



Upcoming Events

February 10 — 11, 2009

“Think Spring” IAMU (Winter Meeting)

Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org>

(look for links on the front page)

March 4 & 5, 2009

**Advanced Water Treatment/
Distribution Workshops**

(Register for one or both)

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>

(click “March 2009”)

March 9 — 10, 2009

**Iowa Storm Water Conference/
Iowa Water Conference**

*Scherman Building, Iowa State
University*

For more information:

<http://www.iowastormwater.org/>

March 16 — 19, 2009

**Gas Pipeline Welder Qualifica-
tion Workshop (Ankeny &
Emmetsburg; two workshops)**

*Des Moines Area Community
College, Ankeny; Iowa Lakes Com-
munity College, Emmetsburg*

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>

(click “March 2009”)

March 26, 2009

Energy Efficiency Workshop

Register/more information:

<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>

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Governor Culver to speak at IAMU Winter Meeting



*Gov. Culver will
speak Feb. 10*

◆ **Governor Chet Culver will join the IAMU Winter Meeting February 10 in a special luncheon address.** The luncheon is scheduled to begin at noon, with the Governor planning to speak at approximately 12:40 p.m.

The luncheon is included in the \$100 per person Winter Meeting registration fee for IAMU utility members. Risk management coupons can be used to cover registration.

In addition to Governor Culver’s speech, the meeting will include: **Susan Stratton of the Energy Center of Wisconsin; Pete DeKock of Congressman Bruce Braley’s office; wind energy presentations; a legislative update; and a legislative reception from 5 – 7 p.m. February 10** at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex, a short distance from the Courtyard by Marriott host hotel. The annual **business meeting** will also be held February 11 *(see separate story, Page 2)*.

Following the conclusion of the Winter Meeting February 11, a special update on the Iowa Stored Energy Park (ISEP) will be presented at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex, with a complementary lunch beginning at noon, and the presentation to start at 12:30 p.m. Members of IAMU electric utilities are urged to attend. No pre-registration is required. A detailed Winter Meeting agenda is available at www.iamu.org.

IAMU members join mutual aid effort in Kennett, MO



◆ **IAMU member electric utilities’ desire to help in times of crisis knows no state boundaries. Crews and equipment from five IAMU members have responded to Kennett, MO – an area devastated by an ice storm that brought life to a halt and put residents in the dark there last week.**

Representatives from **Algona Municipal Utilities, Cedar Falls Utilities, Indianola Municipal Utilities, Milford Municipal Utilities and Pocahontas Municipal Utilities** all ventured south to help with the task of restoring power to the city of over 11,000 (30 megawatt load) in the far southeast corner, or “bootheel” of the Show-Me State. Algona sent three crew members and two trucks; Cedar Falls contributed four crew members and two trucks; Indianola chipped in two crew members and two trucks; Milford and Pocahontas joined forces to send a total of two crew members and two trucks.

The help is desperately needed. Dan Goetz, Manager of Construction Services of Cedar Falls Utilities, said, “I got a report from one of our guys, Larry Smith, who has over 30 years of experience as a lineman. He said this is the worst ice damage he’s ever seen.” Bob Miller, Indianola’s Electric Superintendent, commented that when he spoke with his crew following their arrival in Kennett, “they said it looked like a bomb went off.” Rod Vitzthum, Electric Line Department Manager at Algona, echoed those comments, reporting his crew said, “It looks like a war zone. All power poles in sight are down, lines are down, and people are driving over them.” Bob Sewell, General Manager at Milford, reported, “We sent down two or three hundred copper connectors, and when I talked to our man on Sunday, he said he had already gone through most of them. There are a lot of connections that have to be made.”

The Iowa crews were told to plan on spending about a week in Kennett. Current projections are that it may take four weeks or more for urgent restoration work to be completed. The local managers said they will re-evaluate staffing later this week, with some stating other workers could be sent down to relieve the original crews. Assistance from many states has poured into the Missouri/Arkansas/Illinois/Tennessee/Kentucky five-state area, including National Guard troops. An estimated 54,000 homes and businesses in Missouri alone remain without power.



