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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 honors Members for 30 years of service

APPA recognizes AMEA during April 14 event

AMEA honored its 11 Members for 30 years of partnership and support during the joint action agency's 30th Anniversary Dinner, Thursday, April 14, in Montgomery. Some 180 partners and friends were on hand for the special event. AMEA recognized its Members during the program with special awards.



APPA President & CEO Mark Crisson (R) presents AMEA President & CEO Fred Clark (C) and Board Chairman Don McClellan (L) with a special award for the joint action agency's 30 years of service.

Mark Crisson, President & CEO, American Public Power Association, was on hand to congratulate AMEA for its 30 years of service to its Members and to public power.

During the program, AMEA was presented a Joint Resolution by the Alabama House of Representatives and the Alabama Senate commemorating the organization's 30th Anniversary.

As part of the evening's activities, AMEA honored those founding leaders and partners who were instrumental in the formation of the organization.

AMEA President & CEO Fred Clark presented special awards to Ron Johnson of Sylacauga, Joe Carothers of Dothan, and Lister Hill Proctor of Sylacauga for their legislative leadership, which led to the creation of AMEA.

AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan presented two special awards this year, the President's Awards. This year's awards, which recognize individuals for their contributions to the success of AMEA, were presented to Robert D. Thorington of Bradley Arant Boul

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Cummings LLP, Montgomery, and Clifford A. Lanier, Jr. of The Frazer Lanier Company, also of Montgomery.

"Because of the vision, leadership and support of our Members throughout the past 30 years, AMEA has become a valued partner in Alabama's electric utility community,"

said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO.



"AMEA continues to be a reliable and economical power supplier for its Members. Members are committed more than ever to Joint Action as they are benefiting from AMEA's power supply initiatives, resources, and selected value-added programs and services," he added.



Ron Johnson of Sylacauga thanks AMEA for the special award presented during the joint action agency's 30th Anniversary Dinner on April 14 in Montgomery. Johnson, along with Joe Carothers of Dothan and Lister Hill Proctor of Sylacauga, were recognized for their legislative leadership in the creation of AMEA. Dale Baker of Sylacauga, AMEA Board Member, was on hand to accept Proctor's award. Proctor was unable to attend the event. Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, is also shown. Some 180 partners and friends participated in the event commemorating the establishment of the joint action agency in 1981.



AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan (R) presents Robert D. Thorington with the 2011 President's Award during the April 14 dinner.



Board Chairman Don McClellan (R) presents Clifford A. Lanier, Jr. with the 2011 President's Award for his contributions to AMEA's success.



Former AMEA Board Chairman H. Sewell St. John Jr. (L) chats with current AMEA Board Chairman Don McClellan of Alexander City and his wife, Linda, following the 30th Anniversary Dinner. (Photos by PureDesign Photographer Steve Winslett)

AMEA Members respond to call for assistance in north Alabama

ECA coordinates statewide efforts

When the call came for assistance in north Alabama last week, AMEA Members quickly responded. AMEA Members moved into hard hit areas of north Alabama to help with power restoration efforts in the wake of deadly storms that moved through Alabama on April 27.

Alabama was the hardest hit of six states, reporting some 236 people dead after tornadoes and dangerous wind storms ripped through the state.

Through the coordinated efforts of Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA), Alabama's electric cities were quick to respond to calls for assistance.

Jonathan Hand, ECA Executive Director, began coordinating power restoration assistance from Alabama's electric cities shortly after the storms swept through north Alabama. In the hours after the storms, 13 electric cities in Alabama, including AMEA Members, were traveling to the effected areas of the state, including Athens, Cullman, Florence, Guntersville, Huntsville, Tarrant, Tusculumbia and Sheffield. Hand also coordinated assistance with municipal statewide associations in Florida, Georgia and Indiana, as well as the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association.

"Sending crews to help our fellow electric cities is part of who we are," Hand said. "This happens in times of disaster...brothers helping brothers. Electric cities throughout Alabama have a long tradition of working with member and neighboring utilities to help restore electricity in a timely and safe manner. And in times of trouble here in Alabama, we can count on these same utilities to come to our aid."



(Top photo) The City of Fairhope sent an electric crew, trucks and supplies to Guntersville last week to help restore power to that city after the storms. The crew expects to be in Guntersville for the remainder of the week. **(Middle photo)** Fairhope crew members work on downed powerlines near Lake Guntersville. **(Bottom photo)** Riviera Utilities deployed a crew to Cullman last week to assist in power restoration efforts. *(Photos courtesy of Scott Sligh, City of Fairhope, and David Horton, Riviera Utilities)*

Editor's Note: If your utility provided assistance to the north Alabama electric cities and you have photos, please provide those photos to Lisa Miller at AMEA. We will feature your photo(s) in the June *AMEA Communique*. We want to make sure we recognize the efforts of all of our Members following the April 27 storms.