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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.

New mayors elected in AMEA Member cities

Five new mayors of AMEA Member cities took the oath of office on Monday, Nov. 5. Taking the helm at AMEA Member cities are Charles Shaw, City of Alexander City; Barry Moody, City of LaFayette; Richard Freeman, City of Piedmont; Doug Murphree, City of Sylacauga; and Johnny Ford, City of Tuskegee.

Re-elected for another four-year term were Mayor Tim Kant, City of Fairhope; Mayor John Koniar, City of Foley; Mayor Oscar Crawley, City of Lanett; Mayor Joe Rex Sport, City of Luverne; and Mayor Gary Fuller, City of Opelika. Crawley, Sport and Fuller had no opposition. The seat for Dothan's mayor, which is held by Mayor Mike Schmitz, was not included in this election cycle. Municipal elections in Dothan will be held in 2013.

Incumbent Mayors Barbara Young of Alexander City, Matthew Hurst of LaFayette, and Brian Young of Piedmont did not seek re-election.



SAVE THE DATE: AMEA Power Supply Conference, February 2013

Mark your calendar for AMEA's 2013 Power Supply Conference, slated for Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery.

"The purpose of the conference will be to review issues of importance to our Member cities," said AMEA President & CEO Fred Clark. "We hope our Member cities' governing bodies, including city council members

and utility board members, as well as senior utility management staff, will find this conference most informative."

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Clark said the AMEA conference is being held the day after the Electric Cities of Alabama Montgomery Legislative Briefing and Reception on Feb. 26 at the RSA Plaza Terrace in Montgomery.

Topics for the 2013 Power Supply Conference are currently under development. Registration information will be mailed to all Member cities in December.

AMEA partners with Alabama Communities of Excellence program

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.

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,

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Farmers Federation, Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama League of Municipalities, Auburn University Economic & Community Development Institute, Economic Development Association of Alabama, Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Regions Financial Corporation, the University of Alabama Center for Economic Development, and the University of West Alabama.

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.



AMEA and ECA employees participate in "Blankets with a Blessing" initiative

AMEA and Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA) employees recently participated in the "Blankets with a Blessing" initiative that provides new quilts and blankets to victims of domestic violence during the holidays.

AMEA and ECA employees collected 23 new blankets and quilts, which were delivered to the Alabama Governor's Mansion Gift Shop on Nov. 13 to be distributed to those in need statewide.

"Blankets with a Blessing" has provided thousands of blankets since the initiative began in 2004. As a statewide effort, Alabama's First Lady Dianne Bentley continued the project this year by asking citizens and businesses to collect new quilts and blankets to be distributed during the winter months to victims of domestic violence.

AMEA and ECA participated in the project last year when blankets were provided to families who were displaced by the April 2011 tornadoes.



AMEA and ECA employees collected new blankets and quilts for the "Blessings with a Blanket" statewide project this month. Shown delivering the items to the Alabama Governor's Mansion Gift Shop are (L to R): Tina Tidwell, Accountant II, AMEA; Andrea Salvador, Director of Communications and Marketing, ECA; and Ray Phillips, Manager of Compliance and Special Projects, AMEA.

"The 'Blankets with a Blessing' project gives us the opportunity to help others with warm blankets during the cold months," said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. "We are delighted to partner with First Lady Bentley on this project. AMEA's involvement with the 'Blankets with a Blessing' initiative is just another example of public power at its best."

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