

Communiqué

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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 Board of Directors approve 2017/18 fiscal year budget; elect board officers

During its August meeting, the AMEA Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2017/18 fiscal year budget. In other action, the board unanimously approved the slate of officers for the coming fiscal year. Officers elected include: Don McClellan of Alexander City, Chairman; Mayor Gary Fuller of Opelika, Vice Chairman; and, Morris Tate of Luverne, Secretary/Treasurer.

Also during meeting, the AMEA Budget/Audit/Rate Committee approved a Capital Fund Program loan application for the Lake Martin Industrial Development Authority. The loan will assist the Authority and the City of Alexander City in the purchase of 17 acres at the old Russell Complex for industrial recruitment.

AMEA kicks off 2018 Scholarship Program in Member cities

AMEA kicked off the 2018 Scholarship Program this month, providing schools within AMEA Member cities application packets. Applications, as well as posters, have been provided to Member cities for distribution at city halls and/or utility offices. AMEA and its Members will make available 44, \$2,500 scholarships (4 scholarships per Member city). Since 1992, AMEA has awarded over \$2 million in scholarship monies to graduating high school seniors who receive their electric service from AMEA Members.

Applications are now available from school counselors in AMEA Member cities, or students can go online to the AMEA web site, www.amea.com, Scholarship Program, to download an app. **Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.**

For more information, students can contact their school counselor, or Pamela Poole, AMEA Scholarship Program Coordinator, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 110, or pam@amea.com.





Shown are (L to R) Ulysees Roberts, Utilities Board of Tuskegee; Matt Rogers, City of Piedmont; Kevin Boone, City of Fairhope; Amanda Thomas, City of Alexander City; and Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

AMEA Election Committee re-elects four members to AMEA Board

The AMEA Election Committee, comprised of 11 representatives of AMEA's Member cities, met Thursday, Aug. 10 to elect, re-elect or replace directors whose terms expire at the end of the 2017 Annual Meeting, which was held Thursday, Aug. 24.

The committee re-elected the following members to the AMEA Board of Directors: Don McClellan, City of Alexander City; Jack Burrell, City of Fairhope; Tom DeBell, Riviera Utilities; and, Mayor Gary Fuller, City of Opelika.

AMEA Members recently appointed four new Election Committee members. They are responsible for re-electing/electing board members to the AMEA Board of Directors whose terms end at the Annual Meeting of the board each August. New Election Committee reps who met for the first time on Aug. 10 were: Amanda Thomas, City of Alexander City; Kevin Boone, City of Fairhope; Matt Rogers, City of Piedmont; and Ulysees Roberts, Utilities Board of Tuskegee.

Miller recognized with 10-year service award during August board meeting

Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, was recognized at the August AMEA Board of Directors meeting for her 10 years of service to the joint action agency and its Members.

Miller joined AMEA in 2007 after working with Central Alabama Electric Cooperative in Prattville for 18 years as Manager of Communications and Public Relations.

She is shown with Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, and Don McClellan, Chairman, AMEA Board of Directors.





Governor Ivey proclaims August 22, 2017 as Main Street Alabama Day

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation Thursday, Aug. 10 designating Aug. 22, 2017 as Main Street Alabama Day in the state. The proclamation signing coincided with the Main Street Alabama Downtown Laboratory, which was held in Florence Aug. 21-23. AMEA sponsored the Downtown Lab Awards of Excellence Banquet on Aug. 23, which showcases the best downtown projects in the state.

Shown with Governor Ivey are (L to R): Trisha Black, Field Services Specialist, Main Street Alabama; Mary Helmer, President/State Coordinator, Main Street Alabama; Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communications and Marketing, and a member of the Main Street Alabama Board of Directors; Chris Joiner, Executive Director, Marion Main Street; and Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

ADECA provides energy-efficiency resources for local governments

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) provides energy-efficiency resources, as well as funding opportunities, for local governments. The funding is utilized to plan and implement energy programs in Alabama that are designed to achieve national energy goals such as lowering energy costs and consumption, decreasing reliance on imported energy, reducing impacts of energy production and use on the environment and to increase energy security and reliability.

Programs are conducted in the areas of building energy codes, industrial energy efficiency, energy education, renewable fuels, performance contracting and alternative transportation fuels.

The Energy Division administers several building energy-efficiency programs designed to decrease energy consumption in the state's public facilities such as K-12 schools, universities, community colleges, state agencies and local governments, as well as in some privately-owned commercial and residential buildings. For more information, visit www.adeca.alabama.gov.

Members encouraged to use Member Training Support Program funds before Sept. 30

Members are encouraged to utilize the AMEA Member Training Support Program before the end of the 2016/17 fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. Last year, AMEA established a Member Training Support Program to help Members with the cost of conferences, training, educational and professional development opportunities (i.e., AMEA, Electric Cities of Alabama, APPA, TVPPA, etc.). A fund of \$10,000 per Member city/utility will be available each fiscal year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30) for such support.



The following guidelines should be followed when

requesting funds from the AMEA Member Training Support Program: 1) Preferably, when requesting funds for Member training support, Members will provide a paid invoice to Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, 80 TechnaCenter Drive, Suite 200, Montgomery, AL 36117, or by e-mail, lmiller@amea.com. The paid invoice will be used to

reimburse the Member for the expended cost of training; 2) If this is problematic, the Member will provide an invoice thoroughly outlining the stipulated training and AMEA will provide the requested funds. However, once the Member has paid for the training/educational initiative, the Member must provide a paid invoice/receipt to Lisa Miller at AMEA. A paid invoice/receipt is a requirement for future funding. Failure to complete this requirement will result in the Member city/utility not receiving additional Member Training Support funding until requirement is fulfilled; 3) If the requested funding is for AMEA-sponsored training, please coordinate with Mark Ennis, Manager of Compliance and Distribution Services, (334) 387-3511, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 119, or mennis@amea.com; 4) The request can be in any amount up to \$10,000; and, 5) Funds must be utilized within the fiscal year requested (Sept. 30-Oct. 1).

For more information, please contact Lisa Miller, (334) 387-3501, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

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2017 Remaining Webinar Dates and Subjects		\$	✓
1.	September 12 – Techniques for Reducing System Losses - This presentation will cover the cause of losses both at peak (kW) and over time (kWH), as well as accounting for unmetered sales. A benchmarking methodology will be provided to compare your system losses to similar electric systems. The webinar will present mitigation techniques to address loss reduction.	Free	
2.	October 10 – Understanding Conductor Characteristics - This presentation will discuss the effects of sag and tension on conductors from initial sag to final sag, how the inelastic deformation of the conductor affects the final sag values, and methods of verifying sag at initial installation. The webinar also discusses the practical application of sag tables to identify the sag and tension values for initial sag.	Free	
3.	November 14 – Understanding Distribution Grounding - This webinar addresses the safety goals and describes approved methods for effectively grounding the system neutral and other non-current carrying equipment. Different types of grounding electrodes are covered which provide options for achieving a well-grounded system. The rules for grounding guys and insulating guys are also addressed including secondary guys and span guys. Equipment to be grounded is covered along with common methods used by utilities.	Free	

Please check all or the individual webinars you are interested in, complete the information below, and email to: jennifer@amea.com - 334-387-3502 - 80 TechnaCenter Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117

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