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CEO Corner

So far in 2025 we've seen floods, fires, winter storms, tornados, extreme heat, earthquakes, and, of course, there are hurricanes still yet to come. No other industry is expected to reliably and affordably operate a massive infrastructure 24/7/365 that supplies a product essential to the everyday lives of their customers, while facing such a persistent and intense barrage of environmental challenges.

I continue to be both amazed and impressed with the skill and commitment that all of you bring to this critical mission every single day. Not only do you "keep the lights on," despite Mother Nature's mercurial wrath, but you are also concurrently responding to unprecedented growth in demand, increasing customer expectations, and rapidly evolving technology that offers unprecedented levels of both risk and reward.



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Frankly, our political and business leaders, and even the public we serve, routinely and significantly undervalue and under appreciate the monumental efforts it takes to operate today’s complex grid. Like you, this just motivates me to work even harder. In fact, our entire team at AEIC—from board members to committee leaders to staff—is working harder than ever to ensure that we continue to provide the forums, resources, and opportunities that enable our members to collectively and collaboratively lead our industry at this time of seismic change and challenge.

My hope is that your participation in AEIC allows you to expand and strengthen your network of industry peers, and that the expertise you share and best practices you exchange helps to make your job a little bit easier and a lot more rewarding.

Over the next few months, AEIC members will have several opportunities to participate in our growing number of [committees](#), our Center for Operational Excellence [workshops](#), our [member spotlights](#), and our [Annual Meeting](#).

I strongly encourage you to join us this year in Charleston, SC for our 141st AEIC Annual Meeting, hosted by Santee Cooper, from November 4-6, 2025. Our theme will be “*Elevating Excellence*.” Your participation is key to meaningful engagement and to the critical exchange of knowledge that makes AEIC the industry’s go-to resource for operational leadership. Our annual meeting is also a time for us to pause and celebrate your successes and highlight innovative and award-winning projects that demonstrate all the ways AEIC members are indeed elevating excellence throughout the industry.

Please register now for the annual meeting and take advantage of our “buy one-get one” (BOGO) offer for members at [AEIC2025.org](#). I look forward to seeing you in Charleston!

Steve

Steve Hauser, CEO, AEIC

2025 Annual Meeting



Register for AEIC’s 141st Annual Meeting *Bring a colleague with our BOGO offer!*

Introduce a colleague to AEIC! This year, AEIC is offering a “**buy one, get one free**” deal for our members who wish to bring a new employee to the Annual Meeting. When one employee from your utility registers for the AEIC Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC, they will receive a code for a FREE registration for an additional employee to attend at no cost.

This opportunity is limited to members who have not previously attended an AEIC Annual Meeting in the past. Please email aeic@aeic.org if you have any questions.

REGISTER NOW

AEIC has secured a limited number of rooms at The Charleston Place at a negotiated rate. The deadline to book your room is **Friday, October 3rd**. Reserve your room by clicking the button below, or book directly with the Reservations Office by calling 800.611.5545 or via email at reservations@charlestonplace.com.

BOOK YOUR ROOM



Deadline Approaching for 2025 Achievement Awards

AEIC is accepting nominations for our 2025 AEIC Achievement Awards. 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.

Submit your project by August 1, 2025.

To learn more, visit aeic.org/achievement-awards/.

NOMINATION FORM

Committee Updates

AEIC committees bring together leadership across the member utilities to address key challenges and opportunities in generation, transmission, distribution, storage, safety, and customer service. Our focus is on operational excellence – sharing best practices, technical advances, and collaborative solutions that create a secure energy future for all.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

If you're interested in contributing to industry-leading discussions and projects, our committees are always eager to welcome fresh perspectives from engaged members. **To attend any of the upcoming committee meetings, contact us at aeic@aeic.org, and we'll get you connected.**



