

NECA-IBEW Joint Safety
Committee

October 15th, 2026
Meeting minutes



1. Call to order - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 10/20/26 minutes.
2. Attendance - Bob Henderson - Capitol Electric, Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Steve Huson - Mill Plain Electric, Danny Dunn - Hughes Electric, Aaron Porter - J. H. Kelly, Jim Sillik - J. H. Kelly, Ed Drapeau - IBEW 48, Anthony Andrews - QPI, Oliver Cedrillo - Cochran Electric, Sara Young - Tice Electric, Amanda Davies - E. C. Co. and Barry Moreland - NIETC.
3. Old Business
 - 3.1. Project Manager Safety Training & NECA PM Apprenticeship - efforts continue to create a training program for PM level employees that helps them identify hazards and apply risk reduction strategies in conjunction with employers safety departments. NECA National offers a PM Apprenticeship with limited safety related topics. This project would take a deeper dive into safety and health management core elements that help improve the bottom line.
 - 3.2. T A Contract Review - 30 out of the 76 Training Agents invited attended the mandatory BOLI / NIETC apprentice supervision, training and safety contract review. Many good questions from the group. The next meeting date is November 11th, 2026, at the NIETC Auditorium. 8:00 AM. Reminder invites will be sent out prior to meeting.
 - 3.3. Work Alone / Indirect Supervision & meter use emphasis - the committee reviewed Indirect Supervision parameters as well as when, and to what level, apprentices use voltage testing meters.
 - 3.4. Lightning policy - action item - complete before December meeting.
4. New Business
 - 4.1. NECA Convention - Safety resources - Mental Health, Certification Tracking App - the group discussed the various safety related resources and training offerings at the recent NECA Convention. While NECA has a conference specific to safety and health (NECA Safety Professionals Conf.) the Convention had a number of good options including a focus on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention as well as a new app to help manage and track safety certifications from the same app developer who created the Safety Meeting App. Barry reminded the group that the Safety Meeting App is a great resource for newer toolbox talks and is currently free for NECA members.

- 4.2. WA Lnl Proposed PPE Rules - PPE must fit. Same story, different OSHA State Plan. WA Lnl catching up to Federal OSHA and OR-OSHA with proposed language to more clearly specify that PPE must fit the worker.
- 4.3. Non-contact voltage testers - who provides? While not set in stone just yet, it appears the next NECA - IBEW 48 Inside CBA will limit tools brought by JW's / Apps to only what is identified on the list. (Section 2.16) This will mean non-contact voltage testers are to be supplied by the employer and not brought by the worker. NIETC Basic Skills attendees will no longer be provided one.
5. Round Table - Injury Reports - Safety Resources
 - 5.1. App shocked on 120v light circuit - shared neutral - non recordable - app notified
 - 5.2. App debris in eye - recordable - contractor notified
 - 5.3. App chipped tooth - conduit struck in face while positioning it - recordable - Contractor notified
 - 5.4. JW fall from ladder - stitches to armpit - ladder placed in auto gate swing and gate "unexpectedly" was activated and hit ladder. Contractor notified.
 - 5.5. Extreme silica exposure when flooring contractor was dry cutting tile - no exposure plan and no knowledge of OSHA Table 1 / Silica regs. Contractor notified.
 - 5.6. Evacuation from Intel due to belt failure on mechanical equipment - confusion and lack of clear communication reported.
 - 5.7. Safety Pros contact info shared
 - 5.8. Questions about injury reporting when in company vehicle. If recordable level, still must be reported to JSC.
 - 5.9. Discussion around Fatigue Management programs. Currently have project working 7 x 11.5 hour shifts for extended time. Aaron reported they used a 13 day max on period then mandating at least one day off policy.
 - 5.10. Report of fall from ladder by client when using a contractors ladder without authorization. Hurt ankle. More info to come.
 - 5.11. Steve reminded the group that the next OR-OSHA CAC meeting will focus on the use of telematics in vehicles and any pros / cons identified. 11/10/26.
 - 5.12. Ed shared information about PPE fitment and company with female specific fall protection harnesses. Falltec FT-One Fit.
 - 5.13. Danny shared a shock near miss when app took JW word that circuits were off. Energized wire grounded to box and sparked. They have a zero hot work policy but still need to work every wire like it could be energized. Test before touch.
 - 5.14. Anthony reminded the importance of exercising a stop work authority especially when conditions change that were not identified on the original JHA.
6. Up Next - The last meeting for 2026 is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th, at 8:00 AM at the NIETC.