



Upcoming Events

December 16
Small Utility GIS Mapping
Workshop (registration closed)

January 13 & 14; 27 & 28
Gas Five-Year OQ Workshops
Register/more information: [Here](#)

January 19 — 21, 2011
Superintendent & Foreman's
Workshop

January 31 — February 4, 2011
Electric Metering Workshops

February 9 — 11, 2011
IAMU Winter Meeting/Business
Meeting

Updated IAMU Grain Bin Safety brochure is available

◆ IAMU has updated its "Guidelines for Grain Bin Safety" brochure, which is available for to distribute among your municipal electric customers.



All Iowa electric utilities are required to notify city and county zoning officials, farmers, farm lenders, equipment dealers and other customers involved in potential grain bin construction or relocation – and to ensure that specifications are met. The IAMU brochure is one way in which utilities can spread the word about this important subject. It discusses height and electric line clearance requirements, and other safety tips.

The brochure can be downloaded and printed directly from the IAMU web site [here](#) (look for the link on the page); or, it can be ordered from IAMU's Melody Taninies at mtaninies@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.



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online: www.iamu.org
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OEI Power Fund Community Grant deadline coming

◆ IAMU members are reminded that The Iowa Office of Energy Independence has extended the application deadline for community-based energy projects through the Power Fund Community Grants Program. The deadline is December 15, 11:59 p.m.



A total of up to \$700,000 is available during this funding period. There is a maximum per project award of \$50,000 with a 1 to 1 match required. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the request for proposals (RFP) and may apply online at www.iowagrants.gov. For information visit: www.energy.iowa.gov. All interested applicants may contact Mary Davidson at mary.davidson@iowa.gov.



The Community Grants program is funded through four percent of the annual appropriation of the Iowa Power Fund. Cities, counties and non-profit organizations are eligible. Examples of qualified programs include: promoting local energy efficiency and renewable energy, establishing a community energy efficiency plan, training or creating jobs in the energy area, creating public awareness about energy issues or helping community members understand how to identify and implement energy improvements.

Make yourself heard with IAMU Regional Meetings

◆ There's still time register for an IAMU Regional Meeting and your chance to talk important utility issues with state legislators. A large crop of new legislators will soon begin their duties at the State House, making this round of Regional Meetings even more important. New and returning lawmakers have been invited to participate in the gatherings that will be held around the state. A phone call or email is all it takes to participate.



Hosted by IAMU Executive Director Bob Haug and Legislative and Regulatory Counsel Julie A. Smith, the one-hour meetings are free of charge and kick off tomorrow, **December 8, at Waverly Light and Power**, 1002 Adams Parkway in Waverly at 1 p.m. Other meetings will be held at: **Denison, Sioux Center and Algona December 13; Tipton December 15; and Ogden and Greenfield December 20.**

More detailed information can be found on the home page of the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org. Pre-registration is required. Contact Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.

New look, new Internet address for APPA web site

◆ American Public Power Association (APPA) members will now find a new online address for the association's web site, and a new look when they arrive. The site, with the former URL of www.APPAnet.org, is now www.publicpower.org. This is also the domain name for APPA staff e-mail addresses (the old domain names will also continue to work).

The revised front page of the site now features rotating photos from APPA members (including IAMU). Individual utilities that are APPA members are urged to contribute photos for possible display on the site. E-mail digital photos to: Websitephotos@publicpower.org.



The changes are part of an ongoing upgrade to the site. The APPA Academy and its major conferences now have web displays with comprehensive information about conferences. APPA newsletters and magazines will be displayed on new integrated media sub-site. More changes and features to be added in the coming weeks. Access the new site [here](#).

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