



**A Word from the Chair**

**Join Us with the Electrical Inspectors**

by Jeff Kunkel, Chair, Board of Directors



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Hello all. As I write this, our weather has shifted from a cold, blustery, late winter into a hot, muggy early summer. What happened to spring? I hope your spring and summer jobs are running smoothly and the wet weather is only a minor nuisance. The future of the economy may be a big question right now, but there seems to be an abundance of work available for the rest of this year anyway, and that seems promising.

Our summer conference is just a few short weeks away, and it is going to be a good one! We will be in beautiful, historic New Ulm. The conference lineup includes:

- An opportunity for up to 4 CE credits and with that, insight from Minnesota’s Chief Electrical Inspector and Senior Electrical Representative. Lofty titles indeed. One of our scheduled presenters even sits on an NEC code making panel. Attendees will also receive a free bonus registration to our self-paced course for 4 additional credits.
- Federated Insurance will provide us with some very pertinent info about how we can protect our companies from the real threat of cyber-attack.
- Clay shooting at a course along the Minnesota River. Bring your gun or rent one. Make no mistake- this will be for bragging rights for years to come.
- If you or your spouse are not into blasting away at clay pigeons, there is a lot to do in the New Ulm area. We will help you find other hidden treasures.
- We will spend Friday evening on the Schell’s Brewery grounds. Tours will be available, and then great food and drinks along with the Rolle-Bolle

tournament. As usual, this will lead nicely either to a good night’s sleep or to the hospitality suite.

- Join us Saturday morning at the Board of Directors Meeting. Give your input as we make decisions that will directly affect you and other electrical contractors.

If you haven’t signed up yet, there’s still time! Our hotel room block has expired, but there may be rooms available nearby. Bring your spouse or significant other. Bring your kids. Bring someone in the industry who might benefit. Above all, bring yourself! My family and I, along with the EA staff, are looking forward to seeing you!

**I want to personally thank our sponsors for this event. Everything we do as an Association is for the betterment of electrical contractors and the industry. Thank you for supporting that effort!**



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### From the Executive Director

## Invest in Apprentice Training—Classes Start Sept 27

by Clara Albert, CAE, Executive Director

*It's time to start thinking about getting your apprentices registered for the 2022-2023 EA Apprenticeship Course. If you can register before July 8, you'll be able to take advantage of the*

*early-bird rate. I'm going to throw it over to Joe Gatewood, our Education Committee Chair, to cover the benefits and features of our program...*

As an electrical contractor myself, I know you're busy with the day-to-day of running your business. We need an efficient and productive team working for us. If you are lucky enough to have an apprentice or two, it's easy to see that proper training helps you avoid code violations and profit-killing rework on jobs.



The Electrical Association offers a 4-year course for your apprentices. They will dedicate 6 hours a week outside of work to related technical training: 3 hours of online instruction and 3 hours of homework and quizzes. Upon completion of the course and 8,000 hours on-the-job experience, your apprentices will be prepared and eligible to sit for the journeyworker exam.

In addition, we offer a fifth year of "Extended Training" material for students needing or wanting extra instruction. We are currently revising the entire first semester into an 11-week exam prep course. The second semester is also being revised and will cover topics including NFPA 70E safety, solar, swimming pool installation, EV charging stations, gas stations, generator installations, transformer installations, low voltage, medium voltage, basic troubleshooting theories, real troubleshooting, and general equipment troubleshooting.

If you already have your apprentices enrolled in EA's Apprenticeship Course, THANK YOU for trusting us with your education dollars. If you haven't committed yet, here are some good reasons that put our program above the others:

- Federally Approved for 144 hours of Related Technical Instruction (required for any registered apprenticeship programs)
- Internationally recognized educational program through IACET (International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training)
- Multi-State Approved Instructors

### Online Training is Preferred by Contractors

- Classes use live instructors in a convenient online format held in the evenings. Apprentices can attend class from the comfort of their own home or while on the road with no additional travel.
- Time is provided during every class for Q&A, as well as discussion with other students.
- Classes are recorded, and apprentices can watch the videos anytime to review the information.

### Our Apprentice Training is a WIN-WIN!

#### For you—

- Apprentices become more productive plus they can maintain a full work schedule.
- Trained apprentices make fewer mistakes.
- There is a greater chance that the apprentice will remain employed with the company and are less likely to go to a competitor.
- Outsourcing training to the Electrical Association frees up time to allow you to grow your business.

#### For your employees—

- Workers appreciate the opportunity to advance their career and increase their paychecks.
- Workers have increased confidence and job satisfaction.
- Workers feel valued—and rightly so.
- Training creates a supportive workplace.



Trainers Meeting. (L-R) Jim Schoon, Jeff Kunkel, Chad Kurdi, Ania Diamants, Jeff Keljik, Joe Gatewood, Clara Albert, Mike Miller. (Missing from the photo: Tim Zinniel, Mike Lindberg, Frank Claude.)



**Grow the Skills  
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**Register before July 8 to save \$\$**

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## Summit's Construction Hiring Fair!

Summit Academy's carpentry and electrical students are just a few months away from getting their certificates! This opportunity will allow you direct access these driven and determined candidates. They are ready and prepared to bring their best self to your company. If you are looking to hire, this could be your solution!

**Wednesday, June 15 (1:00-3:00PM)**

**Summit Academy Main Campus  
935 Olson Memorial Hwy, Minneapolis**

**Pre-registration is required!  
Scan to register:**



### Questions?

Contact Kaela Coleman at (612) 999-6290 or email [kcoleman@saoic.org](mailto:kcoleman@saoic.org). Note: Virtual meetings are also available, ask Kaela for more information.

