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Greetings,

Fall is here and the trade association is preparing for the upcoming legislative session.

We intend to capitalize on the forward momentum generated from our annual meeting held a few weeks ago in Valdez. The time is now for a statewide energy policy and for leadership at all levels to step up and address the issues of energy planning, supply and delivery.

I look forward to keeping you informed on our progress in this direction. APA has 56 years of experience dealing with the challenges and opportunities of providing electric power to Alaskans.

Marilyn Leland, Alaska Power Association Executive Director



Energy policy issues discussed by lawmakers and industry reps at APA Annual Meeting

Energy policy issues took center stage at the Alaska Power Association Annual Meeting September 13-14 at the Valdez Civic Center.

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Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA) serves the Copper River Basin and Valdez and it hosted the annual meeting of APA. The annual meeting of the trade association provides directors and managers from Alaska's electric cooperatives, investor-owned power companies and municipal utilities the opportunity to discuss industry issues and recognize individuals whose accomplishments have benefited electrification efforts in Alaska.

The APA annual meeting featured five panels on energy policy-related topics: current status of Alaska's electric energy system, funding for renewable and conventional generation projects, renewable energy policy development, economics of delivering electric power in Alaska, and policymakers' views of a statewide energy plan for Alaska.

Speakers included: Lieutenant Governor **Sean Parnell**, Speaker **John Harris**, Regulatory Commission of Alaska Chairman **Anthony Price**, Denali Commission COO **Krag Johnsen**, Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority CEO **Harold Heinze**, USDA Rural Utilities Service representative **Eric Marchegiani**, and Renewable Energy Alaska Project Executive Director **Chris Rose**.



The first panel of the general sessions featured: Joe Griffith; Meera Kohler, AVEC; Tony Izzo, TMI Consulting; James Strandberg, Alaska Energy Authority; and Harold Heinze, ANGDA.

Alaska Power Association estimates its annual meeting had an overall economic impact of about \$88,000 on the Valdez community. The estimate is based on the costs associated with hosting the meeting including catering, hotel rooms and

transportation.

Many presentations from the general sessions may be downloaded from the APA web site. In addition to attending meetings and general sessions at the Valdez Civic Center, annual meeting attendees took a chartered cruise of Prince William Sound on September 12 and tours of CVEA's generation facilities on September 13. The cruise was sponsored by General Reinsurance Corporation (presenting sponsor), Zurich Global Energy and Alliant.

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GVEA's Haagenson receives lifetime achievement award

Steve Haagenson, Golden Valley Electric Association President and CEO, received the Mason Lazelle Achievement Award at the Alaska Power Association annual membership meeting September 13 in Valdez, Alaska. The award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to electrification efforts in Alaska.



The award was presented to Haagenson by Brad Reeve, President of the APA Board of Directors, at the trade association's awards banquet at the Valdez Civic Center. Reeve said, "Tonight's award recipient has a long and distinguished history of

service to his cooperative and its members, as well as to the electric utility industry in Alaska. Over a career lasting more than 30 years, he rose through the ranks at his utility."

Reeve went on to say, "This lifelong Alaskan has been active in his community, and the kind of utility representative that puts our industry in a good light. He has

coached soccer and served on the boards of Fairbanks Youth Soccer and Arctic Knights Youth Soccer, including serving as president of both organizations."

"Our award recipient has been particularly supportive of education. He has been a math tutor and a long-time advocate for the Fairbanks School District Science Fair. He has worked closely with the faculty of the engineering program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For many years, he personally organized and led GVEA facility tours for electric power option students. He has served as chairman of the UAF Electrical and Computer Engineering Department advisory committee, and has helped his cooperative provide real world experience for summer hires from the university's engineering program."

In January 2001, the GVEA board named Haagenson to lead the utility as acting president and CEO, and hired him for the job in August of that year. During his time in the job, he led the cooperative through several notable construction projects, including the Northern Intertie, the Battery Energy Storage System, and the North Pole generation expansion project.

During the same time, the utility has demonstrated its willingness to listen to members interested in alternative energy, creating a Green Power Advisory Committee, the SNAP program to promote small-scale renewable projects, and adopting goals under a Renewable Energy Pledge.

Reeve added, "This leader from the Interior has been a proponent of a strong interconnected Railbelt that serves Alaskans throughout the region. He has made valuable contributions to the Bradley Lake Project Management Committee, the Intertie Operating Committee and the Alaska Railbelt Electric Authority Joint Action Agency. He was a driving force behind the creation of the JAA."

