



Upcoming Events

May 5 – 6, 2010

Gas Plastic Pipe Joining/Operator Qualification Workshop. Register/more information: Here

May 6 & 13, 2010

Health Care Reform Webinar. Register 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

Health care reform policy webinars are planned

IAMU will host webinars on the important and timely issue of health care reform policies.



Susan Pinckney of Employee Benefit Resources will host the presentations. Participants to obtain important details on

changes in employer health care plans that will begin to take effect later this year. The webinars will be offered on two dates: May 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.; and May 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m. For registration and login information, contact IAMU's Sandy Longfellow at slongfellow@iamu.org.

IAMU teams with OEI for upfront Smart Grid finance



IAMU has spearheaded the development of a Department of Energy (DOE) Smart Grid grant program; now, through a joint partnership with the Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI), IAMU members can take advantage of financing the upfront cost of participating in the Smart Grid project.



Through the Energy Smart program, the OEI offers this upfront financing for energy projects that pay for themselves through energy savings.

Financing will be arranged through local and regional investment banks, and is offered at a small spread over an A-rates general obligation bond index. A finance term of up to 12 years is available, and is flexible.

A more detailed document is available on the IAMU web site (click here and look for the link on the home page).

Safety Group's Jester named to insurance hall of fame

Robert Jester, President of Jester Insurance Services, and advisor to IAMU's Safety Group Insurance Program, has been chosen for induction to the Iowa Insurance Hall of Fame.



Jester, a strong supporter of IAMU, is shown speaking at an association workshop.

He is being recognized for his approach to providing insurance to government entities in the state. The IAMU Safety Group earned an insurance dividend of more than \$2 million for the 2008-09 policy year, the second largest in the program's 27-year history. The Safety Group originated from a proposal from Jester 20 years ago. In cooperation with Employers Mutual Insurance Companies (EMC), it now provides property, casualty, liability, and workers compensation insurance to nearly 450 of IAMU's member cities/utilities. During the life of the Safety Group, EMC has returned a total of more than \$34.2 million in dividends. Jester's design has been expanded to other states as well.

The Iowa Insurance Hall of Fame evaluates nominations on standards including ethics and impact on the industry. The induction ceremony will be held May 19 at the Olmsted Center at Drake University in Des Moines. IAMU congratulates Jester, a longtime advocate of IAMU and municipal utilities, on his upcoming induction.



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Train the Trainer



Members of IAMU's Job Training & Safety staff became the students recently in certifying for respiratory testing procedures. At right, JT&S Coordinator Mary Ann Kinkade, Justin Vogt (standing) and Michael Hall practice using testing equipment. The group then poses with their certificates: Back row (left — right): Safety Specialists Mike Hamilton, Vogt, Paul Kittelson, Steve McLaughlin and trainer Lou Di Mauro of Medical Enterprises, Inc. Front row: Hall, Kinkade and JT&S Program Assistant Melody Taninies