

## The Emperor Is Naked!

Dave Nelson, BCTA Secretary

The Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen is one of my favorite childhood stories. The tailors (swindlers) convinced the egotistical emperor that they could make him a magnificent wardrobe with clothes visible only to his best subjects, and invisible to the stupid and the incompetent. The citizens watched the tailors sew the clothes with invisible thread, saying not a word lest they be identified as stupid or incompetent. Finally, the emperor ordered a parade to show off his new clothes. His subjects stood respectfully on the curb, saying not a word as the emperor strutted before them. Suddenly, a little boy tugged his mother's sleeve and blurted out, "The emperor is naked!" and all the parade watchers looked at each other sheepishly.

This story comes to mind every time I hear or see energy discussions by the legacy media and the Administration. Facts and realistic analyses seem to be unwelcome. Considering that long-term national security, which includes energy security, should be the central goal, I cannot understand the apparent belief that "clean" electrical energy is the central vehicle in our journey to a society fueled by renewable energy.

First, fossil-based energy provides over eighty percent of our present energy consumption. Replacing this volume of energy will be a lengthy process, weighed down by burdensome regulations.

Our electrical grid is already overburdened in many locations. Adding transportation energy to the grid will require major reinforcements. The grid is vulnerable to weather and sabotage.

There has been an ongoing campaign to bolster

energy and communications infrastructure against EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse-- nuclear weapons that blow out the power grid) attacks, solar flares, and other disasters. Huge, damaging solar flares happen about every 150-200 years. Alternatively, pipelines are much much reliable than overhead transmission lines.

Reconstruction of the grid is an ongoing process that requires extensive planning. It takes years to replace the power grid transformers, up to two years for delivery . . . from China.

Political efforts have stalled to protect or strengthen the grid. It is estimated that for \$20-30 billion, we could get started by updating 5-7 percent of the grid with high-level capabilities. These expenditures are not favored by regulators who are focused on keeping short-term electrical rates low.

The positive news is a report that some electric utilities are reconsidering smaller nuclear power plants, a potential option to diversify our energy supply. Nuclear generation is the ultimate in low pollution energy production. Dairyland Power Cooperative in La Crosse is exploring adding nuclear energy back into its mix of power sources. The company has entered into an agreement with a Portland, Oregon company to explore using its smaller-scale nuclear generating technology.

We have the responsibility to make sure the emperor knows if he is naked.

*Dave*

## MAY MEETING NOTES

Ron Heuer, chairman of the Kewaunee County Republican Party, has become intensely involved with election integrity issues in Wisconsin. He founded and now directs the Wisconsin Voters Alliance. Ron commented on his experiences at the local and state levels:

I got involved in the Republican party when I came back from Canada in 2010. I've been the chairman of the Kewaunee County party for the last ten years. So I got to know a lot of the folks involved in government here in the state of Wisconsin, working a lot with the party -to build it over in Kewaunee County, proud to say that in the Presidential election, Trump had 69 percent of the vote in Kewaunee County.

Then came the election of 2020 and it came to my attention that all this Zuckerberg money was starting to flow into the election. And I said, look, if that happened and we gave up our operation of the election process to two billionaires, we have lost our Republic and good government. So I got involved, working with the attorney from the Thomas Moore Society, and put together this group formed in Kewaunee County called Wisconsin Voter Alliance. I became the president of that group. I had no idea that things are as bad as they are.

The Thomas Moore Society has been working with me day in and day out. They provide all of our legal services. I have been working with a guy named Eric Cardell, who's a great attorney. He is funded by the Thomas Moore Society.

The biggest problem with our process today is WEC, the Wisconsin Elections Commission. I believe that if they were doing their job, we would

not have seen what happened in 2020 in the five Wisconsin cities where the CTCL money rolled in and outsiders took control of the State's responsibilities.

The clerks across the state of Wisconsin use the Wisconsin Elections Commission as kind of a sounding board to get their guidance as to how they're supposed to be running the elections. If we had a good organization in place, I think it would work to the advantage of everybody involved in the election process. What happens today though, is you have a clerk who calls the WEC and they get Mary Jo the first time and they ask Mary Jo the question, they get one answer, they call back a second time and they get Jean and Jean gives them another answer. And so it goes, there's no consistency that the place, in my opinion, having been a business guy, is very poorly run. I think that reflects right back on the leadership and I'm talking about the commissioners as well as the chair.