"This Lazelle award recipient and his wife Maureen - also a UAF graduate - are looking forward to some time off after 32 years with Golden Valley. We will miss him as a colleague but wish him and Maureen all the best. This fine individual has done a lot of good for the Interior, the Railbelt, and Alaska."

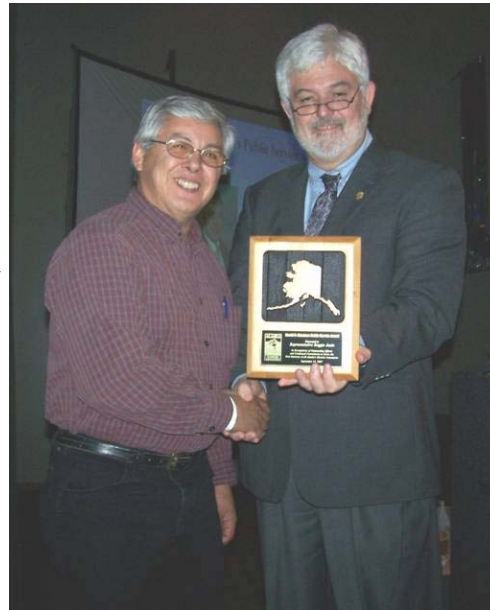
Mason Lazelle was general manager of Matanuska Electric Association in the 1960s, a time when cooperatives were helping communities establish central station service. Lazelle was very active in this effort. Under his leadership, the utility built generation and distribution facilities for villagers in Stony River and Unalakleet, and provided

consultation for the community of Tyonek. Lazelle disappeared on Feb. 27, 1968 as he piloted a Cessna 185 between Nulato and Unalakleet.

Kotzebue legislator honored for commitment to rural energy

Representative Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue) received the David P. Hutchens Public Service Award from Alaska Power Association in recognition of his leadership on behalf of Alaska's electric consumers and their utilities. The trade association presented the award to Joule at its 56th annual membership meeting in Valdez, Alaska on September 13.

The David P. Hutchens Public Service Award is presented to individuals outside the utility industry who have provided exceptional public service in the interests of electric consumers in Alaska.



The award was announced by Brad Reeve, APA Board President, at the association's awards banquet at the Valdez Civic Center. Reeve said, "Tonight, we honor someone who has been steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life in Bush Alaska. His support of Power Cost Equalization and other high-cost energy assistance programs have been an asset to his constituents in the Northwest Arctic Borough and to Alaskans across the state."

"Rural residents know they can count on him to

make informed and well-thought-out decisions on tough issues. Electric utilities appreciate his support for the advancement of renewable energy policy and energy programs that help us fulfill our mission of providing safe, affordable and reliable electric power to Alaskans."

The award is named after Alaska Power Association's first executive director, David P. Hutchens, who worked with utility leaders and public officials for 18 years to improve the affordability and reliability of electric service for consumers in Alaska.

Plant mechanic from Barrow receives statewide acclaim

The Alaska Power Association membership recently recognized the contributions of **Patrick Cleveland**, a 25-year employee of Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, with the Hatcher-Williams-Turkington Employee Award for exemplary service to his electric cooperative, the electric industry and the Barrow community.

The power plant mechanic was nominated for the award by BUECI General Manager Ben Frantz and Cleveland's supervisor Jim Murphy who said, "He continues to amaze me with his ability to design and build the parts he needed to keep the generation plant online and running safely. His dedication to his job is unsurpassed and I feel very fortunate to have him on our staff."



The award was presented to Cleveland (right) by Brad Reeve, Alaska Power Association Board President, at the Alaska Power Association annual meeting on September 13.

APA President Brad Reeve said, "This year's recipient of the Hatcher-Williams-Turkington Employee Award has served his cooperative for more than 25 years as the utility plant mechanic. His extensive knowledge and expertise in power generation make him a valuable asset to the utility and the entire community. He has been able to troubleshoot and repair equipment with limited resources so the citizens of Barrow can continue to enjoy uninterrupted service."

"This award recipient and his wife Jeri raised their family in Barrow and are well respected in the community. He is always willing to go out of his way to help others. In the 1990s, he and his wife served as foster parents to several North Slope children."

The APA award is named after Robert Hatcher of Kodiak Electric Association, Fred Williams of Copper Valley Electric Association, and Robert Turkington, past board member of Homer Electric Association. All are past recipients of the prestigious Mason Lazelle Achievement Award, the highest level award presented by the Alaska's electric industry trade association.

