



February 14, 2018

**57th Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems
Engineering and Operations Conference
& 21st Annual Lineman's Rodeo**

Dear Municipal Member:

The NCAMES Board of Directors and I are excited to be hosting the 57th Annual NCAMES Engineering and Operations Conference in Hickory, NC, Tuesday, May 15, 2018 through Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The 21st Annual Lineman's Rodeo will take place at Catawba Meadows Park in Morganton, NC on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

In choosing Hickory for this year's Annual Conference, the Board hopes to continue the effort to bring excitement to NCAMES members and continue to enhance the feeling of a family friendly atmosphere.

The cost to attend the conference will be \$200 per attendee. This includes attendance for all 3 days at the conference along with the vendor luncheon, rodeo events, awards/social and Annual NCAMES Business Meeting & Dinner.

ElectriCities will again be hosting the Utility Directors' Breakfast on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Cracker Barrel located at 1250 11th St Ct SE, Hickory, NC 28602. This breakfast will also serve as our quarterly meeting for the Utility Directors Advisory Committee. Attendance by all Utility Directors is highly encouraged.

This year's conference information sessions are again divided into two tracks. Technical sessions are tailored towards utility directors, engineers and managers. Field sessions are tailored towards crew supervisors, linemen and other field personnel. You are free to attend any session in either track based upon your needs and interest in the subject presented.

Enclosed you will find a Pre-Registration Form, Golf Tournament Information and Sporting Clay Information. Also enclosed is a list of vendors that supported NCAMES in 2016, and a draft of the Annual Conference Program. Registration must be turned in by **Monday, April 16, 2018**. Please note on the golf tournament and clay shooting forms that the teams will be vendor sponsored again this year. If you are interested in participating and need help filling or finding a team, please sign up and the tournament committee will assist you with pairings as needed. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.ncames.com.

The Golf Tournament will take place at Glen Oaks Golf Club in Maiden, NC and the sporting clay event will take place at Red Hen Hunting Club in Lenoir. Both of these events will take place on May 15, 2018.

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P.O. Box 1089 Fayetteville, NC 28302
www.ncames.com

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following hotels:

Courtyard by Marriott	Fairfield Inn	Hampton Inn	Hilton Garden Inn
1946 13 th Ave Dr SE	1950 13 th Ave Dr SE	1956 13 th Ave Dr SE	1320 17 th Ave Dr SE
828-267-2100	828-431-3000	828-624-2000	828-327-1000
\$139.00/night	\$129.00/night	\$139.00/night	\$159.00/night

Reservations should be made directly with the hotels and are not included in the registration fee. When calling the hotel, please let the staff know that you are with NCAMES in order to get the special rate. **This rate is guaranteed through April 15, 2018, so please make your reservations early!**

The “Vendor Area” will be open from 10:45AM to 4:00PM on Wednesday. The Vendor Luncheon will be held from 12:00PM to 1:00PM to ensure municipal participants have sufficient time to visit with the vendors.

Hickory offers an array of activities, shopping and dining for all participants, families and vendors.

Some of the Activities include: Hickory Museum of Art | www.hickorymuseumofart.org | 828-327-8576 | 243 3rd Ave NE, Hickory Founded in 1944, this is the second-oldest art museum in the state. Enjoy works from the permanent collection, as well as traveling exhibitions, art classes, workshops, tours and lectures.

Some of the shopping includes: Downtown Hickory Farmer's Market | www.hickoryfarmersmarket.com This market brings more than fresh fruits and vegetables to Union Square in Downtown Hickory, with flowers, herbs, baked goods, and hand-made crafts. Wednesdays from 10:00am-3:00pm

Some of the Restaurants include: Hatch Sandwich Bar, Olde Hickory Tap Room, and the Old Hickory Station.

The NCAMES Annual Meeting and Conference is an excellent networking and industry technology update opportunity that you do not want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in Hickory, NC for this year’s event.

Please visit www.ncames.com to see a short video presentation of the upcoming event.

