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Planning Underway for ECA's Engineering & Operations Conference

Work is well underway on Electric Cities of Alabama's 8th Annual Engineering and Operations Conference, scheduled for September 9-11 at Birmingham's Marriott Grandview Hotel. Again this year, attendees will enjoy terrific speakers, outstanding opportunities to interact with many of ECA's associate members, and several social events.

Alabama's power suppliers - Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, Alabama Power Company, PowerSouth Electric Cooperative, and the Tennessee Valley Authority - are co-sponsoring this event.

REGISTRATION

Attendance is open only to personnel from all regular Electric Cities members, Associate Members, Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, Tennessee Valley Authority, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, and Alabama Power Company.

Cost to attend this two day event is \$195 per person. Registration information is available on the Electric Cities Web site at www.electriccities.org.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The discounted room block at the Marriott Grandview is filling rapidly. Please make your hotel reservations as quickly as possible by calling 888-426-5171. The deadline for reserving a room is August 27. Rooms booked after the deadline will be reserved at hotel's best available rate.

GOLF OUTING

We have a golf outing scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at Ballantrae Golf Club located in Pelham. Lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. and tee times will begin at Noon. Cost per person will be \$75. Please bring your own clubs! Team and skill prizes will be awarded.

ELECTRIC CITIES OF ALABAMA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Friday, September 11
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Grandview Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

This meeting will convene immediately after the adjournment of the E&O Conference.

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2009 E&O Conference Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, September 9
Ballantrae Golf Club - Pelham, AL

11:00 a.m.: Lunch
Noon - until.: Golf outing

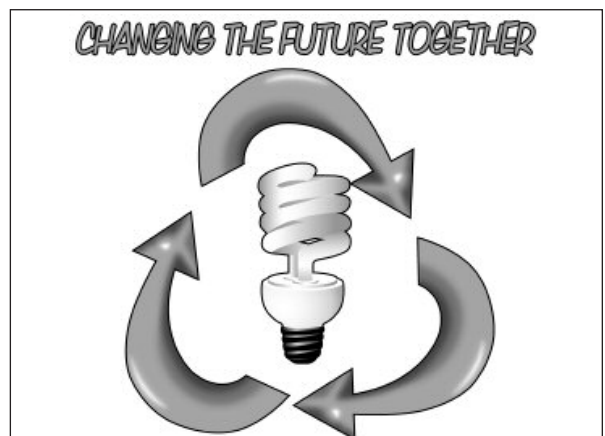
Thursday, September 10
Marriott Grandview Hotel

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Exhibit Setup
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.: Registration
Exhibits Open
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.: **Comparing HID to
LED for Area and Street Lighting**
Nick Chintala, GE Lighting Systems
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: **Alabama's
Broadband Initiative Update**
Kathy Johnson, Governor's Office
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Exhibits Open
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: **The True Value of
Using Enterprise GIS**
Albert Law, dataVoice
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: **Power Quality As a
Revenue Source**
Bill Purcell, Meter-Treater
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.: Break / Exhibits Open
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: **Red Flag Rules, What
They Really Mean**
Wendell Cauley, Bradley Arant Boulton
& Cummings
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Reception

Friday, September 11
Marriott Grandview Hotel

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.: Continental Breakfast /
Exhibits Open
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.: **Automated Asset
Management**
Dan Brooks, 3-GIS
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: **Arc Flash Assessment**
TBA
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Break / Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: **We're Off to See
the Wizard; The Grid Needs A Brain**
Steve Collier, Milsoft Utility Solutions
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: ECA Strategic
Planning Session
(Regular Members Only)
11:30 a.m.: Conference Adjourns -
Exhibits Close

**11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Board of Directors
Meeting**
(Regular Members Only)



Tuskegee's Mark Ennis Elected New ECA Chairman

Mark S. Ennis, the general manager of the Utilities Board of the City of Tuskegee (UBT), was unanimously elected by his fellow board of director members to serve as chairman of Electric Cities for 2009-2010. The election was held last month during ECA's annual meeting at Orange Beach.



Mark S. Ennis
*UBT General Manager,
ECA Chairman*

Mr. Ennis has served as general manager of UBT since 2002. He has over twenty years of experience in the management, engineering and operation of municipally-

owned utility systems. Mr. Ennis holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University and a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Columbus State University. He is a registered professional engineer in the states of Alabama and Georgia.

Richard Morrissey, manager of the Florence Electricity Department, was elected as ECA vice-chairman for the coming year. Mr. Morrissey served as secretary-treasurer last year.

Riviera Utilities General Manager Michael Dugger was elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Dugger served as ECA chairman in 2005-2006.

2009 **Business & Financial Conference**

September 13-16
Hyatt Regency - Savannah, Georgia

With over 45 concurrent sessions, the B&F Conference provides an excellent opportunity for public power's business & finance professionals to network, exchange ideas and get expert insight in the areas of:

- Accounting & Finance
- Customer Accounting & Services
- Human Resources & Training
- Information Technology
- Pricing & Market Analysis

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September 9-11, 2009

E&O Conference
Marriott Grandview Hotel
Birmingham, AL

September 11, 2009

Board of Director's Meeting
Marriott Grandview Hotel
Birmingham, AL

December 11, 2009

Board of Director's Meeting
Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

December 11, 2009

Holiday Luncheon
Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

February 22-25, 2010

APPA Legislative Rally
Renaissance Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC

March 16, 2010 (Tentative)

Board of Director's Meeting
RSA Plaza, 6th Floor
Montgomery, AL

March 16, 2010 (Tentative)

ECA Legislative Reception
RSA Plaza, 6th Floor
Montgomery, AL

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ECA Says 'Thank You'

Electric Cities of Alabama wishes to say "Thank You" to the many service and resource providers that understand the value of becoming an ECA Associate Member.

In December 2008, the ECA Board of Directors approved **Charles W. Ashby Company** and **NatureChem** as individual members.

In March 2009, **CMI Services** and **3-GIS** joined the ECA family as corporate members. In July, **Allen & Hoshall** were welcomed as corporate members, while **John Beck of Beck Associates** and **Doug Costley of Skyline Electric** came aboard as

individual associate members.

Equally deserving of praise is everyone who generously contributed to Fairness PAC during the annual meeting in Orange Beach. Three names were drawn from the hundreds of raffle tickets sold.

Joe Finch, a member of the **Tuscumbia Utilities Board**, won a 3-day/2-night stay at the Perdido Beach Resort. **Lee Young, Piedmont's city and utility manager**, won a 3-day/2-night stay at the Ross Bridge Resort. The grand prize, a 3-day/2-night stay, plus a bag of goodies from the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, was won by **Robertsdale Mayor and Utility Manager Charles Murphy**.