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MISSION STATEMENT

AMEA's mission is to provide for our Member communities a reliable and economical source of electric power, enabling them to preserve and enhance the benefits of municipal utility ownership for their citizens and the electric customers they serve. We strive to offer services that our Members need and can adapt to provide the best value for their communities and customers.

AMEA Election Committee re-elects board members

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) Election Committee, comprised of 11 representatives of AMEA's Member cities, met Thursday, Aug. 2, to elect, re-elect or replace directors whose terms expire at the end of the 2012 Annual Meeting, which will be held Thursday, Aug. 23.

The committee re-elected the following members to the AMEA Board of Directors: Don McClellan, City of Alexander City; Lee Young, City of Piedmont; and, Taylor Barbaree, City of Dothan. These members will serve a three-year term.



McClellan



Young



Barbaree

AMEA provides economic development support to Members

Throughout the past six months, AMEA has visited with Member city/utility leaders, as well as local economic developers, to review AMEA's Economic Development Program and statewide and regional strategic initiatives. Recently, Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, and Al Cook, Economic Development Marketing Consultant, visited with city leaders in Piedmont to discuss ways AMEA can support Piedmont's efforts in economic development. Cook's areas of consulting support include acting as AMEA's representative at economic development events and activities, serving as a liaison with the Alabama Department of Commerce as well as other statewide organizations, and acting as a support to AMEA's Member cities and the local economic developers who serve them. Piedmont city leaders were also provided an overview of AMEA's value-added services in support of its Member cities/utilities.

Governor appoints Miller to state Disaster Response Workgroup

Alabama Governor Robert Bentley has appointed Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, to the Alabama Utility Workgroup for Disaster Response, representing AMEA.



Miller

This workgroup will encourage further coordination and teamwork before, during and after severe weather. It will encourage utility providers in Alabama to share best practices and to aid in improving disaster planning and preparedness.

The utility workgroup will represent electricity providers, natural gas providers, telecommunications providers, cable and/or satellite TV providers, water providers, and other members the Governor may choose to appoint.

The workgroup was established by Executive Order 28, which was signed by Governor Bentley on April 20, 2012.

AMEA to kickoff 2013 Scholarship Program this month

Thanks to the AMEA Scholarship Program, 33 high school graduates will enroll in a two-year or four-year college in Alabama in 2012. Approximately \$82,500 was awarded in the 2012 program.

AMEA and its Members will kickoff the 2013 Scholarship Program this month. Scholarship applications will be sent to schools within AMEA's Member cities the end of August, as well as to each Member for use in utility offices.

AMEA and its Members will make available 22, \$2,500 scholarships (two scholarships per Member city), and 11,

\$2,500 technical school scholarships (one technical school scholarship per Member city).

To be eligible for either of AMEA's scholarships, a student's family must receive electric service from a Member's electric utility and the student must attend an Alabama college or university.

Scholarship applications can also be downloaded from AMEA's web site, www.amea.com, Scholarship Program. Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 4, 2013.

For more information, contact Pamela Poole, AMEA's Scholarship Program Coordinator, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 110, or pam@amea.com.



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