



September 25–27
2019

Foreman & Supervisor Conference





Greetings,

Welcome to the 2019 ECG Foreman & Supervisor Conference. We are excited to have you here at Callaway Gardens Lodge & Spa. Your attendance and participation drives us to bring you the latest trending topics in our industry and challenge our members to incorporate safe and reliable techniques to enhance daily operations.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary for the Foreman & Supervisor Conference and within those years, I'm proud to say we have brought you experts, vendors, demonstrations, and industry related technology that has proven results of educating utility professionals across the state of Georgia and Florida. To remain consistent, this year is no different. It's our goal to keep you informed on the latest safety techniques, tools, management styles and create an environment conducive for establishing and building professional relationships with peers and utility experts.

Thank you to our sponsors and strategic partners for helping us make this conference a success. Your participation and sponsorship is greatly appreciated. Please take full advantage of the information presented and the vendor expo. Enjoy your time here, and I look forward to networking with you.

Jon Beasley

Vice President, Training & Safety

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GOLD

Alston & Bird LLP is a full service law firm headquartered in Atlanta with 850+ attorneys and history dating back to 1893. Its attorneys are ranked among the best in the U.S. and the world and it has strong practice teams specializing in energy, utility and infrastructure development and regulation, public and private finance, economic incentives and construction and government contracting. It is counsel to MEAG Power, general counsel to the Gas Authority, Public Gas Partners and Electric Cities of Georgia as well as representing many of their governmental members in matters large and small.

SILVER



Bleu Lion Media. Founded by Emily Breault, a University of Georgia alumni, Bleu Lion Media is a full service video production company headquartered in Atlanta with clients across the country. We produce television, corporate sales and marketing videos specializing in the industrial sector including power utilities, manufacturing, and hospitals, but we can do anything that involves a story and a camera. We develop creative and engaging stories that effectively communicate the purpose and message of each client. Our creative and skilled team of writers, designers, videographers, and editors, can take your project from conception to all aspects of production and post-production. We've worked with big brands such as Chick-fil-A, Harlem Globetrotters, Piedmont Healthcare, Ace Hardware, Rooms to Go, Belk, and UPTv to name a few. We create projects of all sizes, big or small. There's no project we can't handle.

BRONZE



MasTec. As one of the nation's leading providers of electric-utility construction and maintenance services, MasTec enables the efficient and reliable generation, transmission and distribution of electricity to homes and businesses across the country. Our large workforce combined with our extensive and diverse equipment fleet allows us to effectively meet our clients' needs for specific construction projects, as well as emergency repair situations and ongoing maintenance.



Kendall. For nearly 60 years, Kendall has provided professional vegetation services to utility companies across the south and central United States. We specialize in right of way clearing, herbicide control, storm services, and power line clearing. We have worked hard to become the largest vegetation services provider headquartered in the Southeast and would appreciate the opportunity to partner with you.

If you are in need of a professional, seasoned, and dependable team to handle your vegetation maintenance, contact us today. We look forward to the chance to work on your behalf, meet your needs, and exceed your expectations.



CONFERENCE



Versalift Southeast. Aerial lifts that are designed and build by Versalift are the safest and most reliable in the industry. Since 1965, Versalift has established a reputation as an innovative industry leader in aerial lifts. The company contributes to make advancements in engineering for safety and stability, and prides itself on the reliability of its aerial lifts.

ASPLUNDH

Asplundh. Since 1928, Asplundh Tree Expert has been dedicated to safe, efficient and innovative line clearance services to the utility industry. As a full-service utility contractor Asplundh performs tree pruning and removals, right-of-way clearing and maintenance, vegetation management with herbicides and emergency storm work and logistical support.



Trees Unlimited. Trees Unlimited is a full service tree care company. Our scope of work covers all your tree care needs from residential trimming to commercial right-of-way clearing.

All meetings held in Longleaf D-E unless noted.

Wednesday **25** September 25

9:00

ECG BOARD MEETING

1:00–4:00

CALLAWAY GARDENS RESORT & GARDENS MOUNTAIN VIEW COURSE

2:00

VENDOR SETUP

Longleaf ABC

4:00–5:30

REGISTRATION

Dinner on your own



Thursday **26** September 26

6:30–8:00

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00–8:20

PRESENTATION OF COLORS — COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY ROTC

8:20–8:30

WELCOME — JON BEASLEY, ECG



Jon Beasley

Vice President of Training & Safety, ECG

Jon Beasley is the Vice President of Training and Safety for ECG (Electric Cities of Georgia). He began his line life in 1979 as a Groundman and continued to Journeyman Lineman to Instructor to Director. He and his team actively train workers in Georgia & Florida, covering 68 utilities and recently acquiring the US Virgin Islands WAPA.

