



### Upcoming Events

April 21 –22 , 29 –30, 2010 **Consumer Confidence Report Workshops (various locations).** **Register/more information: [Here](#)** **Note: Independence and Coralville locations are full**

April 21, 2010  
**Salt & Deicing Workshop.**  
**Register/more information: [Here](#)**

April 27, 2010  
**Rain Garden Workshop.**  
**Register/more information: [Here](#)**

May 5 – 6 , 2010  
**Gas Plastic Pipe Joining/Operator Qualification Workshop.** **Register/more information: [Here](#)**

May 18 – 21 , 2010  
**Overhead Electric Workshop.**  
**Register/more information: [Here](#)**

May 26 – 27 , 2010  
**Water Distribution/Leak Detection Workshops.** **Register/more information: [Here](#)**

### Utility legislation chart is posted on IAMU web site



◆ A summary of legislation pertinent to municipal utilities from the just-ended Iowa legislative session is now

posted on the IAMU web site ([click here](#)). Done in chart form, it lists all bills by subject, shows the bill's status, includes comments and a link from each bill to the Iowa Legislature web site for detailed language.

The summary was prepared by Julie A. Smith, IAMU's Legislative Counsel. For questions about a particular bill, contact Julie at [jasmithlaw@mchsi.com](mailto:jasmithlaw@mchsi.com).



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## New plan will offer water/wastewater degrees in Iowa



◆ Water and wastewater curriculums are set to return to Iowa's community colleges, and IAMU is part of ad-hoc committee working to make the idea a reality. In a joint effort with Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) in Ankeny, a subcommittee is working to identify existing classes and design new classes that can be used by students to satisfy a degree program in water/wastewater. Meetings with Kirkwood Community College have also been held to discuss having the curriculum be part of that institution's online classes for non-traditional students. The curriculum will be in both classroom and web-based formats to reach all students. As of now, classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010, but some classes that are already in existence could be made available sooner.



The program calls for three areas of study: Water; wastewater; and water/wastewater, embedded in a larger two-year AAS Degree industrial program. Three levels of education – a degree, a diploma and a Certificate of Specialization – will be offered.

The committee has set up a "Water Wastewater Special Projects Fund" with the DMACC Foundation. The fund will help pay for tuition and books for Iowa residents seeking Iowa jobs. A resolution for the scholarship fund asking for a small monetary contribution will be sent to Iowa cities. IAMU members are asked to help promote the resolution to their city councils. A PowerPoint program for use with councils will be produced. **A more detailed explanation of the program and the resolution for the scholarship fund are now posted on the IAMU web site. Look for the links on the home page by clicking [here](#).**

## IAMU board meets; Geschke returns as Past President



◆ The IAMU Board of Directors met April 7 in the first meeting of the new fiscal year. Newly elected president Jim Krieg (Cedar Falls) presided. Other members of the Board include: 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Darrel Wenzel (Independence); 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Pat Stief (Traer); Treasurer Diane Lucas (Breda); and, directors Kent Hilsabeck (Manning); Sal LoBianco (Muscatine); Murray Hulstein (Sioux Center); Craig Hall (Brooklyn); Bruce Harden (Everly); and John Bilsten (Algona). Brian Geschke (New Hampton) agreed to serve a second year as Past President, filling in for Bob Sewell, who will retire later this spring.

Among the actions taken by the board were these: Review of financial reports for the year ending February 28. The Association finished the year with \$12,365 more revenue than expenses. The budget included additions to reserves of \$19,269, so total reserves for the year were increased by \$31,634. Appointments to committees were approved. The current committee list is posted on the IAMU website. Click [here](#). For the Board of Directors list, click [here](#).

IAMU is working with the Minnesota and Wisconsin associations on a project for computer program support that will improve the data base functions that each association uses to communicate with members, facilitate meeting registration, maintain training records, and perform other functions.

The board discussed a staff report on EPA rules for air emissions of reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE). The rules will have a significant impact of costs for maintaining many of the nearly 300 diesel generators IAMU members operate. IAMU is working with other state associations on a response to the EPA rules and on plans to assist members in complying with the rules.

IAMU actions on three issues under consideration by the IUB were discussed: (1) comments on smart grid activities and standards; (2) comments filed on a MISO transmission cost allocation straw-man now under IUB review; and (3) communication regarding biennial energy efficiency plan filings.