



Upcoming Events

January 31 — February 4, 2011
Electric Metering Workshops
Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 2
IAMU/Jester Insurance Safety
Group Seminar, Ames
More information: [Here](#)

February 3
IAMU/Jester Insurance Safety
Group Seminar, Storm Lake
More information: [Here](#)

February 9 — 10, 2011
IAMU Winter Meeting, Ramada
Tropics Resort, Des Moines
Register/more information: [Here](#)

IUB slates open meeting on NW Iowa pipeline capacity



◆ IAMU member gas utilities note: The Iowa Utilities Board has scheduled an open meeting to discuss natural gas pipeline capacity issues in northwest Iowa. It will be held February 18 at 11 a.m. at the Kings Pointe Hotel in Storm Lake.

Representatives of several energy companies will be on hand. No registration is required. For more information contact Cecil Wright at the Iowa Utilities Board, Cecil.Wright@iub.iowa.gov or 515-725-7361.

Due diligence good when investing in public funds



◆ With interest rates remaining close to zero, public officials may be tempted to consider investment products that promise a higher rate of return.

Beth Grob, attorney with the Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm, has provided IAMU with "The Top 5 Public Fund Investment Questions." Click [here](#) for the link.

SRF posts Intended Use Plan updates for comment



◆ The Fiscal Year 2011 Intended Use Plan updates for the State Revolving Fund have been posted online for public comment.

Users will notice a new color-coding system for project lists and differences in designations regarding such things as projects receiving additional subsidization from IJOBS as a green project, or designation as an SRF disadvantaged community.

A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, February 10 at the Department of Natural Resources Water Supply Office, 401 SW 7th St., Des Moines. The public comment period will be open through February 17. Comments are welcome in person at the hearing or may be submitted in written form.

For more information contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, State Revolving Fund Coordinator, at patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-0498.



IAMU's Mutual Aid Handbook updated; new format is available



◆ IAMU's Mutual Aid Handbook has been updated and is now also available in a new "notebook" format for use in a three-ring binder (the traditional "booklet" format is also still available).

Among the updates are changes in the Iowa Utilities Board contact information following that agency's move into its new office building. Contact information for the IUB Duty Officer is important for electric, gas and telecom utilities for mutual aid communications.

Some members will find the binder format more convenient for printing and distribution. Both formats are available for downloading and printing on the Mutual Aid page of the IAMU web site, [here](#).

Former Iowa utility official Ken Alberts begins his retirement

◆ Ken Alberts, a 30-year employee of Cedar Falls Utilities and former member of the IAMU



Ken Alberts

Board of Directors, has retired from his current post as City Manager of Rochelle, IL. Prior to that, he was Rochelle's municipal utilities director for eight years. Mr. Alberts was instrumental in deploying the municipal telecommunication system in Cedar Falls, and a municipal telecom system in Rochelle. He was also key in developing a public power agency in northern Illinois and was an American Public Power Association (APPA) instructor for 25 years. He was presented with the APPA's Kramer-Preston Personal Service Award in 1992.

Notice of IAMU Board of Directors Budget and Nomination Activity

The IAMU Board of Directors has adopted the following dues schedule for the fiscal year March 1, 2011-February 28, 2012: 3% Increase with a cap of \$30,000 for electric and gas utilities. The electric, gas and water dues will generate approximately 23% of the budgeted revenues. The general fund budget was approved at \$3,136,000.

The committee appointed to nominate officers and directors for election and the annual business meeting February 10 submits the following report of its decision: **Nominees for Officers of the IAMU Board:** 1. The nominee for president is Darrel Wenzel (Independence); 2. The nominee for first vice president is Pat Stief (Traer); 3. The nominee for second vice president is Diane Lucas (Breda); 4. The nominee for Secretary/Treasurer is Murray Hulstein (Sioux Center). **Nominees for directors:** 1. Sal LoBianco (Muscatine) has served one year on the board and is nominated for an additional three year term; 2. Kent Hilsabeck (Manning) has served two years on the board and is nominated for an additional three year term; 3. Rachael Cahill (Stratford) is nominated to complete the unexpired term of Murray Hulstein ending in February 2012; 4. Steve Tjepkes (Atlantic) is nominated to complete the unexpired term of Bruce Harden (Everly) who retired at the end of 2010. The term ends in February 2013. Jim Krieg (Cedar Falls) will automatically become past president; no action was necessary.