



Upcoming Events

February 8 — 9, 2012
IAMU Winter Meeting, Ramada
Tropics Resort, Des Moines
[Register/more information: Here](#)

February 15, 2012
Rainscaping Iowa: Ecological &
Soil Quality Restoration, Native
Landscaping
[Register/more information: Here](#)

February 29, 2012
Raingarden Workshop
[Register/more information: Here](#)


March 6 — 7, 2012
Iowa Water Conference, Iowa State
University
[Register/more information: Here](#)

March 7 — 8, 2012
Advanced H2O Water Treatment &
Distribution Workshops
[Register/more information: Here](#)

March 12 — 15, 2012
Gas Welding Workshop, Emmets-
burg (Iowa Lakes Comm. College)

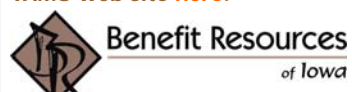
March 19 — 21, 2012
Gas Welding Workshop, Ankeny
(IAMU)

Results of board-governed utility survey posted online

 In January, 2012, IAMU sent a survey to 70 members with board-governed utilities. It regarded compensation, service and selection related to the boards. Twenty-nine utilities responded. The findings have been posted on the IAMU web site [here](#).

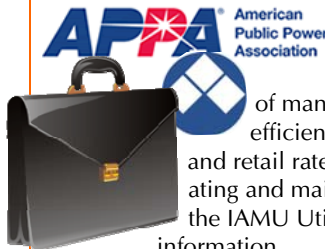
What's the latest on employee benefits?

The February issue of *Benefit Bytes* is now available from Benefit Resources of Iowa, IAMU's group health and life advisors. Download it on the IAMU web site [here](#).



IAMU is sponsor of APPA's Spring Education Institute

◆ IAMU has teamed with the American Public Power Association (APPA) as a sponsor of the APPA's Spring Education Institute. Part of the APPA Academy, that event will be held May 7-11 at the Crowne Plaza Northstar in Minneapolis.



The Institute features 17 courses covering a number of management and supervisory-related topics, including accounting, energy efficiency, supervisory leadership, enterprise risk management, cost of service and retail rate design, distribution fundamentals and practices and constructing, operating and maintaining underground distribution systems. Some courses also apply to the IAMU Utility Clerk Certification Program. Call IAMU at 800-810-4268 for more information.



Two special certification programs on energy efficiency management and supervisory leadership are included: The Energy Efficiency Management Certificate Program and The Public Power Manager Certificate Program for mid- and upper-level managers and senior supervisors.

IAMU members are invited to plan now to attend this event. For more information click [here](#) or contact APPA's Heidi Lambert at hlambert@publicpower.org. The general APPA Academy Web site can be found [here](#).

OSHA 300A injury summary must be posted by Feb. 1



◆ IAMU members should note that the annual deadline for posting the OSHA 300A injury summary is February 1, 2012. All incidents of work-related injuries and illnesses must also be logged within seven days (Form 300) and detailed injury and illness reports for each entry (Form 301) must also be completed.



The summary should contain the total numbers of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in 2011 that were logged on the OSHA 300 form. Employment information regarding the annual average number of employees and total hours worked during the calendar year is needed to calculate incidence rates.



Even if there were no recordable injuries or illnesses in 2010, you are still required to post the form with zeros on the total line. The 300A summary must remain posted until April 30, 2012.

You can download forms 300, 300A, 301 from OSHA's Injury & Illness Recordkeeping Forms Web page [here](#) or contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

Have you registered?



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Mark Crisson
APPA



Bert Kalisch
APGA



Jerry Stevens
AWWA



Aaron Thomas
(son of slain high school coach Ed Thomas)

- ▣ Telecom Pre-Con Session
- ▣ Iowa Legislative Update
- ▣ Federal Cable Issues
- ▣ Lake Red Rock Hydro Project
- ▣ Municipal Funding

Still time to register!
See the links at
www.iamu.org

Water Services Specialist position available at IAMU

◆ IAMU is seeking a person to provide technical assistance and training to water supply systems. This is a permanent, full-time position.



