



## Join us for AEIC's 142nd Annual Meeting

For 142 years, AEIC's Annual Meeting has served as a premier forum for the electric utility industry's top operational leaders. This event brings together more than 270 executives and senior decision-makers for meaningful peer-to-peer discussions and collaboration on today's grid's most pressing challenges and emerging opportunities.

AEIC is grateful to Mr. Orville Cocking, Senior Vice President of Transmission and Distribution at Southern California Edison and a member of AEIC's Board of Directors, along with the entire Southern California Edison team, for serving as host of this year's meeting. Their partnership, support, and commitment are instrumental in creating a successful and engaging experience for AEIC members and guests.

What sets the Annual Meeting apart is the insight shared by attendees, candid perspectives, strategic leadership, and innovative approaches from those driving change across the industry. Join the conversation, expand your network, and gain valuable insights from your peers.

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# 2026 Achievement Awards Open



**AEIC is looking for your team's new projects!**

The AEIC Annual Achievement Awards recognize teams and/or individuals from member companies, AEIC committees, subcommittees, and councils who have made significant contributions to advancing operational excellence and leading grid transformation initiatives in the electric utility industry. **Submissions are due by July 1st.**

[Click here to complete an award submission form](#)

## AEIC Center for Operational Excellence

### AEIC Grid Advancement Collaborative Program

*Challenge 004: Grid Constraints – Overcoming Interconnection Bottlenecks*



As interconnection queues grow and load demand accelerates from renewables, storage, data centers, and electrification, utilities face increasing pressure to connect new resources faster while maintaining reliability and affordability.

AEIC's latest playbook, Challenge 004: Grid Constraints – Overcoming Interconnection Bottlenecks, highlights how proven grid modernization solutions, including advanced reconductoring, dynamic line ratings, digital planning tools, and AI-enabled queue management, can unlock capacity more quickly and cost-effectively than traditional infrastructure projects alone.

Connected to the InnovationWorks platform, the playbook provides utilities with practical use cases, peer-reviewed insights, and implementation resources to help accelerate technology adoption and modernize transmission planning for the grid of the future.

[View Challenge 004](#)

## AEIC Launches AI for Practitioners Cohort Program

Utility operations leaders are increasingly being asked to identify and implement AI opportunities, but many lack a clear path from idea to action. AEIC's new AI for Practitioners cohort program helps bridge that gap by bringing utility professionals together to develop real-world AI use cases, build 90-day implementation plans, and create strategies for organizational adoption.

The 13-week program runs bi-weekly from August 27 through November 12, 2026, and is free for AEIC member utilities. To enroll or learn more, contact Program Director Dr. Elizabeth Cook at [ecook@aeic.org](mailto:ecook@aeic.org).

Contact Dr. Elizabeth Cook, [ecook@aeic.org](mailto:ecook@aeic.org), to attend.

## The Grid Mod Pod

In this episode, we're joined by **AJ Hester of Southern Company** and **Chris Stockton of Veriforce** as they break down a powerful innovation in workforce readiness.

Together, their teams developed WorkerPass, a centralized digital solution that allows contractors to be fully pre-compliant before arriving on-site during generation outages, leading to reduced downtime, improved visibility, and stronger safety and consistency. The impact of this work earned Southern Company one of AEIC's 2025 Annual Achievement Awards.



Watch Now

# Member Spotlight Webinar

## Promoting a Culture of Safety for People of All Ages

Friday, June 12th | 2:00–3:00 PM Eastern  
Geoffrey Greene, Orange & Rockland Utilities

Geoffrey will discuss how he and his team are closing the gap in electric safety awareness through innovative public-private partnerships and engaging educational experiences. By combining collaboration with entertaining, easy-to-understand lessons, they are helping communities better understand electricity safety and make more informed decisions.



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## Upcoming Events

Check out our event calendars to stay up to date on upcoming workshops and committee meetings. For meeting access or committee support, contact [aeic@aeic.org](mailto:aeic@aeic.org).

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*AEIC brings utility leaders together in a trusted, non-competitive forum to solve real operational challenges and modernize the grid. Through shared field experience and practical collaboration, strategy becomes execution.*



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