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## ANNUAL AMP AND OMEA CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

**COLUMBUS:** More than 400 participants took part in the 2015 AMP/OMEA Conference held in Columbus Sept. 28 – Oct. 1. *Putting Plans in Motion* was the theme of this year's conference and attendees had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of discussions and informational sessions.

Following the Conference Opening Session with AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken, AMP and OMEA welcomed Sue Kelly, president and CEO of the American Public Power Association, with a presentation regarding some of the priority issues facing public power. During the conference, participants were able to attend panel discussions regarding the Clean Power Plan (111(d)), and the New Utility Business Model. There were also sessions covering topics such as indices and trends in the energy markets; new PJM capacity performance rules; Smart Grid; reliability tracking; risk management; power supply contracts; energy storage; as well as state and federal legislative updates. AMP and the OMEA would like to thank all of the outstanding speakers participating in this year's conference.

In addition to the many sessions and events, AMP, OMEA, and the various project participants held membership meetings throughout the four-day annual conference.

### AMP Board Elections

During the general membership meeting, elections were held to the AMP Board of Trustees for four expiring seats. The AMP member communities of Bryan, Montpelier, Oberlin and Orrville were re-elected by the membership to seats on the Board. Following the general membership meeting, the Board met to elect officers, with the following re-elections:

Chair – Steve Dupee, City of Oberlin  
Vice Chair – Jeff Brediger, City of Orrville  
Secretary – Pam Lucas, Village of Montpelier  
Treasurer – Tracy Reibold, City of Newton Falls

### OMEA Board Elections

Elections were also held for expiring terms on the Ohio Municipal Electric Association Board of Directors. The OMEA member communities of Edgerton, Montpelier, Napoleon and Orrville were re-elected by the membership to new three-year terms. Dover, Ohio mayor Richard Homrighausen was re-elected to a 17<sup>th</sup> term as President of the OMEA Board of Directors, a position he has held since 1999. Additionally, Mayor Steve Yagelski, Village of Montpelier and Mayor Robin Laubaugh, City of Wadsworth were elected to the OMEA Board of Directors Executive Committee.

During the conference, OMEA recognized long-time St. Clairsville, Ohio Mayor Robert Vincenzo, who is retiring at the end of his current term in office. Mayor Vincenzo has been a strong advocate of public power at both the state and federal levels and has served on the OMEA Board of Directors Executive Committee for more than a decade, providing leadership to the efforts of the association.

### AMP 7 Hats Award

Rex Katterheinrich, village administrator for the Village of New Knoxville, was named recipient of the prestigious 7 Hats Award during the Awards Banquet on Sept. 30. Initiated in 1966 to recognize utility managers who serve smaller communities, the AMP 7 Hats Award is given annually to an official in communities of less than 2,500 electric meters. Award winners show skill in seven areas: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, personnel or employee direction, and community leadership.

Awards were also given to individuals and communities in the categories of environmental stewardship, finance, innovation, public power promotion, safety, and system improvement.

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### **ABOUT AMP:**

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 132 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 670,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, wind and other renewable resources. The organization is focused on sustainability and increased use of renewable generation resources. AMP currently has four run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects under construction on the Ohio River. Combined these four projects will add more than 300 MW of new hydro capacity to the region. AMP is pursuing additional hydro, solar, wind and landfill gas projects. For additional information, visit AMP's Web site at [www.amppartners.org](http://www.amppartners.org).

### **ABOUT OMEA:**

Founded in 1962, the Ohio Municipal Electric Association advocates at the state and national levels on behalf of AMP and 80 Ohio member municipal electric systems. With the goal of protecting the independence and constitutional rights of Ohio municipal electric systems, OMEA provides services that include lobbying, member activities, coalition building, and legislative and regulatory analysis. For additional information, visit: [www.amppartners.org/about/omea](http://www.amppartners.org/about/omea)