

The 2017 IBEW Utility Conference took place in Cleveland, Ohio, bringing together Local Unions across Canada and the US that service members in our utility sector. Speakers took to the stage to identify major changes in distribution and transmission, and the effects new technology, like drones, has on the way we work. IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson not only delivered a keynote address, but also said farewell to IBEW leaders who were set to retire May 1st, 2017 including IST Sam Chilia, and Jim Hunter, Director of the Utility Department.

Workshops took place throughout the conference, on the roll out of the Code of Excellence for the Utility Sector. Ross presented what, and how local 37 rolled it out to its members.

Canadian Utility Local Unions gathered for a half day Canadian Caucus to discuss issues specific to our country, sharing updates on what was happening regionally. IBEW Sector Conferences that take place annually for every branch of the IBEW allows for Local Unions to share best practices, challenges and solutions and hear industry updates enabling them to better serve their membership.

