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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 Power Supply Conference materials mailed to Members this month; register now

By now, you have received the conference materials for AMEA's 2009 Power Supply Conference, which is planned for April 15-17 at the Marriott Auburn-Opelika Grand National Hotel and Conference Center in Opelika. Registration for the conference is free.



Invited attendees will include city councils, utility boards, and senior utility management staff. The purpose of the conference is to review issues of importance to Members.

Expected speakers will include:

- ✓ Mark Crisson, President, American Public Power Association (APPA)
- ✓ Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA)
- ✓ Mark Gabriel, Senior Vice President and Principal, R.W. Beck
- ✓ Steve Collier, Vice President, Business Development, Milsoft Utility Solutions
- ✓ Dean Argo, Executive Director, Electric Cities of Alabama

For your convenience, AMEA has reserved a block of rooms for the nights of April 15 and 16. To reserve a room at the discounted rate of \$99 per night, please mention that you will be attending the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority Conference. For online registration, please use the code, **AMEAMEA**. The room block cutoff is March 16. For more information, contact Samantha Alexander, Executive Assistant, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, (334) 387-3507, or samantha@amea.com.



Bartels honored for past leadership

Tom Bartels, retired AMEA Director of Marketing and Special Projects, was honored at the January Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Federal Power Customers, Inc., (SeFPC), for his past leadership of the organization. He is shown with Kenneth Legg,

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Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA), who presented Bartels with a special plaque.

Bartels, who retired from AMEA in June 2008 after 21 years of service, served two consecutive terms as SeFPC's President. He is one of only two original Board Members/Alternates serving continuously since the organization was incorporated in 1992. Retired AMEA President & CEO Robert Claussen served as SeFPC President from 1994 until 1996.

Williford elected secretary of SeFPC



Williford

Alan Williford, AMEA's Manager of Planning and Engineering, was elected SeFPC's Secretary during the group's January Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Williford is the third AMEA employee to serve in a leadership capacity with the group.

SeFPC represents the hydropower interests of cooperatives and municipal systems in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, which serve over six million customers, Williford said.

AMEA, representing its 11 Members, has been actively involved in alliance building with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and in projects that protect the value and reliability of SEPA hydropower.

"I'm excited to have this opportunity to further support the efforts of SeFPC," Williford added

AMEA facilitates Distribution Services Working Group Meeting in Prattville

AMEA will host its first Distribution Services Working Group Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m., at the Prattville Marriott at Capitol Hill. Member management personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Mark Ennis, General Manager, Utilities Board of Tuskegee, will serve as chairman of the group.

AMEA President & CEO Fred Clark said the purpose of the meeting is to help AMEA address distribution joint action needs.

