



Upcoming Events

January 21 — 23 , 2009

Electric Utility System Operation Short Course

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(click "January 2009")

Jan. 26 — 30 , 2009

Gas "Boot Camp" OQ Training

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(click "January 2009")

February 2 — 6 , 2009

Watt-Hour Meter Workshops (Basic & Advanced)

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>
(click "February 2009")

February 10 — 11 , 2009

IAMU Winter Meeting

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Green building conference in Wisconsin in March

◆ The "Better Buildings: Better Business" Conference is scheduled for March 4 — 6, 2009 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. It will feature more than 60 workshops dealing with the benefits of green construction for businesses in your community. Actor and renewable energy advocate Ed Begley, Jr. will deliver the keynote address. More information and registration is available at www.ecw.org (click "Events Calendar").

Regional meeting information now on IAMU website



◆ Between December 1 and 9, IAMU staff presented information about energy policy development and the impact on municipal electric and gas utilities at nine regional meetings. Executive Director Bob Haug reviewed several policy statements and reports from federal, regional, and state entities. For electric and gas utilities, the common theme in all the proposals is less greenhouse gases, more energy efficiency, and more renewable energy.

Energy Services Engineer Joel Logan described the legislatively mandated assessment of cost-effective energy efficiency measures that IAMU is conducting on behalf of its members with the Energy Center of Wisconsin. His report described the status and timeline for completion of the study by mid-March, and the obligation of municipal electric and gas utilities to set energy efficiency goals and adopt cost-effective measures to meet them. A copy of Joel's PowerPoint presentation on the energy efficiency assessment can be found on the IAMU website, www.iamu.org (click on "Energy Efficiency Assessment of Potential Presentation" under "Hot News").

Haug also made a case that energy efficiency is the lowest-cost resource and that municipal utilities were especially well-suited to deliver those services. Citing the cost of energy from new generation, Haug called on members to reject the view of the municipal business plan as "buying wholesale and selling retail." A copy of Bob's presentation on energy policy direction and energy efficiency costs can be found on the IAMU website, www.iamu.org (click on "Regional Meetings 2008" under "Hot News").

Electric Services Coordinator Eric Stoll presented an introduction to ReliaTrak, an easy to use software program for tracking electrical outages. IAMU purchased rights to the software from the Minnesota Municipal Utility Association and is making it available to all electric utility members at no cost. Disks containing the software and user guides will be sent to all members in the coming weeks.

Iowa's Braley to D.C. Energy & Commerce committee



◆ U.S. Representative Bruce Braley of Iowa has been named to the House Energy and Commerce Committee by President-Elect Barack Obama. The committee is considered to be one of the most important and influential in Washington. Officials here in Iowa are expressing optimism that Braley's appointment may be an important factor in assisting Iowa's interest in many important areas.

The committee handles many programs and oversees many departments that affect the nation, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, the Food and Drug Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and Medicare and Medicaid. Global warming and renewable energy will be major issues that the committee will address in the future. It will also be highly involved in the wind energy tax credit, which is expected to be renewed when it come before the committee next year. The credit has had a major positive impact on wind energy development in Iowa.

Braley, a Democrat, is a lawyer from Waterloo. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa's 1st Congressional District in 2006, and re-elected in November. He is one of eight individuals named to the committee by President-Elect Obama.



Participants in one of IAMU's recent Water Operator Lab Workshops get their share of hands-on experience. Both one-day workshops were filled to capacity.

Energy efficiency folders ready for IAMU members



◆ Specially printed folders for energy efficiency materials are now available for your utility to purchase from IAMU. The folders are ideal for energy fairs and other customer events, home energy audits, grade school visits, etc.

Some customizing of the folders may be available in 2009. To order folders for your utility, contact Sandy Longfellow at IAMU, slongfellow@iamu.org or 515-289-1999.

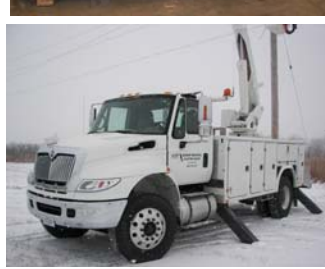
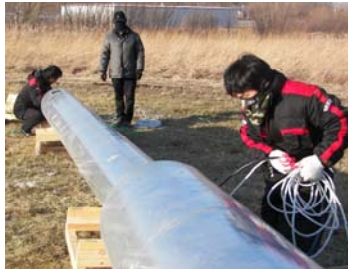
Four finalists named for Iowa Energy Center director



◆ The Iowa Energy Center has announced that four finalists for the agency's Director position will participate in public forums at Iowa State University this week. Anne Kimber, IAMU's Director of Energy Services, is one of the four finalists. The other candidates are Harvey Sachs of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Washington D.C.; Kevin Nordmeyer of RDG Planning & Design, Des Moines; and Bill Nesmith of the National Association of State Energy Officials, Salem, Oregon.

The Iowa Energy Center has been under the leadership of Interim Director Tom Barton since April 1, 2008, after the departure of Floyd Barwig. The center is dedicated to improving Iowa's energy efficiency and use of renewable energy through research, demonstration and education. It is administered by Iowa State University.

More information about the Iowa Energy Center is available at www.energy.iastate.edu.



◆ Assembly and construction of IAMU's new wind turbine is moving ahead, following the arrival of the turbine's components and representatives of AeroNet (formerly KR Wind Power), the manufacturer of the turbine. AeroNet representatives on-site include JinKook Lee, DaeYeon Kim, YoungDong Kim and Tom Sabourin. Those individuals (with JinKook, DaeYeon and YoungDong pictured, above left), along with IAMU staff members, braved sub-zero wind chills Monday to begin work on IAMU's Safety & Training Field. On Tuesday, Joel Meincke of the Durant Municipal Light Plant (above right) supplied a bucket truck (above) and manpower, along with IAMU's Eric Stoll, in snow and freezing temperatures, to string electric lines to be used with the turbine. At left is a completed portion of the 1.5 KW wind turbine waiting to be moved to its home on the IAMU Safety & Training Field. The turbine is scheduled to be in place by next week.



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