Jon is responsible for the ECG Powerline Schools; consisting of a Groundman, Apprenticeship Lineman Program, Underground, Meterman and the Advanced Lineman Program. In addition to the Powerline Schools, Jon and his team are responsible for Mutual Aid response for the Georgia Cities; they coordinate and lead utility crews during mutual aid events in state, as well as, assisting with large out-of-state events. He provides accident investigations with expert-witness testimony for the benefit of ECG member utilities.

He led the effort in the creation of the “Georgia Lineman’s Rodeo.” He was also a key contributor of the creation of the “APPA Line Workers Rodeo” serving as Master Judge at its inception in 2001 until 2013. His journeyman team competed in the “International Lineman’s Rodeo” in Kansas City, MO winning first place with 226 teams competing.

APPA honored Jon with the “Kramer-Preston Personal Service Award” in 2006 for his dedicated work and support to Public Power. He is past chair of the APPA E&O Section and Safety Committee and served 6 years on the APPA RP3 panel, and is currently serving on the Mutual Aid Working Group, and is vice-chair of the APPA Safety Manual Review Task Force.

Most recently Jon was a 2018 inductee in to the “International Lineman’s Hall of Fame.”

8:30–8:45

THE JEFF COOK AWARD FOR SAFETY EXCELLENCE BRANDON WYLIE, ECG



Brandon Wylie

Director, Training & Safety

Having over 20 years' experience in the powerline industry, Brandon is currently the Director of Training & Safety with ECG. He currently serves as chairman of the Safety Committee for APPA and as a member on the RP3 Panel. Brandon also serves on the Board of Directors for the International Lineman's Museum and Hall of Fame. He has served as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the "Georgia Lineman's Rodeo," an "APPA Power Lineman's Competition" Judge and Competitor as well as a Competitor in the "International Power Lineman's Competition."

Brandon is a Certified Utility Safety Professional (CUSP) and a certified instructor in numerous areas including: Georgia Dept. of Transportation Temporary Traffic Control, Aerial Lift & Pole-top Rescue, OSHA Trenching and Excavation Competent Person, Confined Space, Electrical Hazards & High-Voltage, and CPR/AED and First Aid. He is a member of the National Utility Training & Safety Education Association (NUTSEA), the Utility Safety Operations & Leadership Network (USOLN), and was selected as a "Rising Star of Public Power" by the American Public Power Association in 2011. Brandon has also served on the board of the National Association of Journeymen Linemen as Vice Chair.

8:45–9:45

LEADING WITH PURPOSE — MICHAEL REGISTER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, QUIET PROFESSIONALS, LLC



Michael Register

Chief Operating Officer, Quiet Professionals, LLC

Mr. Register is the Chief Operating Officer of a veteran owned business that provides support to our nation's special operations community. Formerly, Mr. Register was the Director of Public Safety for Cobb County Government where he managed over 1200 personnel. Mr. Register has over 30 years of law enforcement experience. He has served as the Chief of Police for the Cobb County Police Department and the Clayton County Police Department. During his tenure as Police Chief, he introduced many innovative community oriented policing concepts and initiatives which helped to strengthen community partnerships and enhance public safety. Before his tenure as Chief with Cobb and Clayton Counties, Mr. Register managed an operational, intelligence and law enforcement centric program at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The program was responsible for locating and identifying individuals, as well as criminal and terrorist organizations globally that facilitated, funded or used improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to threaten the security and stability of the United States and its partners. He has assisted in advising U.S. government, partner nation military units, and law enforcement organizations, such as the Canadian military and the New York Police Department in counter-IED and terrorism related subjects. Mr. Register also served 22 years in the U.S. Army Special Operations community, where he was a member of the 11th and 20th Special Forces Group and deployed to numerous countries, to include combat operations in Afghanistan, where he served on a Special Forces mobile recon element.



9:45–10:00

SERVICE TERRITORY MAPS AND GIS



Walter West

Chief Operating Officer & Senior Vice President

As Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President, Walter is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the engineering and analytical services of the company. He brings 35 years of experience to the organization. In this role, Walter lends his expertise to the continuing development of the strategic and fiduciary plan for ECG.

With measurable success from an extensive background in engineering, analytical and business relationships, Walter participated in the effort to create the ECG that exists today. Since the development of ECG as a not-for-profit service organization, Walter has provided leadership to develop several new services and business opportunities that have made ECG a healthier organization with greater opportunity for ECG Participant revenue and benefit.

