

Lonnie R. Stephenson is the International President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, representing 775,000 active and retired members across North America.

A journeyman wireman by trade, Stephenson has emerged as a leading voice for dignity and respect for all electrical workers, strong and durable labor-management partnerships, and on-the-job excellence throughout all of the IBEW's industries.

He has made growth his top priority, and under his tenure, the IBEW has grown bigger and stronger each year.

He is also a champion of the Code of Excellence program, cementing strong IBEW-management partnerships throughout the electrical industry.

A native of Rock Island, Ill., Stephenson joined IBEW Local 145 in 1976. He served his local as steward, vice-president, president, and business manager, before being appointed international representative. In 2010, he became Vice-President for the IBEW's Sixth District, which covers much of the Midwest. He became International President in 2015.

The IBEW, founded in 1891, represents workers in construction, utility, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcast, and railroad, as well as government employees.