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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.

Board of Directors re-elect officers; approve FY '13 budget

The AMEA Board of Directors re-elected officers for 2012-13 during the Aug. 23 Annual Meeting. Re-elected were Don McClellan, Chairman, City of Alexander City; Gary Fuller, Vice Chairman, City of Opelika; and Tim Kant, Secretary/Treasurer, City of Fairhope.

Also during the meeting, the Board unanimously approved the 2013 fiscal year budget. The plan was formally adopted after a presentation and recommendation from the Budget/Audit/Rate (BAR) Committee. Other board action included the approval of Deloitte & Touche LLP to conduct the 2012 fiscal year audit.

AMEA hosts Member Managers/Superintendents meeting

AMEA hosted a Member Managers/Superintendents meeting Sept. 12 at the AMEA headquarters in Montgomery.

During the meeting, Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, provided an overview of power supply initiatives. AMEA staff reviewed the Small Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program and regulatory compliance initiatives, and provided managers with an update on the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA). Managers also participated in a roundtable discussion.



Fred Clark discusses the Small Renewable Behind the Meter Generation Program with Member Managers/Superintendents.

Clark told the group that AMEA plans to have regular meetings of the managers, particularly in conjunction with South Alabama Public Power Association (SAPPA) meetings.

AMEA Peer Review Program provides forum for reviewing Members' electric utility operations

Developed in 1992, the AMEA Peer Review Program provides a forum or medium by which a Member system's Electric Manager/Superintendent may voluntarily have that system's utility practices reviewed by other AMEA Members' Electric Managers/Superintendents so that suggested improvements that may result from a Peer Review can be evaluated by the reviewed system's Electric Manager/Superintendent. It is left to the Electric Manager/Superintendent of the electric system that is being reviewed to decide what suggested improvements he or she will or will not implement.

AMEA's Peer Review Program is one method used by AMEA's Members to improve service and provide lower cost for their customers by working together to strengthen the operation of each of their electric distribution systems.

The AMEA Peer Review process examines every aspect of a Member's electric distribution system from its efficiencies in operations and metering to its accuracies in billing and inventories.

On Sept. 11, the Utilities Board of Tuskegee (UBT) participated in the AMEA Peer Review Program. Steve Harmon, Director, Opelika Power Services, and George East, Electric Superintendent, Alexander City Light & Power, served on the Peer Review Committee.

The committee worked with Jerry Posey, UBT's Manager of Engineering, and Alvin Woods, UBT Line Supervisor, to review UBT's electric utility operations based on a standard list of questions and an on-site inspection which are outlined in the AMEA Peer Review Procedures. These procedures were developed by AMEA and its 11 Members.



(L to R) Bishop, Posey and Harmon in a UBT substation during the AMEA Peer Review.

"Peer Reviews allow a Member's Electric Manager/Superintendent to determine the system's strengths and weaknesses as seen by a committee of his/her peers, then implement improvements that, in his/her judgment, will develop a safer, more reliable and cost effective electric utility system," said Ray Phillips, AMEA Manager of Compliance and Special Projects.

The day-long process also involved Phillips and Arthur Bishop, AMEA Senior Operations Engineer, who coordinated and facilitated the review.

"I really appreciate Steve and George spending the day with us to review our strengths and weaknesses as we strive to improve service to our customers," said Posey. "I strongly recommend this program to all of AMEA's Members."

To schedule a Peer Review, contact Phillips at (800) 239-2632, Ext. 121, or ray@amea.com.



Ash retires from Dothan Utilities

Richard Ash, Electric Superintendent, Dothan Utilities, bid a farewell to his colleagues Sept. 7 during a retirement reception in his honor. Ash, who served the utility for 27 years, has been named the new T&D Engineer with the City of Tallahassee, FL, Electric Department. Shown with Ash are Ray Phillips, AMEA Manager of Compliance and Special Projects; Billy Mayes, Director, Dothan Utilities; and Arthur Bishop, AMEA Senior Operations Engineer. *(Photo courtesy of Joette Booker, Dothan Utilities)*



Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, was presented her 5-year service award during the AMEA Board of Directors meeting Aug. 23. Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO, is shown presenting the award.



Oct. 7-13 is Public Power Week

Oct. 7-13 is Public Power Week for more than 2,000 public power utilities across the country. Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA), and it's a chance for you to tell the story of how your utility effectively powers your community. This year will mark Public Power Week's 26th anniversary.

To assist you with your Public Power Week activities, APPA is providing members with resources on its web site to help you promote the week with your audiences. To access the 2012 Public Power Week Toolkit, go to <http://www.publicpower.org/special/index.cfm?ItemNumber=9414&sn.ItemNumber=2058>. Under the section, "Promotional Materials", click on "2012 Toolkit". Please remember that you will need your APPA user name and password to login to the site.

The 2012 Public Power Week Toolkit includes a sample proclamation, sample news releases, web banners, Public Power Week logos, web resources, a newspaper guest column, and a sample letter to business customers.

If you are planning Public Power Week activities, please contact Lisa Miller, Manager of Communications and Marketing, (800) 239-2632, Ext. 118, or lmiller@amea.com. We would like to feature some of your activities in an upcoming *AMEA Communique*'.

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