Walter has been a leader on behalf of Public Power organizations for 25 years. In his leadership role, Walter works with a number of industry and consumer leaders to best position ECG and the ECG Participants.

10:00–10:15

BREAK

10:15–11:45

WHAT'S NEW IN FR CLOTHING — HUGH HOAGLAND, ARCWEAR



Hugh Hoagland

Hugh Hoagland is among the world's foremost experts on arc testing and electrical safety. He is a senior partner and co-founder of e-Hazard, a leading electrical safety training and consulting firm, and the founder of ArcWear, which does 90% of the world's arc flash testing of protective apparel.

As an R & D Director at NASCO, he helped invent arc rated raingear and arc flash face shield materials, and he holds several patents related to arc flash protection. Hugh serves on many international standards committees including NFPA, ASTM, IEEE, IEC, and has helped develop electrical and flash fire safety legislation and standards in the U.S., Europe and internationally. He has trained over 50,000 line-workers, managers and electricians at large electric users and electric utilities, and is a featured speaker at safety conferences. He is an associate editor for the IEEE Electrical Safety Committee and a Senior Member of IEEE, and has published more than sixty articles and papers on arc flash, electrical safety and PPE.

11:45–1:00

LUNCH BUFFET

1:00–2:00

DEAD OR DEADLINE — MICHAEL McCLEARY, FMPA



Mike McCleary

Mike McCleary is Manager of Member Services Development for the Florida Municipal Power Agency where he is responsible for helping FMPA's members identify operational opportunities and improve efficiencies.

Mike has more than 36 years of experience in public power. Prior to joining FMPA, he was the Manager of Energy Delivery for Ocala Electric Utility. He also served as Supervisor of Electric Transmission and Distribution; Linecrew Foreman; and Lineman. Mike was also formerly with Electric Cities of Georgia as Training and Safety Specialist, where he developed presentations for lineworkers and other technical staff at ECG's member utilities.

2:00–3:00

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL? — SCOTT MORGAN, MORGAN ADVANCED PRODUCTS



Scott Morgan

Scott Morgan began his career in the utility field in 1978 where he worked for Memphis Light, Gas & Water. Scott then worked for Altec Industries as a Territory Sales representative and a Tools Sale Manager for Equity Utility Service / Irby until 2009. In 2009, Scott started his own company - Morgan Advanced Products, Ltd. Scott has a B.S. Degree from Christian Brothers University. He is A.S.T.M. trained and approved on construction and testing PPE grounds and jumpers. Scott conducts training classes for line locators, secondary and primary fault locating and proper operations of ServiSavors and other specialized equipment for ECG, GEMA, ECOFL, and JTS.

3:00–3:15

BREAK

3:15–4:15

FR CLOTHING, RAIN SUITS AND FACE SHIELDS | CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION ROUNDTABLE — HUGH HOAGLAND, ARCWEAR & BRENT MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR OF ELECTRIC T&D, CITY UTILITIES

4:15–4:30

VENDOR INTRODUCTIONS

5:00–6:30

VENDOR EXPO Longleaf ABC

6:30–8:00

DINNER ON THE LAWN



Friday **27** September 27

6:30–8:00

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00–9:30

INDUSTRY AND NAVAJO UPDATE — MICHAEL HYLAND, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, APPA



Michael Hyland

Michael J. Hyland is currently the Senior Vice President of Engineering Services for the American Public Power Association in Washington, DC. His department covers the majority of engineering issues faced by public power, including Research & Development; Engineering and Operations; Distributed Resources; Safety; Smart Grid; Cyber and Physical Security and all other items that tend to be listed under ‘Operations’ of an electric utility.

Prior to coming to APPA in 1996, he worked in various engineering positions with Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Philadelphia Electric Company. Mike’s background includes a BSEE from Drexel University, and he’s a registered Professional Engineer. Mike is the former Chair of the IEEE National Electric Safety Code for the 2012 and 2017 editions, and has served on a variety of committees ranging from NERC’s Planning/Engineering Committee to Task Forces at DOE, DHS, OSHA, etc.

9:30–9:45

BREAK

9:45–10:45

HOW TO KEEP YOUR LINEMAN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION — BRIAN THOMPSON, DIRECTOR OF ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, CITY OF MONROE



Brian Thompson

Brian has over 28 years' experience in the telecommunications field working with the City of Monroe. For 18 years, he held the position of the Telecommunications Director, and for the past 11 years holds the position of the Director of Electric and Telecommunications. Brian and his wife Tracey live in Gratis.