Although we have a Republican State Assembly and a Republican Senate, the problem is we have a governor who is not a Republican. He is a liberal Democrat and everything that has been passed by the Assembly has been summarily disposed of by the governor. So there is a place in all of what we're doing for litigation. There's no question about that. We kind of put together a vision statement for the Wisconsin Voter Alliance, and a mission statement.

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### Monthly Meetings @ The Village Grille

Monthly meetings are held at **The Village Grille, corner of Hoffman and East River Drive, Allouez**. The location has no stairs or steps, convenient parking, and a room to better accommodate speakers and conversation. There will be three selections from which to choose lunch - each one will be priced at \$12 (including tip.) Lunch is at 12:00 noon with monthly speakers presenting.

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## JUNE MEETING NOTES

Attorney Lucas Vebber from the Wisconsin Institute For Law & Liberty (WILL) presented an explanation of the administrative state and administrative rules in Wisconsin.

The separation of powers is fundamental to the American government, both at the federal level and the state level. Everyone learns about the basic branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. We also separate the core powers of each branch to further protect Liberty. We also separate powers between the state government, the federal government between the state government, and the local government. That is the vertical separation of powers.

The more we can separate the powers of government, the less likely it is that any one individual or any faction of individuals can collect all those powers and use them against us to take our Liberty. Here in Wisconsin, our state constitution separates the powers of government, much like the federal government's separation of powers.

We vest our legislative power in a legislature, the Assembly, and the Senate. We vest our executive power in the governor. We vest our judicial power in the courts. We also have a couple of executive actors who are separate from the governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the superintendent of public instruction, but they are not vested with any powers themselves under the constitution of Wisconsin. Each power in each branch of government has what we call core powers. For example, lawmaking is an inherent legislative power. It is a core power of the legislature. There is a whole litany of case law on it, but no branch of government can delegate away or can give away its core power. This is the pretty basic separation of power stuff.

There are six basic steps to every rule making:

- ✓ Prepare a scope statement.
- ✓ Draft the rule.
- ✓ Prepare an economic impact analysis.
- ✓ Hold a public hearing.
- ✓ Obtain legislative hearings or legislative review,
- ✓ Publish the rule when it has final approval.

There are two types of rules. There are emergency rules and there are permanent rules. Both have the same legal force. Emergency rules are promulgated faster. It takes about 11 days minimum to promulgate an emergency rule, but they're only valid then for 150 days. They can be extended for up to 120 days beyond that, but no longer, no more than 270 days. So when you're promulgating an emergency rule, they have to jump through fewer hoops. They don't have to have a public hearing.

The definition of a rule is very important. "Rule" is defined by state law. It is a regulation, standard statement of policy, or general order of general application that has the force of law issued by an agency to implement, interpret, or make specific legislation and course, or administered by the agency or to govern the organization's procedure of the agency. So that definition is important. The agency has to promulgate every rule. So if they are going to make a decision that is a general order of general application, they have to promulgate that as a rule or it is invalid. They can't force you to do something. It's a general order. They haven't promulgated as a rule.

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## Meeting Location

**The Village Grille, Allouez**

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## **BCTA Meeting and Events Schedule – MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**Thursday - July 21, 2022** BCTA Monthly Meeting.  
12:00 at The Village Grille, Allouez  
Fred Krumberger,  
Village of Suamico Public Works Committee

**Tuesday - Aug 9, 2022** Fall Primary - Please Vote

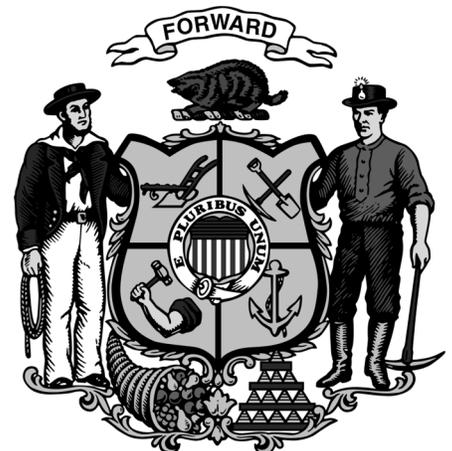
**Thursday - Aug 18, 2022** BCTA Monthly Meeting.  
12:00 at The Village Grille, Allouez

**BCTA monthly meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month, 12:00 Noon, at , at The Village Grille, Allouez.**

**Meetings are open to the public. BCTA Members, their guests and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend and participate in our open discussions.**

**COST: \$12.00, Payable at meeting. Includes lunch, tax & tip.  
Call Tom Sladek – 499-7701 for information or to leave message.**

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