



### Upcoming Events

June 25 — 26, 2009

Safety Workshop

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July 29, 2009

Steel Distribution

Maintenance Workshop

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### Ames, Muscatine enjoy APPA award recognition



As detailed in the June 16 issue of the Informer, the Ames Municipal Electric System (Community Service Award, Energy Innovator Award) and Muscatine Power & Water (Community Service Award) were honored at the American Public Power Association (APPA) national conference. Pictured are (top) Donald Kom, Director of Ames Municipal Electric and Sal LoBianco, General Manager at Muscatine, receiving awards. Maude Grantham-Richards, outgoing chair of the APPA board, made the presentations.

## Renew America Roadtrip seeks utility involvement



◆ Attention IAMU member electric utilities along the I-80 corridor: You could be part of a historic energy efficiency/charity event in July.

The Renew America Roadtrip (RAR) is a cross-country journey from New York City to San Francisco that will be made by a Tesla Roadster, "America's first production, highway capable, all-electric sports car" and a group of Toyota Priuses. Working cooperatively with green charities and sponsors across the country, the RAR team hopes to raise significant funds for critical infrastructure, renewability/sustainability projects and green charities in need. Following the roadtrip, organizers plan to sell the Roadster in a public auction with proceeds donated to eco-friendly charities.



Renew America Roadtrip co-founders Michael Craner and Madushini (Maddy) Gunawardana pose next to the Tesla Roadster electric car that will be making the cross-country journey.

The tour will cross Iowa on Interstate 80 in July, and organizers are looking for municipal utilities along the way that would like to be part of the promotion by arranging for such things as charging of the car, holding an event, and hosting media. Ideal stops on the tour will have 240V electrical sockets. The car can charge on 120V, but at 240V charging is much faster. Organizers would like to schedule a few stops across Iowa. Ideally these would involve municipal utility cities on or near Interstate 80 (participating utilities are NOT required to be electric utilities). IAMU has asked for its Training & Office Complex to be considered for a Des Moines-area stop.

Any interested IAMU member should contact Karen Pease, RAR Iowa Coordinator, at [karen@celadonapps.com](mailto:karen@celadonapps.com).

More information about RAR can be found on the official website at [www.renewamericaroadtrip.com](http://www.renewamericaroadtrip.com).

## Land parcel for ISEP test drilling being purchased



◆ As the development of the Iowa Stored Energy Park (ISEP) moves forward, officials have agreed to pay a homeowner for real estate where the first test well for the facility will be dug. Negotiations are also underway for a second parcel of land belonging to another individual, where a second test well would be placed on the site near Dallas Center.

It is anticipated that the first ISEP test well, to be sunk to a depth of 3,000 feet, will be drilled by sometime this fall. This key part of the facility's development will test the ability of the geologic structure below the earth's surface to hold compressed air for the planned Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) facility.

ISEP will allow generation of electricity from the subterranean compressed air, which is released when needed to help generate energy for cities and utilities which have purchased rights to utilize it. A total of 13 wells will be utilized when the project is finished.

A more detailed look at ISEP is included in the just-released premiere issue of IAMU Connections magazine and is available [here](#). More information can also be found at [www.isepa.com](http://www.isepa.com). If your utility would like to become an ISEP joint owner, contact Tom Wind of Wind Utility Consulting at 515-386-3405 or [tomwind@netins.net](mailto:tomwind@netins.net).



### Spread EE with "Change A Light;" sign up by July 10



◆ IAMU member electric utilities have until July 10 to sign up for the Change A Light program. You

can supply compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs to your customers at a reduced cost by participating. Providing CFL bulbs is one of the most cost effective energy efficiency programs utilities can provide to their customers. In 2008 70 Iowa utilities participated in the program.

The program is administered by the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corp (WECC), which has run successful Change A Light programs in Iowa and surrounding states for several years. Because WECC administers the program, utilities do not have to worry about developing and running the program themselves. The main job of local utilities will be to advertise the program to their customers. Participating utilities will gain access to customizable marketing materials, as well as the statewide participating retailer network that has been recruited.

IAMU has emailed information on how to sign up for the program to its municipal electric utility members. If you did not receive this information, contact Joel Logan at [jlogan@iamu.org](mailto:jlogan@iamu.org) or 800-810-4268.



**APPA's new Executive Committee:**  
Front row (L—R): Maude Grantham-Richards, Gary Stauffer, Phyllis Currie.  
Back row: Mark Bonsall, Marc Gerken, Bill Carroll, Sharon Staz, Lonnie Carter.  
Not pictured are James Dickenson and Kevin Easley.

## Water utilities: CCR filing deadline coming up July 1

◆ IAMU water utility members are reminded that the deadline for your annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is fast approaching.



The drinking water quality report summarizes your water source, educational information, contaminants detected, and your compliance with regulations.

Community water systems must have their CCR to consumers and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by July 1. Although your certification letter isn't due until October 1, it is recommended that you also submit it to DNR along with the copy of your CCR by July 1.

For more information email Jill Soenen ([jsoenen@iamu.org](mailto:jsoenen@iamu.org)) or Jessica Lillie ([jlillie@iamu.org](mailto:jlillie@iamu.org)) at IAMU, or call 800-810-4268.

## Be safe: Still time to sign up for IAMU workshop



◆ With the theme of "Safety is ALL Inclusive," a new IAMU Safety Workshop will be presented June 25 – 26 at the association's Training & Office Complex in Ankeny.

The workshop is designed to provide the most up-to-date and beneficial information or a wide range of municipal and utility occupations, including hands-on employees, administrators, managers, supervisors and safety coordinators.

A wide range of topics will be presented in the two-day workshop, including a discussion of leadership, presented by John McPhee of the Fire Service Training Bureau; a look at the new state electrical inspection program by Pat Merrick, Iowa's Chief Electrical Inspector; an update on the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flags identity theft program, presented by IAMU Legal Counsel Amanda James; a discussion of the ANSI Fall Protection Guide and equipment; hand safety; respiratory equipment; confined space; lockout-tagout; an update on the Drug Testing Alliance and more.

1.0 safety CEUs will be awarded to attendees, and door prizes will be handed out.

To register, fax the form in the workshop's mailed paper brochure; or, register on the IAMU website. Click [here](#). For more information call IAMU at 800-810-4268.

## New APPA board announced at national conference



◆ Marc Gerken, President and CEO of American Municipal Power – Ohio, is the new chair of the American Public Power Association (APPA) board of directors. He was installed at APPA's national conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

Others named to the APPA board include Lonnie Carter of Santee Cooper, Moricks Corner, S.C. (chair-elect); Bill Carroll, Greenville (TN) Light & Power System (vice chair); Maude Grantham-Richards, Farmington, NM Electric Utility System (immediate past chair); and Mark Bonsall, Salt River Project, Phoenix, AZ (board treasurer).

Gerken chose Phyllis Currie, Pasadena, Calif., Water & Power; James A. Dickenson, JEA, Jacksonville, FL.; J. Gary Stauffer, NMPP Energy, Lincoln, NE; Sharon Staz, Kennebunk (ME) Light & Power District; and Kevin Easley, Grand River Dam Authority, Vinita, OK, to serve with the officers on the APPA executive committee.

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