Sincerely,

Jon Rynne

Jon Rynne
2017-2018 President, NCAMES Board of Directors



North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems
2018 Annual Meeting
May 15-17, 2018
Hickory Convention Center

Registration Form

(Please complete 1 form per registered attendee)

Name of City/Town: _____

Name and Title of attendee: _____

Email address: _____

Contact Number: _____

NAME BADGES ARE REQUIRED WHEN GOING THRU FOOD LINES

Registration Fees:

- Municipal employee registration \$200.00 per employee \$ 200.00
(Includes: 3 days of the annual meeting and the following meals: vendor lunch, rodeo lunch, rodeo social, business dinner)
- Spouse/Guest Registration \$70.00 per person \$ _____
(Includes: the following meals: vendor lunch, rodeo lunch, rodeo social, business dinner)
Spouse/Guest Name (for badge) _____
- Individual Meal Tickets:
 - Vendor Lunch
 - Adult \$15.00 per person \$ _____
 - Child (12 years or older) \$ 7.50 per child \$ _____
 - Annual Business Meeting Dinner
 - Adult \$26.00 per person \$ _____
 - Child (12 years or older) \$13.00 per child \$ _____
 - Rodeo Awards Social
 - Adult \$26.00 per person \$ _____
 - Child (12 years or older) \$13.00 per child \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION \$ _____

The Utility Director/Manager's Round Table Breakfast hosted by ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 6:30 AM- 8:00 AM - Cracker Barrel - 1250 11th St Ct SE, Hickory, NC 28602. If you plan to attend, please check below:

Yes, I plan to attend the Utility Director's/Manager's Breakfast Roundtable

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return the attached training session registration.

Please make checks payable to: NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEMS

Mail to: Julie McMurry
City of Shelby
PO Box 207
Shelby, NC 28151-0207

e-mail: Julie.mcmurry@cityofshelby.com
telephone: 704-669-6645

RETURN REGISTRATION BY MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018



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Hickory Convention Center

Technical and Field Session Registration Form
(Please complete 1 form per registered attendee)

Name and Title of attendee: _____ City/Town: _____

(Please check all sessions attending)

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – ALL SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM

- Welcome

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

- Joint Session – Introduction

Roy Jones, Electricities CEO

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM Break

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

- Joint Session – The Value of Public Power

Sam Rozenberg, APPA

1:45 AM – 4:00 PM

- Vendor Hall Open

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

- Vendor Lunch—Door Prizes/Golf and Sporting Clay Awards

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

- Technical Session Safety & Training Updates on OSHA,
APPAs Safety Manual, Training and
Creating as Culture of Safety

David Young, Electricities

- Field Session Lineworker Programs Overviews Jon O’Boyle Nash Community College
Bill Adams/George Speight Forsyth Community College

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM Break

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

- Technical Session Wireless Pole Attachments

Michael Settlege, Power Services

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

- Field Session Road Safety

NC Highway Patrol

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

- Mutual Aid Event Meeting

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

- Technical Session Connected LED Street Lighting

Kevin Dyson, Lekson Associates

- Field Session: Written Test for Rodeo Competitors

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

“Leadership Lessons from the North Pole” – John Huston

Total # Adults _____ (include spouse/guest) Total # Children _____

Thursday, May 17, 2018 – NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATIONS

7:00 AM

- Judges Meeting & Breakfast Catawba Meadows, Morganton, NC

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- 21st Annual Rodeo Catawba Meadows, Morganton, NC

Noon- 1:00 PM

- Lunch Catawba Meadows, Morganton, NC

Total # Adults _____ (include spouse/guest) Total # Children _____

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- Rodeo Awards Presentation & Dinner Hickory Metro Convention Center

Total # Adults _____ (include spouse/guest) Total # Children _____

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Mail to: Julie McMurry

City of Shelby

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Shelby, NC 28151-0207

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telephone: 704-669-6645

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**North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems
NCAMES
Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC
May 15-17th, 2018**

Tuesday, May 15th

8:30 AM Golf Tournament- Check In- **Glen Oaks Golf Club 245 Golf Course Rd, Maiden, NC 28650**

9:00 AM Sporting Clay Check-in – **Red- Hen Reserve and Hunting Club 3720 N.C. Hwy 268 Lenoir, NC 288645**

10:00 AM Golf Tournament-Shot Gun Start

3:00-5:00 PM Vendor Check-in & Set Up (**Registration Desk Hickory Metro Convention Center**)

7:00-9:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner – **Hickory Metro Convention Center**

Wednesday, May 16th

6:30 AM – 8:00 AM Utility Directors' Breakfast - Cracker Barrel 1250 11th St Ct SE, Hickory, NC 28602
Hosted by Electricities

7:00 AM–3:00 PM Participant Check-in

8:15 AM-8:30 AM Welcome to the Conference

8:30 AM-9:30 AM Joint Session – Intro –Roy Jones , ElectriCities CEO.

