

NECA-IBEW Joint Safety
Committee

August 20th, 2026
Meeting minutes



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1. Call to order - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 6/18/26 minutes.
 2. Attendance - Bob Henderson - Capitol Electric, Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Joe Hammond - IBEW 48, Jeff Cordill - Christenson Electric, Troy Nichols - Stoner / Prime, Steve Huson - Mill Plain Electric, Aaron Porter - J. H. Kelly, Jim Sillik - J. H. Kelly, Ed Drapeau - IBEW 48 and Barry Moreland - NIETC.
 3. Old business
 - 3.1. Project Manager Safety Training Project - the group reviewed the framework and topics established for this new project. Timeline is for completion by end of year. The 4 key areas of focus include: Safety and Financial Impacts, OSHA Basics, Cultural Impact and Internal Policies & Procedures.
 4. New business
 - 4.1. NFPA 70E 2027 - Revising the NIETC Sample EEW Policy - the committee reviewed the significant changes found in the 2027 NFPA 70E Standard. They identified which areas the sample EEW Policy needed to be revised and reformatted. The new 2-person language is complicated and the committee will counting to evaluate the appropriate means to fit into the Inside CBA. Draft version to be ready before next meeting.
 - 4.2. Smoke / Heat Exposure - NIETC OR & WA Policies - Aaron reported that we should have established guidelines / policy to follow for lightning protection. Barry to follow up. [Weatherbug](#) app was found useful for identifying lightning in the immediate area.
 - 4.3. T A Contract Review - Supervision, EEW and Reporting - new language was added to Training Agent contract with NIETC to reinforce proper supervision, energized electrical work and reporting of injuries. The NIETC will be hosting a series of mandatory meetings for all T As to attend to update these contracts and identify appropriate individuals responsible for apprentice training and safety. Dates and times TBD shortly.

5. Round Table - Injury Reports - Safety Resources

- 5.1. App shocked on 120v receptacle working it live to identify home run. Shocked when replacing receptacle into box.
- 5.2. LV tech cuts finger when cutting bolt with portaband while holding bolt in hand. Jagged cut not able to stitch but glue.
- 5.3. Super / GF smashes finger moving metal racking - 9 stitches - 2 person move policy in place but ignored.
- 5.4. JW tries fixing broken tombstone on energized fluorescent light and receives shock. Bob reminded the group that many of the LED lamp only upgrades now have 277V directly at the tombstone. Bad idea.

6. Up Next - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, at 8:00 AM at the NIETC.