10:45–11:45

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NESC AND FR — BRENT MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR OF ELECTRIC T&D, CITY UTILITIES



Brent McKinney, P.E.

Brent McKinney is Director of Electric Transmission and Distribution for City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri. He has responsibility for delivering electricity safely and reliably to 115,000 customers in Missouri's third largest city. Brent has 33 years of experience in Electrical Engineering, Operations, and Tree Management.

Brent is the past Chairman of the American Public Power Association's Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) committee. He also has served as Chairman of APPA's Electric Transmission and Distribution Committee, System Planning Committee and Chairman of APPA's Engineering and Operations Committee. McKinney is a principle voting member and Secretariat of the National Electric Safety Code Subcommittee 8 (work rules), representing APPA. He is also the chairman of the NESC Arc Flash working group and has been a part of every arc flash group created by the NESC. He was one of the eight primary authors of the original arc flash rules.

Brent has a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering, plus an additional Master's degree in Engineering Management, from the Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla, Missouri. He is a registered professional engineer in Missouri.

11:45–12:00

DOOR PRIZES AND ADJOURN



ECG Member Attendees

Acworth

Bob Coleman, Foreman
Tim Houston, Alderman | *ECG Board Member*
David Ross, Lineman

Albany

Jason Clenney, Lineman
Stacy Cook, Lineman
Jimmy Norman, Director of Utility Operations
Vince Williams, Lineman

Blakely

Stephen Welch, Electric Foreman

Cairo

James Jenkins, Crew Leader
Sam Kines, Warehouse Supervisor
Jerome Mollins, Crew Leader
Rod Prince, Energy Services Director | *ECG Board Member*

Calhoun

Nick Land, Lineman
Alan McCormick, Lineman
Brett Sane, Operations Manager

Cartersville

Jeff Nalli, Purchasing Agent/Warehouse Coordinator
Taylor White, Lead Lineman
Justin Whitner, Energy Services Supervisor

Commerce

Kelly Slater, Electric Superintendent

Covington

Josh Bennett, ROW Foreman
Joel Smith, Underground Foreman

Crisp County

Ray Hough, Journeyman Lineman
Blake Manning, Crew Leader
Gary Youngblood, Operations Manager | *ECG Board Member*

Dalton

Brandon Kerr, Electric Foreman
Brad Tallent, Manager of Operations
Wes Ward, Lineman

Douglas

Lamar Hill, Contractor | *ECG Board Member*
Charlie Purcell, Electric Distribution Supervisor
Rex Ricitson, Crew Leader

Ellaville

Adam Wall, Electric Superintendent

Fairburn

Matthew Anderson, Foreman
Travis McElwaney, Foreman
Eddie Powell, Electric Superintendent

Fitzgerald

Sam Battle, Electric Distribution Superintendent
Michael Hendley, Electric Foreman
Jeff Lewis, General Manager/CEO
Jim Sellars, Office Manager/CFO
Steve Sutton, Electric Foreman

Fort Valley

Craig Mims, General Manager/CEO | *ECG Board Member*
Jason Johnson, Operations Manager
Mike Massengale, Electric Foreman

ECG Member Attendees

Griffin

Jason Crane, Superintendent of Technical Services
Jacob Miller, Engineer
Mike Poole, Foreman
Rusty Spear, Superintendent, Line Construction
Eric Weems, Lineman

Jackson

Kevin Garner, Lineman

LaFayette

Thomas Ellis, Electric Foreman

LaGrange

Jay Bartlett, Electric Superintendent | *ECG Board Member*
Kyle Duffie, Journey Lineman
Kyle Hyatt, Journey Lineman
Shane McRae, General Foreman
CJ Moore, Right of Way Foreman
Tommy Powell, Lead Trimmer

Monroe

Jacob Chapman, Lineman
Dennis Cooper, Lineman
Jim Holbrooks, Electric Foreman
Brian Thompson, Director of Electric & Telecommunications

Monticello

Mike Boykin, Electric Superintendent

Moultrie

Jason Chapman, Crew Leader
Randy Milam, Supervisor

Newnan

Alexis Brooks, Director of Electrical Operations
Darrell Brown, Crew Leader
Justin Bruce, Lineman

