

2025

NCEL Annual Report

Introduction

Welcome to the North Central Electrical League's Annual Report for the year 2025! NCEL is proud to continue to unite the Upper Midwest Electrical Industry, and we are excited to highlight the key achievements of the past year. As an organization dedicated to promoting growth and collaboration in the electrical industry, NCEL continually offers numerous opportunities for learning, professional development, and community engagement.

2025 has been a year of change, excitement, and growth at NCEL. In January, we officially moved into our new office space, located as part of Lifetime Work. In April, we were fortunate to see many of our members at the Upper Midwest Electrical Expo. It was a highly successful expo, and we look forward to building upon this success in April 2027. As always, our staff tries to bring our members a variety of events, and this year was no different. In addition to our popular PluggedIN events, Women's group events, and Recharge events, we were able to hold events in Michigan, Montana, South Dakota, and Minnesota by having five NCEA workshops. We enjoy visiting the territory to meet members and look forward to expanding this effort further in 2026.

We also take pride in hosting several impactful and popular events, including the NCEMC Charity Golf Classic, the Sporting Clays Classic Shootout, and Recharging the Community Week. As always, we continue to support local charities that our members care about. Our monthly NCEES and NCEMC meetings served as essential platforms for continued collaboration and knowledge-sharing. As we reflect on the past year, we thank you for your continued membership and look forward to what 2026 has in store!

Abby Andvik
Executive Director



Charitable Giving

Each year, the North Central Electrical League is committed to giving back to our community. In 2025, we're setting our sights even higher after surpassing last year's goal with 1,112 volunteer hours. Thank you to our incredible members and staff for your continued dedication to making a difference!





NCEL's 6th Annual Recharging the Community Week once again showcased our commitment to giving back. Throughout the week, NCEL staff and members volunteered with five local organizations, making a tangible difference across the community.

Highlights included:

- Matter: Our team sorted and organized eight pallets of birthing kit supplies to be shipped to Zimbabwe
- Highway Cleanup: Volunteers cleaned 12 bags of litter off Highway 212
- Ronald McDonald House: Volunteers unloaded food and mulch, tied candy bags, sorted cleaning supplies, cleaned toys, and prepared meals.
- Warrior Dog Rescue: Members played with 13 rescue dogs and noted dog toys.

Beyond Recharge Week, NCEL members continue to serve year-round by volunteering at schools, churches, and community events, including the Salvation Army bell ringing.

In 2025, the NCEL Scholarship Program awarded $30,000 in scholarships to members' children and provided $40,000 in tuition reimbursements to NCEL company Interns, continuing our mission to support education and strengthen our community. Together, we're proud to recharge our communities—one act of service at a time.

Leadership

NCEL 2025-27 Officers

Chair: Kyle Brendefur, CPMR, CSP, Partner & Vice President - Operations, LESCO Inc.
Vice Chair: Eric Clement, ALLETE-Minnesota Power
Treasurer: Andy Giefer, P.E., Electrical Engineer, Hunt Electric Corporation
Secretary: Abby Andvik, Executive Director, North Central Electrical League Inc.
Past Chair: Jeff Starkman, CPMR, CSP, President, Electrotech Inc.

NCEL 2025-27 Directors

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President: Nate Boike, Burndy
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NCEES 2025-26 Board of Directors

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Secretary: Aviva Peck, North Central Electrical League
Treasurer: Amin Rahimi, Egan Company
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- Jeremy Gustafson, Siemens Industry, Inc
- Nick Oelke, Ever-Green Energy

Membership in the North Central Electrical Manufacturers Club is open to sales agents or representatives of electrical product manufacturers whose company is an NCEL Manufacturers division member. NCEMC has 169 members.







MONTHLY MEETINGS

Throughout 2025, NCEMC held five meetings featuring a range of insightful speakers and organizations. Presentations included "The Current Outlook of Clean Energy in Minnesota" with Wolf River Electric, "NEMRA" with Jim Johnson, "DSG" with Chris Phillippe and Joe Solheid, "Lake Street Works" with Jess Coykendall, and "Remarcable" with Clint Zhang. Thank you to all our outstanding 2025 speakers for sharing their time, expertise, and perspectives with our members.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2025, NCEMC proudly awarded 16 scholarships, totaling $20,000, to support the children of our members in pursuing higher education. We celebrated this milestone at our May meeting and are thrilled to help invest in the next generation's future.

