

# 2024 NERA Meeting

The National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) meeting was hosted by Montana and held in Helena this year. The meeting was on August 20 and 21, with Kelly Welsh of Montana as the Chair. NERA consists of 18 member states with a mission to encourage similar regulations, without lessening the regulations of each member state, but trying to maintain some level of consistency to promote reciprocal agreements with states that have similar requirements.

The states that attended this meeting were:

- Alaska – Scott Demerow
- Idaho – Amy Lorenzo
- Iowa - Brian Young
- Minnesota – Steve Dudley
- Montana – Kelly Welsh
- Nebraska – Craig Thelen
- North Dakota – James Schmidt (virtually)
- Oklahoma – Ron Morris (virtually)
- South Dakota – Pam Overweg
- Texas – Larry Reichle
- Wisconsin – Garry Krause

Topics of discussion:

- 2026 first draft report with Tim McClintock
- Update on each state
  - Amendments to the NEC
  - Exam passing score
  - Hours to qualify to examine for the journeyworker license
  - Continuing education hours
  - Red Tape Initiative/Relief/Reduction
    - Montana
    - North Dakota
    - Iowa
    - Idaho
- Virtual inspections
- Electronic licensing and permitting software
  - eTRAKiT
  - GeoCivix
  - Thentia
  - Salesforce\*
  - iMS\*
- NERA Membership
  - Vermont was voted in as a member in February. They are reciprocal with New Hampshire
  - North Carolina attended virtually during part of the meeting and would like to join

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- Reach out to states that did not participate in this meeting
- Bylaw changes
  - Allow to attend the annual in person meeting virtually
    - Only under special circumstances
  - Clean up antiquated language
- Inspection requirements
- Quarterly virtual meetings
- Idaho to host in 2025