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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.

Claussen and St. John honored with President's Award

Robert W. Claussen and H. Sewell St. John, Jr. were the recipients of the AMEA President's Award on Wednesday, Feb. 29, during the AMEA Appreciation Reception. The reception was held in conjunction with the 2012 AMEA Power Supply Conference at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.



(L to R) AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan, Robert W. Claussen, H. Sewell St. John, Jr., and Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, are shown at the AMEA Appreciation Reception Feb. 29. Claussen and St. John received the AMEA President's Award during the reception. (Photo courtesy of Steve Winslett, PureDesign)

"Bob and Sewell are true visionaries," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility community due to the leadership and dedication of Bob and Sewell. Because of their vision, AMEA Members are committed more than ever to joint action as they are benefiting from AMEA's power supply initiatives, resources, competitive rates, and selected value-added programs and services."

Claussen retired from AMEA in 2007 after serving 23 years as its first General Manager and President & CEO. St. John was actively employed and involved in the utility industry for 40 years, 35 of which was spent at Riviera Utilities. He served as the Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of Riviera for 29 years. St. John served on the AMEA Board of Directors for 20 years, 18 of those years as Chairman of the Board.

This is the second year the award has been presented to individuals who helped shape AMEA, said Clark. Last year's recipients were Clifford A. Lanier, Jr., of The Frazer Lanier

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Company, Montgomery, and the late Robert D. Thorington of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, also of Montgomery, who were honored during AMEA's 30th Anniversary event in Montgomery.

AMEA hosts 2012 Power Supply Conference in February

AMEA hosted its fifth Power Supply Conference Feb. 29 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.

Power Supply Conference speakers included: Steve VanderMeer, Senior Vice President for Planning and Marketing, Hometown Connections; Deborah Sliz, President and CEO, Morgan Meguire; Theresa Pugh, Director of Environmental Services, American Public Power Association; Lance Brown, Executive Director, Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy; Greg Canfield, Director, Alabama Development Office; Terry Mitchell, Principal, Jackson Thornton & Co.; and Steve Sewell, Executive Vice President, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama.

For your convenience, speakers' presentations have been posted to the Members Only section of the AMEA web site, www.amea.com. Since this is a password protected area, you will need your username and password to access this area of the site. If you need assistance, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com.

For photos of the AMEA Power Supply Conference and Appreciation Reception, see Pages 3 and 4.

AMEA mourns loss of Bob Thorington

AMEA is saddened by the death of friend and colleague Robert D. Thorington, who died Friday, Feb. 3.



Thorington

Thorington, who was a partner in the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, served as AMEA's General Counsel from 1981 until his death.

Thorington was instrumental in the formation of AMEA in 1981.

"Bob was a great man," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "He leaves a legacy of significant contribution to his community, state, and particularly, AMEA. In my opinion, his determination is the reason AMEA exists today."

Thorington is survived by his wife, Nancy C. Thorington; daughter, Wyn G. Thorington of Prattville; daughter, Elisabeth Thorington Mongillo (Steve) of Rye, NY; son, Robert D. Thorington, Jr. (Celia) of Wetumpka; daughter, Melissa Edwards (Jeremy) of Montgomery; son Alan Evans of Montgomery; and grandchildren: Margaret G. Murphy, Sarah W. K. Murphy, William S. Mongillo, Olivia A. Mongillo, Winter E. Thorington, Robert D. Thorington, III, Lauren Edwards, and Bailey Evans.

"We will continue to honor Bob's memory as we strive to provide our Member communities a reliable and economical source of electric power," said Clark.



2012 Power Supply Conference

Clockwise: Registration prior to conference; AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan and President & CEO Fred Clark welcome participants; Steve VanderMeer provides an overview of Hometown Connections; Deborah Sliz gives attendees a federal legislative outlook; Greg Canfield, Director, Alabama Development Office, reviews statewide economic development initiatives; and conference attendees listen to speakers.

AMEA Appreciation Reception

Clockwise: Joseph Burchfield, ADO, and AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan; Councilman Ed Hanson, City of Piedmont, Lee Young, AMEA Board of Directors, Ray Phillips, AMEA Manager of Compliance and Special Projects, and Lori Huguley, Director of Economic Development, City of Opelika; John Floyd, Electric Cities of Alabama Consultant, and Perry Roquemore, The Bloom Group, and former Executive Director, Alabama League of Municipalities; Al Cook, AMEA Economic Development Marketing Consultant, and Bob Young, The Frazer Lanier Co.; Tom Bartels, retired AMEA Manager of Marketing, his wife, Karen, and Skeeter Sheldon, AMEA Engineering Analyst I. (Conference and reception photos courtesy of Steve Winslett, PureDesign).