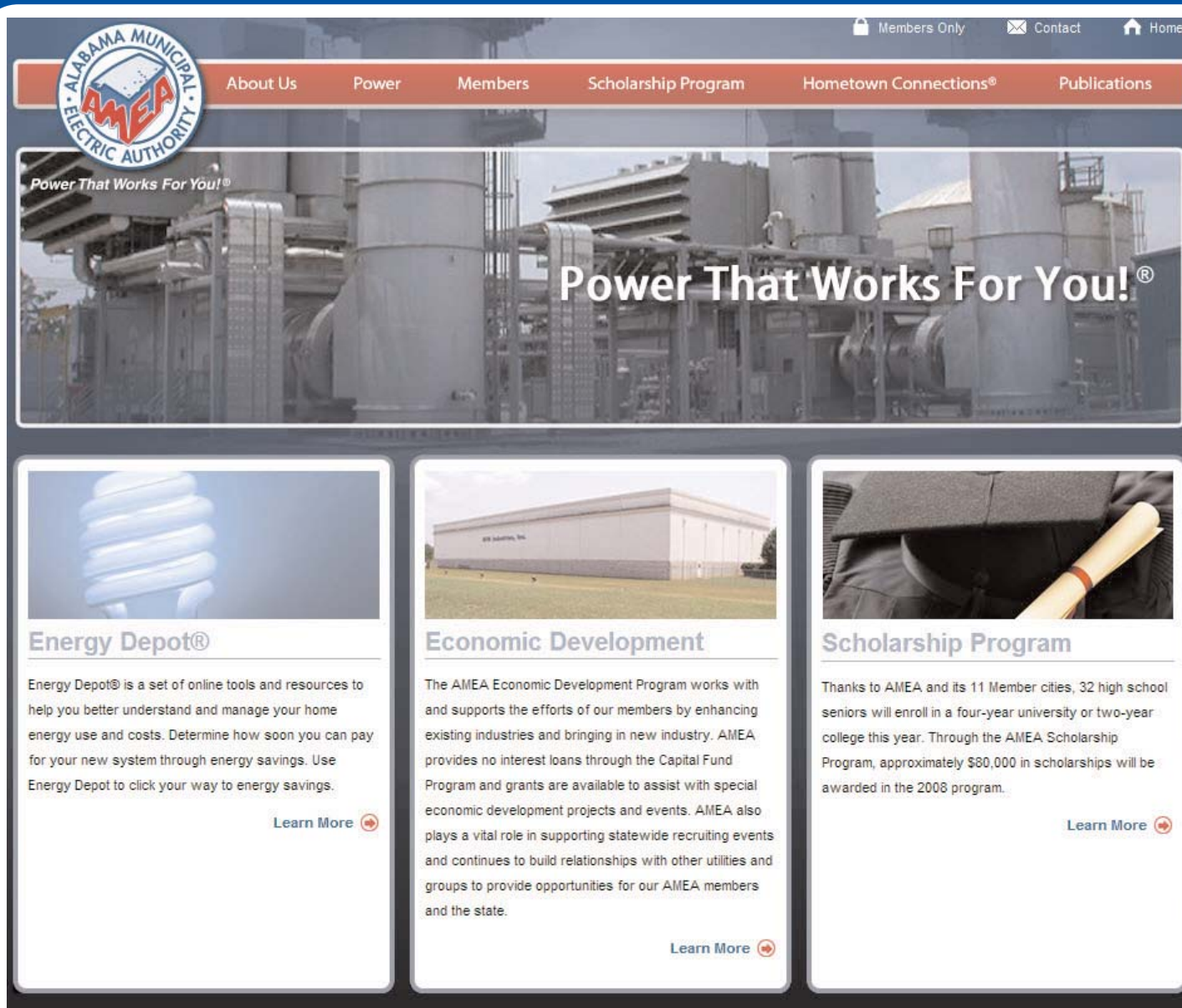
Please make your attendance plans with Samantha Alexander, AMEA Executive Assistant, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, (334) 387-3507, or samantha@amea.com, **by Monday, March 2.**

Hometown Connections® partner, Cogdale, to host webinar next week

Hometown Connections partner, Cogsdale Corporation, is hosting **free** webinars this month. The first webinar was held Feb. 10. However, you still have time to register for the second webinar, which is set for **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. (Central Time).**

AMEA has sent two e-mails to Members in the past several weeks regarding the free webinars. You can click on the link within the e-mail to register for the webinar. After receiving your registration e-mail, Cogsdale Corporation will respond with log-in and voice instructions for the webinar.

Register now for this webinar to learn the innovations and benefits offered by Cogsdale Corporation. For more information, contact Lisa Miller, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, (334) 387-3501, or lmiller@amea.com.



AMEA launches new web site this month; features Members Only section

This month, AMEA will launch a new one-of-a-kind web site that balances AMEA's wants, needs and budget.

AMEA will have a customized web site that serves as an extension of the AMEA brand, meets the functional needs of our web users, and it looks great, said Lisa Miller, AMEA's Manager of Communications and Marketing.

One of the newest features on the site will be a Members Only section, which will contain "non-sensitive" information, such as past *AMEA Communique*, *AMEA Operations Newsletter*, APPA's *Washington Report*, and the *AMEA Utility News E-Newsletter*. Members will be issued a passcode to enable them to view and download information from the site. More information on the Members Only section, along with the passcode, is forthcoming.

"We are excited about the launch of our new site," said Miller. "Through a new content management software program, we now have the capability of quickly publishing and maintaining dynamic content on the site. We're also excited about the opportunities we will have with the new software program and our new web site design."