

Record Registrations

Education and Training hit the ground running on January 3, 2017 with the opening of registration for the Spring 2017 courses. Many members were waiting at the various training centres bright and early for 7:30 a.m. opening to be greeted by our Education and Training administration and support staff. A big thank you to the administration and support staff for making the process streamlined and organized.

A record 304 online registrations were received within the first week, and although some courses have been filled there are many other options available for our members to choose from. The updates are periodically posted on the Education and Training website at www.education.ibew.org. We encourage all members to consider taking one of our regular courses or one of the new ones. If you cannot make a long term commitment, consider attending a one-night seminar instead.

Reminders When Completing Course Registration Form

It is important to remember when completing the course registration form to include your IBEW **Membership #** and **OCOT #**. This will enable our administration staff to quickly process your application – missing information creates unnecessary delays.

Joint Apprenticeship Council Opens for Applications



The *Joint Apprenticeship Council* will be open for applications from **March 6 – 9, 2017**. It will run from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily at the IBEW 353 Mississauga Training Centre, 3185 Orlando Drive, Mississauga. For more information and details on how to apply please visit the JAC website at www.electricalapprenticeship.ca

One Night Seminars

Once again, we are hosting *Klein Tools* and *Werner Ladders* at our training centres in Mississauga, Toronto and Barrie. Be sure to sign up as these filled up quickly last fall! The electrical industry is continuously evolving and it can be difficult to keep up with new technologies and tools available to contractors and workers in the field. To keep pace we are working hard to continue to provide new and innovative seminars to you. Currently, we are working with *Thomas and Betts* to create a **PVC Coated Conduit** seminar. Fuses are an area that we don't pay enough attention to so we are excited to be working with *Mersen* to bring a Fuse training seminar on board. Stay tuned for further updates.

Residential Training

We are pleased to announce that for the first time we will be providing a residential training program. This program will be open to all members, while targeting residential apprentices in first through third terms of apprenticeship. This program is currently under development and we are anticipating offering it in the Fall 2017 catalogue. This will be a combination of hands-on and theory concentrating on code,

learning how to do a guy system for service masts, heating systems, permits and much more. The course will be restricted to 10 students due to the extensive hands-on component.

Training Partners

We are continually grateful to our generous training partners who provide donations to the department, along with providing curriculum development and technical support. Without them we could not continue to grow the variety of courses and seminars so vitally important to you.

Schneider Electric recently came on as a partner by providing both technical support, start-up materials and special pricing for equipment and materials in the development of the Residential program. We are also grateful to *Independent Electric Supply Inc.* for bringing Schneider Electric to the table.



Always remember that “The capacity to learn is a *gift*; the ability to learn is a *skill*; the willingness to learn is a *choice*.” **Brian Herbert**

Yours in Training,

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