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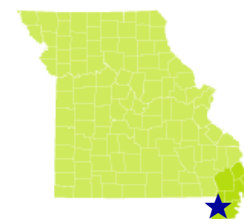
*There’s still time to
register for the
Winter Meeting!*

Go to

www.iamu.org

Click on the link

Deadline February 6



Iowa moves to second place in wind capacity



◆ Citing a new report by the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), Governor Culver has announced that Iowa has surpassed California, and now ranks second in the nation in wind energy capacity.

“In recent years, Iowans have worked tirelessly to build upon our natural strengths and make Iowa a national leader in renewable energy,” said Governor Culver. “As this report shows, those efforts are paying off.”

In surpassing California, Iowa now has the installed capacity of over 2,700 MW. “This amount of wind energy can power approximately 825,000 homes in Iowa,” said Tom Wind, Vice-Chair of the Iowa Power Fund Board. “This amount of wind generation will provide about 18% of Iowa’s total electricity needs.”

Iowa is home to six wind manufacturing companies. In addition, Iowa is one of only two states to make the three component parts of a windmill: turbine, blades, and tower.

To read the full AWEA release, “Wind Energy Grows by Record 8,300 MW in 2008,” click here: <http://www.awea.org> (then roll across “News”).



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IAMU Business Meeting will be held February 11



◆ The annual business meeting of the association will take place on February 11 at this year’s Winter Meeting in Ankeny. Members will be asked to approve a three percent increase in dues revenue – the first increase in three years. Member dues cover about 20 percent of the association’s \$3.2 million budget. Members will also elect officers and directors. A nominating committee consisting of President Brian Geschke (New Hampton), Past President Jim Hoye (Rock Rapids), First Vice President Bob Sewell (Milford), Lori Glanzman (Mt. Pleasant) and Dave Ferris (Lenox) has nominated the following slate of candidates (those in **bold** text):

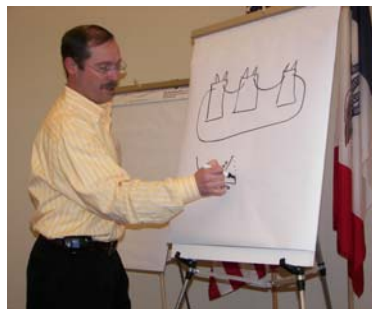
President	Bob Sewell (Milford)	to replace Brian Geschke
1st Vice President	Jim Krieg (Cedar Falls)	to replace Bob Sewell
2nd Vice President	Darrel Wenzel (Independence)	to replace Jim Krieg
Sec./Treasurer	Diane Lucas (Breda)	to replace John Bilsten
Past President	Brian Geschke (New Hampton)	to replace Jim Hoye
Director through 2/28/10	John Bilsten (Algona)	to replace Diane Lucas
Director through 2/28/10	Bruce Hardin (Everly)	to replace Darrel Wenzel
Director through 2/29/11	John Hays (Washington)	continues
Director through 2/29/11	Pat Stief (Traer)	continues
Director through 2/28/12	Craig Hall (Brooklyn)	for a full 3-year term
Director through 2/28/12	Murray Hulstein (Sioux Center)	to replace David Kalkwarf

Still time to send in IAMU’s Energy Efficiency Survey



◆ On January 19 IAMU sent an Energy Efficiency Survey to all electric and gas utilities participating in its energy efficiency assessment of potential study. The survey carried an original response deadline of January 28.

IAMU received a strong response, and we thank all utilities that did so. The results will greatly assist IAMU in the completion of the energy efficiency assessment of potential. If you have not sent in your survey, it is not too late. If you did not receive a survey or would like a second copy, contact Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org or 515-289-1999.



Bill Skubal of Cedar Falls Utilities was a presenter at the recent IAMU Superintendent & Foreman Meeting (upper left). Meanwhile, participants in IAMU’s Gas “Boot Camp” donned their coats for realistic live gas scenarios created with IAMU’s Safe City facility.

Warren K. Brown, President of the American Society of Safety Engineers, was a special guest speaker when IAMU recently hosted a meeting of the local ASSE chapter.

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