Alaska utilities recognized for exemplary safety records

Ten Alaska utilities recently received recognition by Alaska Power Association for having excellent safety records in

2006.

Six utilities received Alaska Power Association Safety Awards for demonstrating the best safety records during 2006 in their respective categories. The criteria for APA Safety Awards includes a calculation that combines the cost of workers compensation claims with the rate that such claims occur per hours worked at the utility.

Category 1: Golden Valley Electric Association and Anchorage Municipal Light & Power (tie)

Category 2: Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Category 3: Kotzebue Electric Association

Category 4: Thomas Bay Power Authority

Category 5 (telecom utilities): Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative



Robert Wilkinson (right), Copper Valley Electric Association CEO, receives an APA Safety Achievement Award presented by Robert Hatcher, APA and Kodiak Electric Association board member.

The following eight utilities were recognized with Alaska Power Association Safety Achievement Awards for having exceptional records in preventing worker injuries and reducing lost-time injuries. The following utilities experienced zero lost days due to injuries or illnesses:

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative
Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Copper Valley Electric Association
Inside Passage Electric Cooperative
INN Electric Cooperative

**Kotzebue Electric Association
Thomas Bay Power Authority
Naknek Electric Association**

The awards were presented Sept. 13 at the trade association's 56th annual membership meeting in Valdez, Alaska. Alaska Power Association, formerly known as the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is the 56-year old statewide trade association for urban and rural electric utilities. It provides advocacy and program services to help member utilities provide Alaskans with affordable and reliable electric power.

HEA lauded for safety program

Homer Electric Association recently received Safety Reaccreditation status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This accomplishment was recognized at the Alaska Power Association Annual Meeting on Sept. 13.

The NRECA Safety Accreditation Program is a tool for ensuring that a cooperative is on an organized path of excellence and has a commitment to achieve and maintain higher safety standards for its employees and the community serviced. Utilizing peer review, accreditation guidelines are established by job training and safety professionals and affiliates of the rural electric community that, in some cases, exceed local, state and federal requirements.

Electric utilities undergo two evaluations based upon a three-year review period, which consist of an on-site field observation and a committee evaluation of safety policies and procedures. NRECA safety accreditation addresses everything from board participation to inspection of tools and equipment. Utilities must demonstrate that management and the employees are committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment.

Currently, Chugach Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association, Homer Electric Association, and Kodiak Electric Association are nationally safety accredited. Accreditation is a three-year process in which Alaska Power Association provides annual support to participating members.



David Carey (left), HEA President, accepts Homer Electric Association's reaccreditation certificate from Tom Johnston, Alaska coordinator for the NRECA Safety Accreditation program.

ML&P employee receives training certificate

Ronnetta McConnell of Anchorage Municipal Light & Power received a certificate from the ARECA Training Council at the Alaska Power Association Annual Meeting.

McConnell successfully completed the Operator Mechanic training program that involved 576 course hours and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training.



Pictured Ronnetta McConnell and Steve Pratt, ML&P Commissioner.

APA and ARECA Insurance Exchange issue RFP for lobbyist services

Alaska Power Association is seeking proposals from consultants for the purpose of contracting with a lobbyist to represent APA and its sister organization, ARECA Insurance Exchange, on issues of interest coming before Congress, the Alaska Legislature and state and federal regulatory agencies.

The APA and AIE needs are outlined in a Request for Proposal posted on the trade association's web site. The deadline for proposals is Oct. 12 at 12 p.m.

▶ [Link to RFP](#)

Meetings & events calendar

Alaska Power Association and ARECA Insurance Management Strategic Planning Retreat: October 12, 2007, APA office

APA Communicators Forum: November 5, 2007, APA office

APA/NWPPA Alaska Utility Conference: October 31-November 2, 2007, Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

APA December Meeting Series: December 6-7, 2007, Millennium Hotel, Anchorage

APA Legislative Conference: February 6-7, 2008, Baranof Hotel, Juneau

NRECA Annual Meeting: February 20-27, 2008, Anaheim, California

NWPPA Annual Meeting: May 18-22, 2008, Hilton Anchorage Hotel

Alaska training opportunities from the Northwest Public Power Association:

Foreman Leadership Training: October 8-12 in Fairbanks

AC Transformers, Advanced Theory: October 30-31 in Anchorage

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