recordable injury due to prescription meds - contractor reported.
 - 5.7. JW strains back requiring time off trying to remove stuck auger from earth. New equipment - training required? - Contractor reported.
 - 5.7.1. OR OSHA general training requirements cover all tools and equipment employers direct employees to use. - 437-001-0760 Rules for all Workplaces - Employers' Responsibilities. (a) The employer must see that workers are properly instructed and supervised in the safe operation of any machinery, tools, equipment, process, or practice that they are authorized to use or apply.
 - 5.8. Construction Mental Health Conference 2/23 - 2/26
 - 5.9. Construction Safety Summit meeting 2/24/26 - Brix - STKY topic - reservations required - <https://square.link/u/z9y50GH4>
6. Up Next - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, at 8:00 AM at the NIETC.