

**Briefing Memo for Administrator Pruitt**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D.C**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

**EEI Spring 2017 Board of Directors Meeting  
Delivering 30-minute address**

**Location:** Mandarin Oriental – 1330 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington DC 20024  
Ballrooms A & B located one level below the lobby.

**YOUR Time:** 9:30AM – 10:15AM

**POC:** Jim Owen – 202.256.8447

**Audience:** 250 industry executives

**I.BACKGROUND**

- Edison Electric has invited the **YOU** to speak at their Spring Board meeting.
- EEI is a Washington based trade association that represents all the nation's investor – owned electric companies.

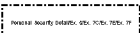
**II.TIMELINE**

- **9:30AM – 9:45AM** – Administrator meets with Sean Trauschke (CEO of OG&E) and Nicholas Atkins (CEO of American Electric) in Freer Room (hold room next door to ballroom).
  - Administrator will also be getting prepped and mic'd up at this time.
- **9:45AM – 10:15AM** – Sean Trauschke introduces the Administrator
- Administrator speaks for 15 – 20 minutes then takes 10 minutes of questions. *He should be leaving the stage at 10:15. [Closed press]*

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

- Quin Shea – will meet **YOU** upon arrival
- Tom Kuhn – president of Edison Electric Institute (bio attached)
- Jim Owen – point of contact for event
- Sean Trauschke – CEO of OG&E
  - Will be introducing Administrator and will meet him in the Freer Room (hold room) prior. Knows well from OK.
- Nicholas Atkins – CEO of American Electric (bio attached)

**III. SECURITY**

 has contact info for security teams at the hotel and the team contracted by EEI.

Torchstone Global  
Joseph Funk – Sr. VP  
410.903.1084  
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- Administrator should be picked up and dropped off at the Main Avenue entrance. It is closest to the hold room and ballroom.
- Audience will not have the opportunity to approach the Administrator but it is possible there may be loiterers outside the ballroom.

**IV. SPEECH/TALKING POINTS**

- Audience of 250 with 50 – 55 industry CEOs also in attendance
- John has been given materials for speech, which will be provided separately

**V. MEDIA**

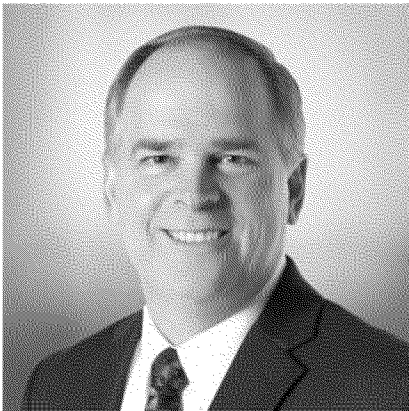
- Closed press.
- John will be securing pictures for social media.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Schedule
- Background
- Possible questions
- Talking points

## NICHOLAS K. AKINS

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer *American Electric Power*



Nick Akins is chairman, president and chief executive officer of American Electric Power. He is AEP's 11th chairman, 10th president and sixth CEO in the company's more than 100-year history. He is a member of AEP's board of directors and is the only management representative on the board.

Akins rose through the ranks at both AEP and the former Central and South West Corp. (CSW), which merged with AEP in 2000. Akins began his career in 1982 as an electrical engineer before moving up to positions of increasing responsibility. Prior to being elected president of AEP in December 2010, he served as executive vice president - Generation from 2006 through 2010 with responsibility for all generation activities of AEP's approximately 38,000 MW of generation resources.

Previously, he served as president and chief operating officer for Southwestern Electric Power Company, and held other leadership roles in Energy Marketing Services, Transmission, External Affairs and Industry Restructuring.

A native of Louisiana, Akins received his bachelor's degree in 1982 in electric engineering from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston and a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1986 from Louisiana Tech. Additional training includes executive management programs at Louisiana State University, the University of Idaho and the Reactor Technology Course for Utility Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

Akins is a former chairman of the Board of Directors of both the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and currently serves on both boards. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business Roundtable (BRT) and was appointed chair of the BRT's Energy and Environment Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the boards of the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership (GSEP), The Columbus Partnership, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL), Fifth Third Bancorp, OhioHealth and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Akins and his wife, Donna, live in Dublin, Ohio. They have two adult sons.

## THOMAS R. KUHN

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Tom Kuhn is President of the Edison Electric Institute, the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. EEI's members provide electricity for 220 million Americans, operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and directly employ more than 500,000 workers. In addition, EEI has 70 international electric companies as International Members, and 270 industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members. Mr. Kuhn joined the Institute in 1985 as executive vice president, was named chief operating officer in 1988, and elected president in 1990.

Prior to joining EEI, Mr. Kuhn was president of the American Nuclear Energy Council, which subsequently merged with the Nuclear Energy Institute. The Council represented virtually all of the companies in the commercial nuclear power industry. He joined the Council in 1975 as vice president, government affairs, and became president in 1983.

From 1972 to 1975, Mr. Kuhn headed the energy section of the investment banking firm, Alex Brown and Sons. Prior to that, from 1970 to 1972, he was White House Liaison Officer to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Kuhn received a BA in Economics in 1968 from Yale University, served as a Naval Officer following his graduation, and received an MBA in 1972 from George Washington University. He completed the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Senior Executive Program in 1989.

Mr. Kuhn served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board and the Board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves on the Boards of the Alliance to Save Energy, the United States Energy Association, the Electric Drive Transportation Association, and the American Council for Capital Formation. He is Chairman-Emeritus of the Committee of 100 of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Chairman-Emeritus of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and past-chairman of the Alliance to Save Energy, the ASAE/Key Industry Association Committee, and the Trade Association Liaison Council.

Mr. Kuhn is Chairman-Emeritus of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as well as the National Capital Chapter. He currently serves on the Board of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. From 2006 to 2008, Mr. Kuhn served on the Board of the National Park Foundation. Mr. Kuhn was awarded the Bess Goodman Humanitarian Award in 2000. He served as 1992 and 1997 chairman of the Associations Division, United Way Campaign, and chairman of the 1996 through 1998 National Alliance to End Homelessness Awards dinners.

Mr. Kuhn was chosen as Association Executive of the Year 2000 by Association TRENDS magazine. He was the recipient of The Energy Daily's 2000 Public Policy Leadership Award. He received the Alliance to Save Energy's 2004 Chairman's Award. Mr. Kuhn also received the 2009 ASAE/Center for Association Leadership's Key Award. He is the recipient of the Fund for American Studies (TFAS) 2014 Congressional Scholarship Award. In September 2015, Mr. Kuhn was honored as the 2015 Trade Association CEO of the Year. Presented by CEO Update, the award recognizes excellence in trade associations and professional societies.