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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.

You still have time to register for next week's 2013 AMEA Power Supply Conference

You still have time to register for the 2013 AMEA Power Supply Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery. Registration is free.

Following the conference, an Appreciation Reception will be held at the Renaissance from 5 until 7 p.m. Robert H. Young, Jr., and Steven Stein will be honored with this year's President's Award. *For more information on this year's recipients, see Page 2.*

Topics and speakers for this year's conference include: *AMEA Update*, Fred Clark, President & CEO; *Selling Energy Efficiency During a Period of Slow Growth*, Randell J. Corbin, Assistant Vice President for Energy Policy & Sustainability, American Municipal Power, Inc.; *Economic and Market Outlook for 2013*, Brian Sullivan, CFA, President, Regions Investment Management, Inc.; *Evolution of Transmission in the U.S.*, Donna Painter, Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting; *Review of Demand Side Management Practices*, Bob Davis, Consultant, nFront Consulting; and *Alabama Communities of Excellence*, Dr. Joe Sumners, Director, Auburn University Economic & Community Development Institute.

To register for the conference, please contact Samantha Alexander, Executive Assistant, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 115, or samantha@amea.com, or Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

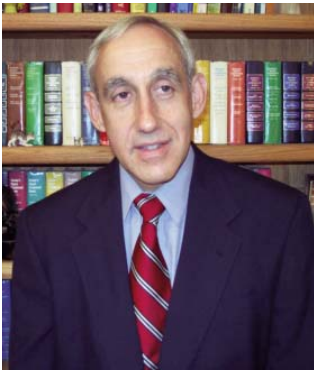


AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan of Alexander City welcomes attendees during the 2012 Power Supply Conference.

Young and Stein to be honored at AMEA Appreciation Reception



Robert H. Young, Jr.



Steven Stein

Two AMEA pioneers, Robert H. Young, Jr., and Steven Stein, will be recognized with the joint action agency's President's Award on Wednesday, Feb. 27, during the AMEA Appreciation Reception. The reception, which is being held in conjunction with the 2013 AMEA Power Supply Conference, will be from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.

The Frazer Lanier Company,

of which Young serves as President, has been AMEA's financial advisor since AMEA's inception. Young and Frazer Lanier have been instrumental in all of AMEA's bond issues.

Stein, who is Executive Consultant with nFront Consulting, has provided engineering consulting support and leadership in many areas, including development of AMEA's Enabling Legislation, power sales contracts with the AMEA Member cities, rate design, AMEA's Power Supply Agreements and the AMEA-Sylacauga Plant. Stein is a former Assistant Vice President of SAIC Energy, Environment & Infrastructure, LLC, previously known as R.W. Beck, Inc.

Past recipients of the President's Award have included the late Robert D. Thorington, Clifford A. Lanier, Jr., Robert W. Claussen and H. Sewell St. John, Jr.

AMEA hosts Member Managers/Superintendents Meeting

An AMEA Member Managers/Superintendents Meeting was held Feb. 6 in conjunction with this year's SAPPA meeting. Eight of AMEA's 11 Members were represented at the meeting.

Topics covered during the meeting included updates on AMEA Power Supply/Transmission, Andrews Dam Hydro Project, Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program, AMEA-Sylacauga Plant Operations, Resource Management, Regulatory Compliance and SharePoint Document Control System; an Introduction of the New Distribution Services effort; and a roundtable discussion among the Member Managers/Superintendents.

"We are very pleased with the turnout for this meeting and we look forward to having more of these meetings as we continue to keep our Members informed of initiatives on their behalf," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.

Clark and Williford appointed/elected to key leadership roles

Governor Robert Bentley appointed Fred Clark, President & CEO, to the Alabama Core Team for the National Governors Association Policy Academy on Industrial Energy Efficiency in February.

Alan Williford, Manager of Planning and Engineering, was elected President of the Southeastern Federal Power Customers (SeFPC), Inc. in January. 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 more than six million customers.

AMEA partners with Alabama Communities of Excellence; ready to assist Members with application

To assist AMEA Member cities with becoming an Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) designee, AMEA has partnered with the program to help facilitate the process.

ACE is a comprehensive three-phase approach to economic and community development of cities with populations between 2,000 and 18,000. Communities with eligible populations must complete and submit an application in order to be considered for the ACE program. The two main criteria used in selecting ACE participants are the level of local commitment to the ACE program and the community's capacity to support the ACE program.

NOTE: ACE applications were mailed to all mayors in qualifying cities on Friday, Feb. 15. Application deadline is Friday, March 29. Qualifying cities can also apply online at www.alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.com/apply/.

The City of Foley received its ACE designation this year, along with Arab, Childersburg, Eufaula, Hartselle, Livingston and Montevallo. To maintain the ACE designation, a community must be recertified every three years.

Partner organizations include AMEA, Alabama Power Company, Alabama Association of Regional Councils, ADECA, Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama League of Municipalities, Auburn University Economic & Community Development Institute, Economic Development Association of Alabama, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., Regions Financial Corporation, University of Alabama Center for Economic Development, University of West Alabama, and USDA Rural Development.

Throughout each of the three phases, ACE partners work with each community to successfully achieve their goals.



The three phases include an assessment phase,

which is a comprehensive report card detailing community assets and weaknesses, which is prepared and presented to the community, along with recommended strategies and actions; the leadership development and strategic planning component, where each community must establish a leadership development program, prepare an up-to-date strategic plan, and identify a local ACE coordinator; and the implementation and comprehensive planning segment.

Eighteen communities have previously been certified as ACE designees: Atmore, Brewton, Demopolis, Evergreen, Fayette, Graysville, Guin, Gulf Shores, Guntersville, Haleyville, Headland, Heflin, Jackson, Jacksonville, Millbrook, Monroeville, Thomasville and Valley. The additional seven communities which received their designation this year bring the total to 25 communities that have been designated as Alabama Communities of Excellence.

To learn more about how your city can become an ACE designee, contact Lisa Miller, AMEA Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118 or lmiller@amea.com.

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