



Utility Planning and Risk Management

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Electric utilities are complex businesses that require careful attention to detail and comprehensive planning to maximize efficient operations. Advances in technology and customer needs are forcing the utility industry to change at an increasingly rapid pace. Now more than ever, utilities need to understand where they are now, where the industry is headed, and how the utility will adapt to the changing landscape. This seminar will explain the basics of strategic and operational planning, why planning matters, and how well-thought-out plans and careful assessments of risks can contribute to long-term success.

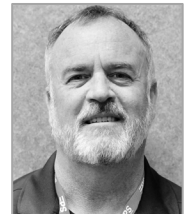
*MEUW's Fundamentals of Utility Management training series is designed for municipal workers of all skill levels and backgrounds and is intended as a foundation for understanding the public power industry. The subject matter is especially helpful for newcomers and those who aspire to expanded responsibilities. **Individuals tasked with oversight for municipal utility operations** — including Utility Commissioners and Council Members — also will find this session beneficial to recognize important things to consider when evaluating long-term utility plans.*

Training topics include:

- Planning strategically and thinking “outside the box” — moving beyond “that’s the way we’ve always done it”
- Overcoming resistance to change
- Understanding the advantages of planning and maintenance
- Properly identifying project timelines and responsibilities
- Wisconsin law regarding the bidding process for construction projects
- Developing effective Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and determining an accurate “scope of work” for engineers, contractors, and employees
- Assessing your utility’s risk areas and insurance coverage needs
- Proactively addressing security concerns

About the instructor

Dave Krause is a Professional Engineer and has more than 25 years of experience in electric power systems engineering and management for municipal, cooperative, and investor-owned utilities. His experience includes system planning, project design and engineering, cost estimation, contingency planning, specifications, construction and construction management, safety training and program development, technical training, system startup, power quality testing, expert witness testimony, and system restoration. Dave is currently Engineering Operations Manager for EPS Engineering & Design, Inc. and has been involved in a variety of projects such as electric distribution system conversions, substation expansions, and distributed generation interconnections, among others.



Training Location

The Lodge At Mauston

104 Lodge Lane, Mauston

Phone: (608) 747-2200

A room block has been reserved for the seminar. Please reference the MEUW Training Program and reserve no later than May 15 to receive the special rate.

**Register online at
meuw.org**

Deadline: ct. 2

\$295 for MEUW members

Cancellations are subject to MEUW Policy.

The day's schedule

- Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
- Training begins at 9 a.m. and concludes by 3:30 p.m.
- Lunch and afternoon refreshments are provided

