





2019 IUOTA/ IUSTA Annual Conference

August 19-23, 2019 Point Lookout Northport, Maine

Opening Reception



The conference kicked off with an opening reception at the Point Lookout summit, which offered spectacular views of the islands in Penobscot Bay. Buckingham provided the open bar and sponsored the post-reception pizza and bowling.









Welcome and Keynote



Dave Labelle, Avangrid's vice president of safety, gave the conference welcome, which included a moment of silence for two fallen workers from EJ Electric. Nathan Boutwell, Avangrid's safety director, delivered the keynote address: "Changing Our View of Risk."









IUOTA Presentations

Day 1 IUOTA presentations included those from Southern California Edison on solar farm safety, Mark Todd on the benefits of a safe culture, and Dave Bellavance and Bill Hinrichs on Riggs Distler's response to a serious incident.











IUSTA Presentations



IUSTA presenters included, clockwise from above, PECO's Randy Wade (Hazard Recognition), ComEd's Kristina Castleberry (EPZ Training at Exelon), and Enmax's Mike Myers (Transient Voltages on GIS).









Vendors



Led by host Buckingham, 35 different vendors participated in the conference, sponsoring the sessions and the social events.







Lobster Bake



What trip to Maine would be complete without a lobster bake? More than 175 conference guests feasted on lobster, clams, and other local favorites. Milwaukee Tools sponsored the open bar.









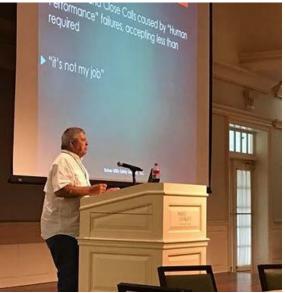


IUOTA Presentations



Day 2 IUOTA presenters included Brady Hanson (Electricity Without Borders), David McPeak (Leadership), and Danny Raines (Accepting the Unacceptable).









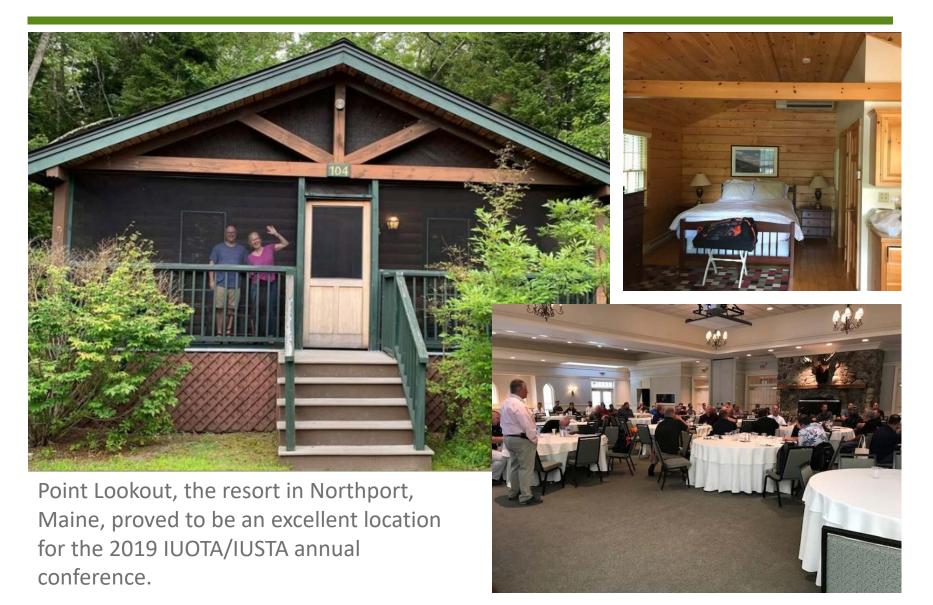
After Hours Fun







Point Lookout







Not Pictured

In the midst of a ton of fun and interesting learning sessions, sometimes we forget to aim our cameras. The following parts of the conference were under-represented in the photo collection:

- The golf outing, held at Rockland Public Golf Course, where 42 players hit balls into the morning fog during the conference's annual scramble.
- Pizza and bowling, at Point Lookout's conference room that contains an eight lane bowling alley.
- The spouse's shopping tour of nearby Camden Village and of Cellardoor Winery.
- The CUSP class and exam, held Thursday and Friday after the formal conference ended.
- Countless conversations and laughs among professional colleagues with the common mission of making utility work as safe as it can be!





Full Vendor List

- Buckingham Manufacturing
- Milwaukee Power Tools
- Linemen's Supply
- Lakeland Industries
- Youngstown Glove
- CRC Industries
- Utility Solutions
- Briotix health
- JELCO
- Irby
- GlenGuard
- MADI
- Bashlin Industries
- Apparel Solutions
- Estex MFG
- AirSpade
- SafeGuard Equipment
- Stat-X Fire Suppression
- Alexander Publications

- Klein Tools, Inc.
- Fluke Corporation
- HD Electric
- Hiliti
- Certified Safety
- Yale Cordage
- Tyndale Company, Inc.
- Von Corporation
- Lowell Corporation
- Huskie Tools
- D&D Electric Sales
- Ripley Tools LLC
- Remote Solutions LLC
- LVA Sales
- On Target Utility Services





Utilities and Contractors Represented

Utilities:

- Avangrid
 - o Central Maine Power
 - o United Illuminating
 - o NYSEG
 - o Rochester Gas & Electric
- Liberty Utilities
- Southern California Edison
- Enmax
- British Columbia Hydro
- Duke Energy
- Exelon
 - o PECO
 - o ComEd
 - o PEPCO
- PSEG
- Tampa Electric
- Orange & Rockland
- Peabody Municipal

- Eversource
- Pennsylvania Power & Light
- Wisconsin Power & Light
- Madison Gas & Electric
- We Energies
- Lansing Water and Power
- SCE
- EPCOR



Attendees were able to try out Avangrid's mobile slip simulator, which teaches people how to walk on slippery surfaces like ice and snow.

Contractors:

- Asplundh
- Riggs Distler
- Northline
- On Target
- MasTec/3 Phase
- MJ Electric
- Carr & Duff
- Electricities
- Miller Brothers
- IB Able
- Raines Utility Safety Services



2020

The host utility and host vendor for 2020's IUOTA/IUSTA Annual Conference is expected to be announced in the fall of 2019. Remember, there is no fee to attend the sessions, as our vendors generously cover it all.

Hope to see you then!