9:30 Am – 9:45 AM Break

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Joint Session -Sam Rozenberg - American Public Power Association – The Value of Public Power.

10:45 AM – 4:00 PM Vendor Area Opens (**Hickory Metro Convention Center**)

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM Vendor Lunch/Door Prizes/Golf/Sporting Clay Awards (**Hickory Metro Convention Center**)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Technical Session –David Young ElectriCities – Safety and Training Updates on OSHA, APPA Safety Manual, Training and Creating a Culture of Safety.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Field Session – Jon O'Boyle Nash Community College, Bill Adams and George Speight Forsyth Community College - Lineworker Programs Overviews

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM Break

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM Technical Session: Michael Settlege Power Services - Wireless Pole Attachments

Wednesday, May 16th

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM Field Session –North Carolina State Highway Patrol – Road Safety Presentation

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM Field Session – Mutual Aid Event Meeting

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Technical Session – Kevin Dyson Lekson Associates Connected LED Street Lighting

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Field Session: Apprentices Rodeo Competitors Written Test

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Annual Business Meeting/Dinner –John Huston - SAFETY LESSONS FROM THE NORTH POLE – **Hickory Metro Convention Center**

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND DINNER

Thursday, May 17th

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Judges Meeting & Breakfast - **Mandatory for all Judges – At the Rodeo Site in Morganton-Catawba Meadows Park**

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Rodeo Events – **Morganton, NC**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch @ Rodeo Site

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Rodeo Events Resume

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Rodeo Awards Presentation & Social - **Hickory, NC – Hickory Metro Convention Center**

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Please join us for the Annual Business Meeting/Dinner on Wednesday, May 16th. Our guest speaker John Huston is a professional polar explorer and veteran of the First American unsupported expedition to the North Pole. He has completed major expeditions to the South Pole. He has appeared on CNN, the History Channel, National Public Radio and in Outside Magazine and Popular Mechanics. John is a motivational speaker, safety and logistics consultant and wilderness guide.

The North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems is a non-profit association and an affiliate of the **NC League of Municipalities**. NCAMES exists to promote the



**NCAMES 2018 Annual
Golf Tournament May 15th, 2018
Glen Oaks Golf Club**

245 Golf Course Rd, Maiden, NC 28650
www.glenoaksgolf.com (828) 428-2451

Event Schedule: **Tuesday, May 15th, 2018; 8:30 AM Check-in; 10:00 AM Shotgun Start.** Format will be Captain's Choice. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for three flights and for closest to the pin and longest drive.

The format will be a single sponsor per four-man team. This provides the vendors an opportunity to interact with their selected customers. If you are interested in playing and need help filling or finding a team, please sign up and the tournament committee will assist you with pairings as needed and if available. A \$240 registration fee per team includes green & cart fees, a hot lunch, prizes, and snacks. There will be a course limit of 25 teams (100 golfers max).

Registration Deadline is Monday, April 16th, 2018.

For more information call Jonathan Misenheimer @ (704) 984-9620 or email jmisenheimer@ci.albemarle.nc.us .

Team Sponsor

Company: _____

Company Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail Adress: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please make checks payable to **North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES)** and mail to:
Gail Boggs, Fayetteville Public Works Commission,
P.O. Box 1089
Fayetteville, NC 28302-1089



**The NCAMES 2018 Annual Sporting Clay
Tournament
May 15, 2018**

Red-Hen Reserve & Hunting club

3720 N.C. HWY 268
Lenoir, NC 28645
828-320-1964

Event Schedule: **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:00 AM check-in;** Format will be 4 Man teams. Participants will provide their gun (12 gauges and 20 gauges). **NOTE: The range does not provide carts; however, you are welcome to bring your own cart, four-wheeler, side-by-side, etc. if you like to. These recreational vehicles must stay on the course path.**

Registration Deadline is Monday, April 16, 2018

For directions and additional information regarding the Red-Hen Reserve & Hunting Club visit <http://redhenreserve.com>.

For more information regarding this year's event please call Doug Huffman, Town of Dallas, (704) 913-0840 Or E-mail – dhuffman@dallasnc.net.

Team Sponsor

Company: _____

Company Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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