Norcross

Tim Sutton, Lineman II
Joe Briscoe, Electric Supervisor

Thomaston

Garry Sledge, Line Foreman
Rodney Daniel, Line Foreman

Thomasville

Brent Alderman, Electric Superintendent
Rudy Thompson, Lead Lineman/Crew Leader
Jarrett Turnbull, Lead Lineman/Crew Leader
Bruce Whittington, Electric & Engineering Director | *ECG Board Member*

Troy

Kevin Jordan, General Construction Foreman

West Point

Sammy Inman, Utilities Director
Kerry Wright, Electric Superintendent

Whigham

Josh Ausburn, Electric Superintendent

Additional Attendees

Alston & Bird GOLD SPONSOR

Peter Floyd, Partner

Altec Supply

Tim Lukker, Account Manager
Morgan Riddle, Account Manager

Asplundh Tree Expert LLC CONFERENCE SPONSOR

Steve Deacon, Supervisor

Bleu Lion Media SILVER SPONSOR

Emily Breault, President

Deep South Utility Services

Rocky Hancock, Line Supervisor
Joe Harrell, Owner
Lethea Knuth, Office Manager
Buddy Ward, Inspector

C&S Solutions

Bradley Sorrells, Sales

ECG

Jeff Adams, Principal Engineer
James Adams, Training & Safety Specialist
Gary Ballard, Engineer
Jon Beasley, Vice President, Training & Safety
Tina Bridges, Member Solutions Specialist
Sallie Coleman, Sr. Vice President & CFO
Brandon Connelly, CAD Drafter
Nick Foshee, Analyst
John Giles, President & CEO
Rickey Harris, Engineer
Rita Hillhouse, Executive Assistant
Preston Howell, Training & Safety Specialist
Brian Jaynes, Director, Engineering
Wayne Jones, Engineer
Don Koppes, Sr. CAD Drafter
Greg Lee, Engineer
Sabrina Milner, Director, Communications

Greg Phillips, Training & Safety Specialist
Stephen Reynolds, GIS Engineer
Ellen Richardson, Director, Member Solutions
Calvin Vallee, Training & Safety Specialist
Walter West, Sr. Vice President & COO
Brandon Wylie, Director, Training & Safety

Emerald Transformer

Bobby Flemming, Sales & Business Development
Shannon Wright, Southeast Regional Sales Manager

Equipment Technology LLC

Scott Perkey, Regional Sales Manager

FRM, Inc.

Alan Anderson, Sales Representative

GHMR Company, Inc.

Parker Moore, Account Manager

Gresco

Josh Carney, Technical Services Representative
Jason Chandler, Tool Specialist/Account Manager
Dan Jones, Account Manager
Lee McLendon, Account Manager

MasTec North America, Inc. BRONZE SPONSOR

Terry Brimer, Area Manager
Brian Roper, Director of Operations
Lonnie Thurman, Safety Coordinator

MEAG

Rickey Dorsey, Transmission System Administrator
John Greaves, Transmission System Administrator
Stuart Jones, Senior Regional Manager
Fred Shelby, Manager, Transmission, Operations & Maintenance
Bobby West, Sr. O&M Coordinator

Morgan Advanced Products, Inc.

Scott Morgan, President

Additional Attendees

NaturChem, Inc.

Brad Gregory, Account Manager
Jesse Moss, Sales Representative

Osmose Utilities Services

Tom Roeser, Director, Business Development

PowerGrid Services, Collective Storm Response

Kelli Staudt, Director, Business Development
Patrick White, Project Development Director

SouthCon

Dan Sciba, Outside Sales

Southeastern Testing Laboratory

Michael Marable, Sales Representative

Southeastern Wood Pole Inspectors

Jeff Chleboun, Business Manager
Fred Norris, President

Southern Linc

Ken Moebs, Data Sales Executive
Lonnie Pate, Market Area Sales Manager

Sunbelt-Solomon Solutions

Charlie Williams, Outside Sales

Tantalus Systems Corporation

Jonathan Leake, Project Manager
John O'Leary, Account Manager

The Cotton Gin Clothing Company

Scott Carver, Owner

Trees Unlimited CONFERENCE SPONSOR

Bill Morris, General Manager

U-TEC Construction, Inc.

Ronnie Dodson, Manager
David Mathis, Manager

Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service

Curt Kopacek, Sales Representative
Adam Zehr, Sales Representative

Versalift Southeast CONFERENCE SPONSOR

Jerald Phillips, Account Manager

Volt Power

Christine Carling, Division Manager
Jay Shumar, Account Executive

WA Kendall & Company BRONZE SPONSOR

Craig Faulk, Regional Manager

Whitehead & Associates, Inc.

Greg Rohan, Account Manager
Raymond White, Account Manager



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