The IAMU Water Services Specialist position is primarily funded by a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

IAMU currently has a contract with IDNR for the Viability Technical Assistance Grant. The purpose of this grant is to



provide one-on-one technical assistance to communities with populations less than 10,000 with the technical, managerial, and financial aspects of a water system. Emphasis will be given to asset management, rate setting, and board/council training. Some time will also be dedicated to additional workshops/projects the Water Services Department at IAMU is responsible for.



Send resume and salary requirement to:

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, 1735 NE 70th Ave., Ankeny, IA 50021.

See the detailed job posting link on the home page of the IAMU web site [here](#).

Final call: IAMU's MuniPAC Board-Manager donations

◆ All final contributions to IAMU's MuniPAC Board-Manager Campaign are due by February 3.



The goal of the campaign is to have

member utilities collect contributions to MuniPAC from 100% of their board/council members and their manager. All utilities that achieve the 100% participation level will be recognized at the IAMU Winter Meeting Feb. 9.

All contributions must be made from personal funds (no utility checks or checks drawn on company accounts). Questions? Contact IAMU's Curtis Dean at cdean@iamu.org, 800-810-4268.


IAMU's Electric/Natural Gas Rate Comparison released



◆ IAMU has released the annual **Electric and Natural Gas Rate Comparison**, an assessment of revenue per unit of energy sold for Iowa's gas and electric utilities. The ratio of revenue to units of energy sold is a "rate" that can be calculated for any customer class served by any utility. By providing this standardized data, the IAMU Rate Comparison allows municipal utilities to analyze their competitive positions through comparisons with all other utilities in Iowa, regardless of utility size or retail rate structure.


A summary of the average electric and gas rates for Iowa's utilities is shown in the tables below. The full report includes historical data, multistate comparisons, and a breakdown of calculated rates for every gas and electric utility operating in Iowa. The full report can be obtained by IAMU member utilities [here](#).

2010 Average Iowa Electric Rates

	Municipal Utility	Cooperative Utility	Investor Owned Utility
Residential \$/kWh	\$ 0.095	\$ 0.111	\$ 0.104
Commercial \$/kWh	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.078
Industrial \$/kWh	\$ 0.064	\$ 0.063	\$ 0.051
Total \$/kWh	\$ 0.080	\$ 0.091	\$ 0.073



2010 Average Iowa Gas Rates

	Municipal Utility	Investor Owned Utility
Residential \$/MCF	\$ 9.19	\$ 9.55
Commercial \$/MCF	\$ 7.92	\$ 7.78
Industrial \$/MCF	\$ 6.42	\$ 5.97
Total \$/MCF	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.75



The data on electric utilities was obtained from the publicly available information in the Energy Information Administration's 2010 EIA-861 Report. The data on gas utilities was obtained from the Iowa Utility Board's 2010 MG-1 and IG-1 reports, the annual reports for municipal gas utilities and investor owned gas utilities, respectively.

Forest Health Highlights looks at EAB threat in State of Iowa

◆ The 2011 issue of *Forest Health Highlights* is now available from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The document discusses protection of Iowa trees from



insects, diseases and other damaging agents. It includes a detailed annual summary of these threats, including the Emerald Ash Borer

(EAB), which has significantly damaged ash trees in parts of the Midwest and has been detected in Iowa (the report, however, indicates no movement of the EAB in 2011).

It is produced by Tivon Feeley, Forest Health Program Leader, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and who has been a speaker at past IAMU events.

Forest Health Highlights can be found [here](#).

State Revolving Fund updates for public review are posted

◆ Fourth quarter updates to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) FY 2012 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) are available for public review. The IUPs include funding sources, uses, goals and objectives, and program policies such as interest rates and terms. The Drinking Water SRF IUP update includes new projects proposed for loan forgiveness.

A public meeting is set for Feb. 9, 10 a.m., at the DNR Water Supply office, 401 SW 7th Street, Suite M, Des Moines. Written comments will be accepted through February 16, 2012, directed to the DNR's Patti Cale-Finnegan at Patti.Cale-Finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov or by fax at 515-725-0348. Draft FY 2012 Clean Water SRF Quarter 4 IUP update and project priority list is [here](#). DRAFT FY 2012 Drinking Water SRF Quarter 4 IUP update and project priority list is available [here](#).