Electric Power Apparatus

September 15-17, 2025
Long Island, New York

REGISTER NOW



Power Generation

September 23-24, 2025
Lake Tahoe, NV



Load Research & Analytics

September 22-25, 2025
Seattle, WA

REGISTER NOW



Safety Benchmarking

September 24-25, 2025

Denver, CO

REGISTER NOW



Grid as a Platform

September 24-25, 2025

Westwood, MA



Customer Service

September 24-25, 2025

Location TBD



Power Delivery

September 29 - October 1, 2025

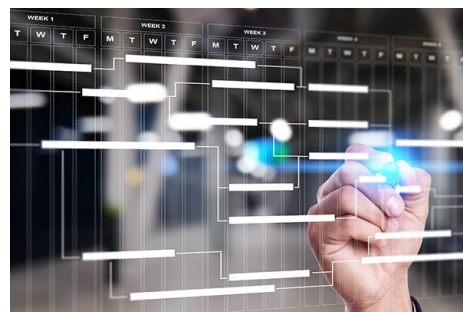
Louisville, KY



Meter & Service

October 6-8, 2025

Nashville, TN



Project Management

October 6-8, 2025

Phoenix, AZ



Distribution System Operations

October 8-10, 2025

Chicago, IL

Announcing New AEIC Committees for 2025



Workforce Development Committee

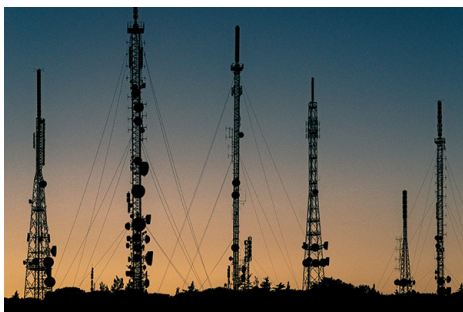
Mission: Empower a skilled, diverse, and adaptable utility workforce through training, mentorship, and upskilling for industry evolution. This supports AEIC’s overall objectives by helping member companies modernize workforce practices to ensure reliable and sustainable energy delivery for the coming generations.



Power Delivery’s Grid as a Platform Subcommittee

(Previously Distributed Energy Resources)

Mission: Discuss technical and operational challenges, best practices, and solutions related to integrating DERs of all sizes, ranging from small residential, community installations, commercial/industrial, and utility-scale.



Power Delivery’s Telecommunications Subcommittee

Mission: Serve as a collaborative platform for electric utility leaders and technical experts to address the evolving telecommunications needs critical to reliable, resilient, and secure grid operations. The subcommittee enhances industry alignment, shares best practices, and develops forward-thinking strategies that support the utility of the future.



Power Delivery’s Vegetation Management Subcommittee

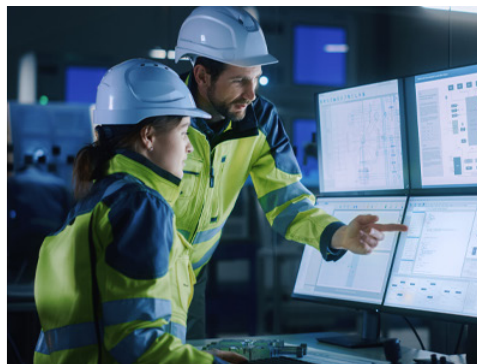
Mission: Advance utility-wide strategies that promote safe, reliable, and cost-effective vegetation management. In response to increasing environmental stressors, aging infrastructure, and heightened wildfire risk, utilities must modernize their approach through data-informed, risk-based practices.



Transmission System Operations

COMING SOON

Learn more about these committees on our [website](#).



AEIC's Center for Operational Excellence



CENTER FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

AEIC's Data Analytics Council Now Under Center for Operational Excellence

The AEIC Data Analytics Council is rolling under the Center for Operational Excellence to meet the urgent need for unified strategy across utility planning, operations, and analytics. Our vision is to empower utilities to lead with data, align strategy with decision-making, and create a culture of excellence from the field to the boardroom.

To learn more about the Ops Center, visit <https://aeicopscenter.org/>.

New Data Driven Leadership Consortium *Calling all executive and operational leaders!*

We're inviting utility leaders to participate in the AEIC Center for Operational Excellence's Executive Leadership – Advanced Analytics Course. This unique opportunity is designed specifically for senior utility leaders and their delegates to advance data-driven strategies across the enterprise.

