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The Electric League of Maryland continues to be a viable voice in the industry through advocacy, education, and legislative influence. Over the last five years, our association has changed with the times, providing valuable input to local jurisdictions and supporting businesses and organizations as new and emerging technology bring challenges to the task of providing safety and meeting other demands. The expertise needed to carry out everyday inspections and installations is increasing; therefore, we feel that the industry needs the Electric League of Maryland.

You are receiving an invoice with this letter for the 2023 year. Dues will remain at \$35. Due to recent changes in our office staff and procedures, we are only offering one type of renewal, paid through a check. We are no longer accepting credit card payments. We would appreciate it if you would fill out the attached Renewal Form and return your check and form to the address listed above.

Listed below are the various reasons that you should consider renewing your membership. We feel being a member of the Electric League of Maryland is a real bargain!

- The Electric League is an organization composed of leaders in the electrical industry.
- There is strength in numbers, and we continue to impact the field with new ideas, knowledge, and partnerships with other trades and organizations.
- We continue to investigate trends and report on State-wide issues affecting all local jurisdictions.
- We provide input into the N.E.C. and help to maintain high standards in installation and inspection of electrical equipment.
- We network with instructors and organizations who are responsible for certifying people for license renewal and Master Electrician standards and attempt to offer an affordable Continuing Education event every year.
- We provide updates on the National Electrical Code to our members, provide feedback to officials on legislative issues, and generally care about the safety of Marylanders and believe in the career path of knowledgeable and ethical Electricians. This provides a Code of Ethics within our industry that will enhance the professional standing of the membership in the community.
- We are bringing back our annual Bull Roast and Shrimp Feast in the Fall on October 7, 2023 – a time that provides an opportunity to socialize and network with others in the industry. You can expect the same great food, door prizes, and great music as we have had in the past. Flyers will be shared later this Spring.

A Hearing concerning Senate Bill 44, which was introduced by Senator Cory McCray, will be held on January 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. (see also a HB 149 companion Bill filed by Del. Hornberger). This Bill attempts to solve some of the issues which occurred last year with HB 1285. We are also including the link to SB 44 (below), a reminder to review the November 21, 2022 MUELEC Minutes, which will provide an overview of issues facing our industry at this moment (recently sent in Dec. 2022), and a recent note from the DLLR Executive Director John Bull concerning licensing issues. Please know we believe in you and understand the hard work, challenge, and rewards of being an Electrician. New trends affect us all, and we need you to influence the electrical industry, as it is your investment in the future of electrical power in the State of Maryland. Have a healthy and happy year!

Gilbert L. Thompson

Board Member and Legislative Liaison of the Electric League of Maryland

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0044?ys=2023RS> (link to SB 44)

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2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Electric League of Maryland has been representing the electrical industry and promoting industry objectives in Maryland since its inception in 1955. For over 50 years, our membership has grown and developed to include individual electricians, contractors, state and local government agencies, manufacturers, suppliers, and utility companies.

ELM promotes continuing education courses, beneficial legislative change within the electrical industry, and helps to provide industry resources for Maryland and the surrounding region.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$35.00

Active memberships will last 12 months and renewal notices will be sent annually. Your membership will be effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – a real bargain as the annual fee has not changed, and we did not send renewals last year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First, MI, Last) _____ Title/Position _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

COMPANY INFORMATION

At least yearly, the ELM will offer a CE class to benefit the industry at a reasonable cost. We could provide flyers and information to your company if you provide that information below.

Company Name _____ Type of Business _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Employees (Regional): _____

Additional: Do you have any special needs or interests the ELM can address in the coming year?

Due to the pandemic and changes in office procedures and staff, at this time we can only accept checks and not payment by credit card. Therefore, applications and checks for \$35 should be mailed to the Office of the Electric League of Maryland at P. O. Box 4, Fork, MD 21051.

From: ecabcomd.info@gmail.com,
To: ecabcomd.info@gmail.com,
Bcc: Susanjeanne@verizon.net,
Subject: DLLR Registration Info
Date: Fri, Jan 20, 2023 6:24 pm

Hello All,

I have had some people contact me that have sent registrations in with checks to DLLR and have not heard back but had checks cashed.

I received the following information that may help those that may know someone in the same situation.

First, we have never had mail in applications. We have had several people mail the journeyman certification form with a check thinking that it was an application, even though we advertised on the websites and everywhere else that the application was on-line only and the journeyman cert is only a supporting document. What happens is when the Board receives mail it is sorted by our processing center. Anything with a check or money order is pulled and sent to our financial center who deposits the money and then forwards the paperwork to the Board. As a Board we can not handle money in any form or fashion because we issue licenses. When we see a journeyman cert come in by mail and there is no application for it we attempt to contact the Master listed on the form and have them tell the applicant to file the application online and let us know they did and provide a copy of the cancelled check from before. We then refund the check because the online application requires a credit card payment. If the master does not contact the applicant, which happens more than you think and tell them to file the application there is nothing we can do with the journeyman cert because we do not have any contact info on it. Eventually the journeyman cert is thrown away and we have no choice but to wait for the applicant to call wondering where their license is. At that point, we help them as best as we can. Prior to December 31st we would get them to apply asap and process it. Now after the waiver period there is nothing we can do. Because the applicant didn't read the directions on the website correctly and applied the wrong way.

Secondly, we are sending the email or a variation of it. In the beginning we would send a reminder to send the journeyman certification. Because of the high volume of applications we do not do that anymore, rather we put a reminder on the website and in the application process. Well over three quarters of the applicants still fail to send us the journeyman cert form. As we process applications if we don't have a journeyman cert we will send them the email to send us the paperwork within 30-days or the application will be denied and the fee refunded. A large majority send the documents. For those that don't they will be given a final notice and a timeframe to send the document. If we don't get the documents we will then deny the applications for failing to supply the required documents and refund the money. We can not keep the application on file forever.

By the time we get to the point of denying an application the applicant has had from the time they applied until we sent the 1st notice to provide the documents. Then an additional 30-days with the 1st notice, followed by another window of time to provide the documents with the final notice. If an applicant tells us they are at least trying to get the documents together we will work with them. If however we hear nothing after all these notices and attempts we will deny the license.



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