## Important Dates

- 6/15 Summit Academy Hiring Fair
- 6/17 Summer Conference, New Ulm
- 6/19 Father's Day
- 6/19 Juneteenth
- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/2 MN Board of Electricity meeting
- 7/8 Apprenticeship registration early-bird deadline



## To Do

- 6/15 MN monthly filers: May return due
- 6/15 S Corp & Partnerships: MN quarterly tax payment due
- 6/21 MN monthly filers: Sales & Use Tax is due for May (even if you report \$0)
- 6/28 MN monthly filers: Sales & Use Tax is due for June Accelerated Filers
- 7/15 MN monthly filers: June return due
- 7/20 MN monthly filers: Sales & Use Tax is due for June (even if you report \$0)
- 7/31 MN quarterly Withholding Tax return is due for 2nd quarter (April - June 2022)



## >>> Support Students, Gain Benefits

Anoka Technical College's Construction Electrician program is proud to provide hands-on training to prepare job-ready graduates. There are two ways you can partner with Anoka Tech to support students and gain benefits for your company.

### 1. Donate Materials

>>> Do you have leftover materials from the latest job, or other supplies on-hand? Consider a donation to Anoka Tech and receive a possible tax benefit.

Contact the Anoka Technical College Foundation at 763-422-6082 for additional information on giving options, scholarship funding and program equipment needs.

### 2. Hire an Apprentice

>>> Anoka Tech students are ready to work. If you're looking for an apprentice to join your team, we've got job-ready graduates.

Contact Brian Schelkoph at [bschelkoph@anokatech.edu](mailto:bschelkoph@anokatech.edu)



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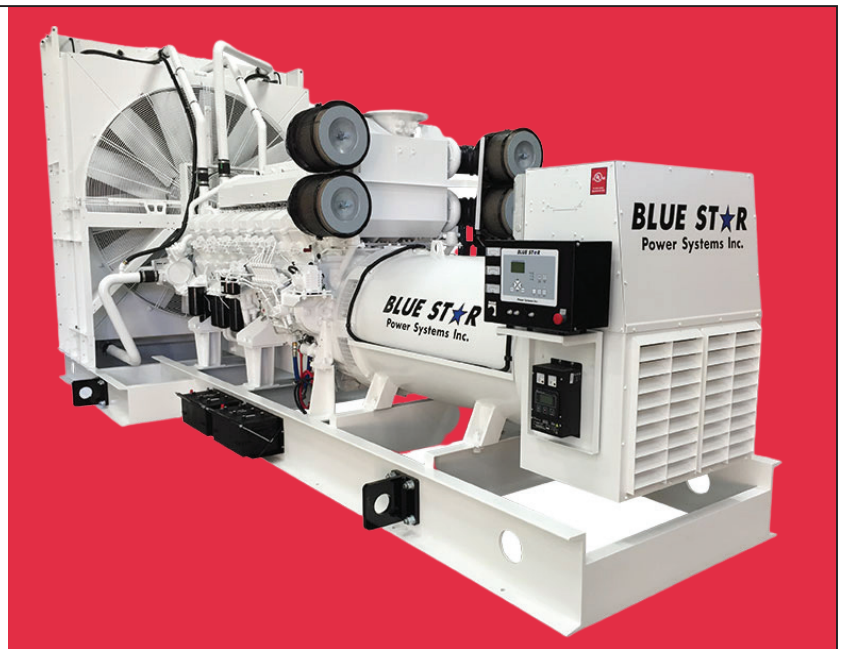
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# 2022 Education Calendar

## CODE TRAINING Based on the 2020 NEC®

### 16 Continuing Ed. Credits

**Classroom**—Multi-State Approval; check our website (2 days; 8am-5pm)

- Aug 11-12 St Cloud** Code Highlights; Motor Installation Requirements; NFPA 70E Safety. Mike Miller, Trainer
- Sept 15-16 St Louis Park** (at ROUZER\*) Code Highlights; You Be the Inspector Chad Kurdi, Trainer

*\*Thank you to our Class Host:*



### 2 Continuing Ed Credits

**Live, Online**—Multi-State Approval; check our website

- June 14** (8:00-10:00AM) 2020 NEC® Motors, Controls & GFCI. Tim Zinniel, Trainer
- July 13** (8:00-10:00AM) 2020 NEC® Power Limited, Part 1. Jeff Kunkel, Trainer
- August 16** (6:30-8:30PM) 2020 NEC® Motors & Transformers. Chad Kurdi, Trainer

### 2 & 4 Continuing Ed Credits

**Self-Paced Online Anytime, Anywhere**—MN-State Approval (more state approvals coming soon)

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## EXAM PREP COURSES Based on the 2020 NEC®

- June 4-5 Bloomington** Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel. Chad Kurdi, Trainer
- Aug 6-7 Bloomington** Renaissance Minneapolis Bloomington Hotel. Chad Kurdi, Trainer
- Sept 27 11-week, live online course** Tuesday nights (Sept 27 - Dec 20). Jeff Keljik, Trainer



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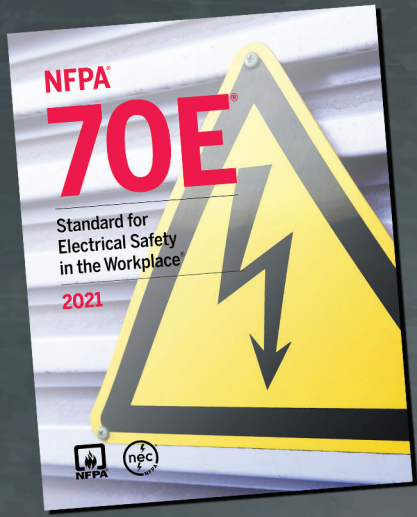
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