GOLF CLASSIC

On August 5th, the 2025 Charity Golf Classic was held at Southview Country Club. 144 golfers played 18 holes, and the proceeds benefited the One Simple Wish, a charity that spreads love, hope, and joy by granting wishes to kids and young adults impacted by foster care and crisis.



HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual NCEMC Holiday Party was held on December 12th at the Edina Golf Club. This year, we collected donations for VEAP and Toys for Tots, and made monetary donations to Jack's Basket and The Real Hope Project. At the Party, we raffled off over $7,700 in gifts to our members.



NCEES operates as an educational organization dedicated to advancing the electrical engineering field and developing new electrical systems and designs. With 97 individual members, NCEES strives to connect electrical engineers to abundant educational opportunities.

Charitable Contributions

Since 2020, NCEES has contributed $200 to speaker-selected charities during virtual meetings. In 2025, donations were made to the Minnesota Food Group and 30 for Freedom.



Monthly Meetings

From September through May, NCEES holds monthly meetings on various selected topics relating to electrical engineering. In 2025, topics covered included Energy & Automation Business Development, Ethics, CHP/CO-Generation/Tri-Generation, Intelligent Buildings, Tour of Abbott Northwestern Central Utility Plant, Codes & Controls 4.0, NFPA 70B - Electrical Maintenance Requirement, and Transformers 101.



Scholarships

NCEES was able to award two scholarships to children of members who are pursuing further education. NCEES gave out a total of $3,000 in scholarships at our May meeting.

Events and Outings

Women's Group

The NCEL Women's Group had an exciting and impactful year, filled with connection, giving, and fun. We kicked things off with a wine dinner that raised donations for birthing kits sent by MATTER to Zimbabwe. We also hosted a happy hour at the Expo, followed by a sold-out golf tournament that brought together 45 golfers for a great day on the course. We wrapped up the year with a memorable wine tour in Waconia, where 31 women joined in to celebrate another successful year. We look forward to continuing the momentum in 2026 with more opportunities to connect, give back, and have fun together!









PluggedIN

We had another great year of PluggedIN events in 2025! Our members socialized and networked at a St. Paul Saints game, Canterbury Park, a Gopher Hockey game, and pied the NCEL Staff for charity, as well as hosted multiple happy hours. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at our events in 2026!



Shoot Out

On September 24th, NCEL hosted our annual Sporting Clays Classic Charity Shootout at the Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake. 196 members got together to shoot 100 clays each, hoping to be crowned "Conqueror of the Clays." This event raised over $10,000 in proceeds for Serving Our Troops, a charity that provides a delicious meal from home to soldiers & their families.



UPPER MIDWEST
ELECTRICAL
EXPO
2025

The 40th Biannual Upper Midwest Electrical Expo was held April 16–17, 2025, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, drawing an impressive turnout and record-breaking engagement. This year's event featured over 300 booths and received 4,431 pre-registrations—our highest total yet—with a final attendance of 7,305 over two days. New this year, we hosted our first-ever Happy Hour on the opening day of the Expo, giving attendees a fun opportunity to connect and network after a busy day on the show floor. Student Day welcomed 1,134 students from across the Midwest, who explored industry opportunities and took part in the Expo's job fair, featuring 10 participating companies. In partnership with the Electrical Association, NCEL also hosted three days of training sessions for professionals pursuing Continuing Education Credits, rounding out a highly successful event. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next Expo on April 7–8, 2027!









Member Companies

Allied Trade
Center for Energy & Environment
Dunwoody College of Technology
Electrical Association
NECA - Twin Cities Chapter
North Dakota State College of Science

Contractor
ArchKey / Parsons Electric
Bloomington Electric Co.
Collins
Daley Electric, LLC
Design Electric, Inc.
Egan Company
Electrical Production Services
Erickson Electric Company Inc.
Hunt Electric Corporation
Medina Electric LLC
Muska Electric Co.
Norske Electric Inc.
OlympiaTech Electric
Preferred Electric, LLC
Premier Electrical Corporation
Stinson Electric Inc.
Wolf River Electric

Engineer
AKF Group
Ayres Associates MEP Division
Barr Engineering Company
BKV Group
Burns & McDonnell
CMTA
Design Tree Engineering, Inc.
Dunham Associates Inc.

