The 2017 NEIEP Instructor training season officially wrapped up in November with the largest number of instructors attending workshops and seminars that the program has seen in recent years. Most training sessions were held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI, while others were offered in locations that accommodate the needs of the training. Basic and Advanced Train the Trainer, CPR/First Aid/AED, Motor Alignment, Motor/Generator, HCL, Hydraulic Valve, Solid State, Sig/Rig, and Motor Control Lab workshops were all held in Warwick. Forklift/Aerial Lift instructor training, as well as Scaffolding workshops, were held at NEIEP HQ. Welding instructor training is provided in conjunction with Lincoln Electric and takes place in Cleveland, OH. OSHA training is offered through EIWP in Columbia, MD. No matter the topic or location, these training experiences shape ideas and practices that help our instructors succeed in the classroom.
The DC Motor Lab workshop prepares instructors to facilitate lab work in their courses.

Instructors work through the HCL experiments using the five-step troubleshooting method.

NEIEP instructors operate the Hydro Valve lab to teach operation, adjustment, and methods of performing required testing.

Instructors getting to know the intricacies of the Motor Control lab.

The Solid State Lab workshop familiarizes instructors with the oscilloscope, frequency generator, digital bench meter, and power supply.
Instructors master the lab used to instruct our new CE037 Motor Alignment course.

Scaffolding training for instructors covers all safety aspects for foundations, components, regulations, guardrail requirements, and erection and dismantling procedures.

Instructors train on the complexities of proper rigging.

Aerial Lift training take our instructors to new heights.

Instructors master the lab used to instruct our new CE037 Motor Alignment course.
All in all, the seminars and workshops in 2017 were another successful opportunity for instructors to sharpen their skills and to network with their colleagues who share the same vital function of educating the future of the industry all around the country. Participants receive credit in the NEIEP Instructor Training Institute (NITI) toward completion of certificates in classroom instruction offered through our partnership with Roger Williams University. The program provides proof of competence in educating our trade.

NEIEP was honored to be part of the Women Build Nations Conference hosted by North America’s Building Trades Unions and Chicago Women in the Trades, October 13-15, 2017. CWIT is an organization founded by tradeswomen in 1981. From their website:

Chicago Women in the Trades (CWIT) works for women’s economic equity by increasing participation in well-paid, skilled jobs traditionally held by men and by eliminating barriers that prohibit women from entering and succeeding in these fields. We provide support, advocacy, and education to tradeswomen; work to increase training for women and girls to enter nontraditional jobs; provide assistance to employers, unions, and other service providers; document workforce trends; and advocate for policies and practices that support women’s access to and retention in skilled training and jobs.

NEIEP partnered with Carisa Barrett, the National Coordinator for the Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund; Dot Mynahan, Field Operations Director for Latin America and co-founder of FORWARD; Sarah Byrd, Otis Supervisor in LA and FORWARD lead for the Western Region; and Julie Munger, Otis Supervisor in Kalamazoo and FORWARD lead for the Midwest Region.

NEIEP was represented at the conference by:

• Maggie Cleveland – Institutional Program Design and Assessment Manager
• Emily Carter – Writing and Development Coordinator

The conference began Friday, October 13, with a day-long Practitioner’s Institute, a professional development event for industry practitioners focused on best practices to increase access for women into the skilled trades. On Saturday NEIEP hosted a Tools of the Trades booth during the conference workshops. The Tools of the Trades booths showcased apprenticeship materials and resources to women from other trades, women interested in joining a trade, and local high school and college age girls. NEIEP demonstrated our new Virtual HCL Course, Elevator Code Course, and our hands-on Scaffolding and Safety Bag labs.

NEIEP would like to thank all our representatives, the trades women who attended, the conference planners and organizers, and IUEC Local 2 Chicago for all their great work to help showcase NEIEP’s excellent apprenticeship program, and to further women’s inclusion in this amazing trade.

To learn more about the conference, as well as the organization, go to chicagowomenintrades2.org.

To watch a video of the conference, scan the QR Code or type bit.ly/womenbuildingnations in your Internet browser.
A new search feature has been launched on the NEIEP website. The membership, apprentices, mechanics, as well as those within the NEIEP office, have long clamored for this functionality, and we are pleased to announce its release.

As our website has grown over the years, it can often feel like things move around or rename themselves when you’re not looking. With the continuing growth of the program, as well as the website, these changes are often unavoidable. As we work to streamline the website, occasionally documents—or even entire sections of the website—might need to move to different locations. Sometimes the titles of documents or forms might be renamed to more accurately distinguish them from other, similar documents. All of this is part of our continued work to make sure that the website is secure, accessible, and that as we add new features they do not interfere with the features we are already supporting.

To aid our members, we have added a search feature in the upper right hard corner of the site. If you are not logged in, it will only pull documents from the public side of the site. Once logged in, it will show results based on the user’s role and what they have access to on the site.

This search feature works by searching tags that have been associated with a document. For example, if someone were looking for the Mechanic Activation Form and typed activation into the search, they would probably see the Mechanic Activation Form, as well as several other documents associated with the word activation.

The search feature will search for terms in several different categories across the website: document, galleries, widgets, links, messages, navigation, videos, and more.

In addition to the search feature, NEIEP has also rolled out a new Site Map, a link to which can be found at the bottom of any page on the website. A Site Map lists the main pages of a website, usually in hierarchical order. On the NEIEP website, you can use the Site Map to quickly navigate to the site’s most frequently visited pages and documents.

As with many things on the NEIEP website, we are still working on developing these features. Please help us by sending in your feedback. If you are looking for a specific document or page on the website and your search terms don’t return the results you were hoping for, let us know! We can update the tags and improve the search based on your feedback. Send any questions or feedback to support@neiep.org.

For real time info about what’s being added to (or moved) on the NEIEP website, as well as other critical updates, be sure to check the News Bulletin whenever you log into the NEIEP website.
FROM THE WAREHOUSE

A reminder - now is an excellent time to make sure labs are in working order for the spring semester. Don’t wait until you’re mid-way through the semester - if your labs are in need of repair and you don’t realize until it’s time to use them in the classroom, missing parts might not get to you in time. Go to http://www.neiep.org/instructors/Labs.aspx for a listing of all the labs, parts, and accessories you’ll need for a successful semester.