This course empowers utility leaders to:

- Develop a Shared Framework
- Avoid Vendor Lock-in
- Communicate Ideas in a Straightforward Manner
- Enhance Decision-Making
- Network with Industry Leaders

Course Format & Dates:

Six virtual modules | 90 minutes each | No travel required

- EL1 – Thursday, August 28 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET
- EL2 – Friday, September 12 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET
- EL3 – Friday, September 26 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET
- EL4 – Friday, October 10 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET
- EL5 – Thursday, October 23 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET
- EL6 – Friday, October 31 | 2:30–4:00 PM ET

AEIC member utilities may opt into a **full fee waiver**. Learn more about the course [here](#).

REGISTER NOW

Upcoming Workshops



The NextGen Control Center: Reimagining Grid Operations

October 20-22, 2025

Long Island, NY

Hosted by LIPA

From paper maps and peg boards to full deployment of Advanced Distribution Management Systems (ADMS), AEIC members will share their transformation journeys, highlighting lessons learned and insights gained, as they look ahead to leveraging real-time data processing, live network simulations, and forecasting to enable autonomous, optimized control room operations through informed decision-making.

This will be more than a workshop—it's a cohort experience. Alongside utility case studies, a curated vendor ecosystem will participate, building out a collaborative space for lessons learned, technical frameworks, and shared guidelines for navigating one of the most complex technology deployments in modern utility operations.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Virtual Workshops

Launching soon during our Member Spotlight Hour, these workshops will dive into real use cases and member-led solutions in an accessible format. Stay tuned for the registration links!

Virtual Workshop 1 – Optimization Processes + Data Engineering for Grid Modernization

Friday, August 22, 2025 | 2:00 PM 3:30 PM ET

Virtual Workshop 2 – Data Governance for Grid Resilience & Reliability

Friday, September 19, 2025 | 2:00 PM 3:30 PM ET

Virtual Workshop 3 – Safety, Risk, & Workforce Training for Resilient Grid Operations

Friday, October 17, 2025 | 2:00 PM 3:30 PM ET

Virtual Workshop 4 – The Future of Grid Resilience & Asset Reliability

Friday, November 21, 2025 | 2:00 PM 3:30 PM ET



Member Engagement Opportunities

Member Spotlight Webinar

Showcase your achievements in a Member Spotlight virtual presentation on Microsoft Teams. Held biweekly on Fridays at 2:00 pm ET, this platform allows you to share successful projects and insights with fellow AEIC members. You choose the topic and the presenters for your 45-minute presentation. We'll promote the event to all AEIC member companies and track pre-registered attendance. With your approval, we'll record your presentation and post the video and slides on the AEIC member portal for continued visibility.

Grid Mod Pod Episode



Join The Grid Mod Pod, AEIC's podcast series, as an interview guest to share your insights. Hosted by Dr. Elizabeth Cook, VP of Technical Strategy, this opportunity allows for a 20-minute interview, scheduled at your convenience. Following the interview, the edited version is posted on AEIC's YouTube channel and promoted across platforms, enhancing your presence in the grid modernization discourse.

Interested in sharing your insights through one of our member opportunities?

Click [here](#) to let us know you are interested.

Moments in Grid History



Leading the Way *A historical timeline of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies*

AEIC's Vice President of Technical Strategy, Dr. Elizabeth Cook, a self-professed grid history nerd, has been digging deep into our archives to explore the rich history of AEIC. In the coming months, we will share her observations and insights, beginning with the very first Association meeting in 1885, and moving through the past 141 years to the present day role our organization and member companies play in continuing to lead the industry in all areas of operational excellence.

We encourage you to explore AEIC's rich history with us. Click on the button below to read the first chapter of this historical timeline, *Organizing the Unknown: Foundations of Operational Excellence*, which covers the period from 1885-1900.

[READ FIRST CHAPTER](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

August

8/22 - Ops Center Virtual Workshop 1

September

9/15 - Electric Power Apparatus

9/19 - Ops Center Virtual Workshop 2

9/22 - LR&A & WRLA Conference

9/23 - Power Generation

9/24 - Safety Benchmarking

9/24 - Customer Service

9/24 - Grid as a Platform

29-10/1: Power Delivery



October

10/6 - Meter & Service

10/6 - Project Management

10/17 - Ops Center Virtual Workshop 3

10/20 - Control Center of the Future Event

TBD - Distribution System Operations

November

11/4 - AEIC Annual Meeting

11/21 - Ops Center Virtual Workshop 4