Engineer
Emanuelson-Podas, Inc.
Hallberg Engineering Inc.
HGA
IMEG Company
KFI Engineers
Leo A Daly
Michaud, Cooley, Erickson Consulting Engineers
Nelson-Rudie & Associates
Paulson & Clark Engineers Inc.
Salas O'Brien
SEH ~ Short-Elliott-Hendrickson Inc.
TKDA Engineers & Architects
Unified Theory
Victus Engineering
Wold Architects and Engineers

Distributor
Arrow Electrical Supply Company of Minnesota
ATEK Distribution LLC
Border States
Consolidated Electrical Distributors, INC.
Crescent Electric Supply Co.
DSG - Dakota Supply Group
Gexpro
Graybar Electric Company
J.H. Larson Electrical Co.
Van Meter
Viking Electric
WESCO Distribution Inc.
Winsupply / Winlectric - Elk River Winlectric
Winsupply of Lakeville MN Co
Winsupply of St Paul

Inspector & Individual
Backer, James
Bennett, Cynthia
Fick, Steve
Furman, Neil
Hersey, D.
Lightyear, Buzz
Oelke, Nicholas
Studniski, Edward

Low Voltage
Systematic Technologies

Member Companies

Manufacturer

ABB - Electrification
AJB Sales
American Power + Comm. Group
Applied Products - Thermal Products Group
Atlas Lighting Products
Bergstrom-Verbarg Co.
Burndy LLC
Bussmann by Eaton
Cimperman Sales Inc.
CitiRep
Core4 Technologies
Cummins Sales & Service
Data Center Systems, Inc.
Davis & Associates Inc.
Deininger Lighting Group
Doeren Sales & Associates
DWM Holdings, Inc.
Eaton Electrical
ECS-Electric Component Sales
Electrical Solutions & Design
Electro-Mechanical Industries
ElectroTech Inc.
EMS Partners, Inc.
Energy Product Sales
Energyficient Products, LLC.
EnerSys Battery - RCOM
Engineered Products Co.
FRESCO Inc.
Gaynor & Associates Inc.
Grissinger-Johnson Sales
Hartigan Power Equipment
HM Cragg Company
Holophane, Cyclone & American Electric Lighting

Manufacturer

Hubbell Wiring Devices
IDEAL Industries Inc.
Infinity Group Ltd.
James Power Technologies
JTH Lighting Alliance
Keystone Technologies
LESCO Inc.
Luma Sales Associates
Maddox Industrial Transformer
Milwaukee Electric Tool
Mlazgar Associates Inc.
MRL Company
Mulcahy
Neotech Solutions Inc.
North Central Sales East
nVent - (Hoffman)
Okonite Company
PCCS Inc.
PCS - Protection & Control Solutions
Pioneer Sales Group
Primus Marketing Group
Pro-Tech Power Sales
Pulse Products
RAB Lighting
Rouzer Group
Schneider Electric
Shepard Sales
Siemens Industry, Inc.
Solutions In Lighting
States Manufacturing
Sylvania Ledvance LLC
Wiha Tools
Ziegler Power Systems

Utility

Agralite Cooperative
ALLETE-Minnesota Power
Arrowhead Electric Cooperative
BENCO Electric Cooperative
Brown County Rural Electrical Assn.
Connexus Energy
Cooperative Light & Power
Crow Wing Power
Dakota Electric Association
East Central Energy
Federated Rural Electric
Goodhue County Cooperative Electric
Great River Energy
Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Services
Kandiyohi Power Cooperative
Lake Country Power
Lake Region Electric Cooperative
McLeod Cooperative Power
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Assn.
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
Nobles Cooperative Electric
North Itasca Electric Cooperative
Otter Tail Power Company
Redwood Electric Cooperative
Runestone Electric Association
South Central Electric Association
Stearns Electric Association
Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Assn.
Xcel Energy Inc.