

CEO & Utility Managers Roundtable

Sunday, March 16

8 am - 3 pm

CEO & Utility Manager Roundtable Golf Tournament

Join us for a Scramble Golf Tournament at the Oak Marsh Golf Course, which is onsite at the Omni Amelia Island Resort. More than a chance to enjoy the weather and the company of public power leaders, the tournament will also feature raffle prizes, a putting contest, and other fun activities.

How will it work?

Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 am. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 am. Additional information will be available in early 2025.

Entry Fee

\$100 per player. Includes: breakfast, lunch, green fees, and cart rental.

Format

Four-person scramble. Individual players not entered as a team will be paired with others to complete a foursome.

Not interested in golf? Join us for a tour of Amelia Island.

10 am - Noon

Ecology of Amelia Nature Tour

Limited to 10 registrants

This hand-crafted ecology tour is a Naturalist Guided Tour featuring approximately 4 miles of walking or riding. During the walk/ride, you will dive into the three different ecosystems found on the island. You will get to immerse yourself in the maritime forest along the coast, learning about what creatures dwell here and why it looks the way it does. Adventuring to the beach, you will get to see the incredible creations called dunes and learn why they are so important to the vitality of the island and its inhabitants. Walking/Riding from one side of the island to the other, you will emerge into the marsh ecosystem and learn about its complexity and how it functions as a safety net for the island. Be sure to bring your comfiest walking shoes and adventure into the beautiful nature that creates Amelia Island.

Binoculars and Water Provided

**Guest can choose from Walking, Biking, or Golf Cart*

Fee

\$50 per registrant

5 – 6 pm

Welcome Reception

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while you reconnect with old friends, meet new people, and network with public power leaders from across the nation. Guests are welcome.

Monday, March 17

7:30 – 8:30 am

Networking Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:45 am

Welcome

Scott Corwin, *President & CEO, American Public Power Association*

8:45 - 10:15 am

Effective Leadership for Critical Times

Examine the challenges and opportunities organizations face in the ever-evolving technology and security landscape, and how leaders can either create or mitigate risk from the longest-serving leader of the U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency. Draw from General Paul Nakasone's more than three decades among an elite class of leaders whose strategic expertise at the nexus of cybersecurity, technology, and geopolitics to better understand the foundation upholding our nation's security in the modern age. Gain battle-tested lessons on transformational leadership stemming from General Nakasone's pivotal moments in modern warfare and digital defense and how leaders can excel even when at the epicenter of conflict.

General Paul M. Nakasone, *Former Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Former Director of the National Security Agency, and Four-Star Army General (Ret.)*

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – Noon

Public Power Leadership Strategies

Hear from a panel of managers and CEOs from utilities of differing sizes as they share their experience in helping their teams achieve results, building strong work cultures, and recruiting top-notch employees. After the panel, discuss your challenges and strategies and make connections in an engaging small group roundtable.

Emeka Anyanwu, *Chief Executive Officer, Lincoln Electric System, Nebraska*; **Vickie Cavey**, *Managing Director/CEO, JEA, Jacksonville, Florida*; **Janisse Quiñones**, *Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power*; and **Kevin Westhuis**, *Utility Director, River Falls Municipal Utilities, Wisconsin*

Noon – 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch Hosted by APPA

1:15 – 3 pm

Energy Management in the Evolving World of AI and Data Centers

Navigating and managing the significant demand growth associated with data centers and AI applications poses an unprecedented challenge for utilities seeking to maintain reliability and a stable

rate environment. Given the magnitude of these changes, it becomes increasingly critical to understand the economic logic and critical factors driving the data industry. Delve into the dynamics underlying the energy-hungry AI large language models, future possible outcomes, and the risks and opportunities posed by these new loads. Learn how AI applications might be applied to create more efficient, reliable and resilient future grids and hear how your peers are addressing these issues.

Peter Kelly-Detwiler, former SVP of Demand Response, Constellation Energy, and author of *"The Energy Switch: How Companies and Customers Are Transforming the Electrical Grid and the Future of Power"*; **Jim Fuller**, President & CEO, MEAG Power; and **Roger Kline**, General Manager/CEO, Northern Wasco County People's Utility District, Oregon

3 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:30- pm

Resource Adequacy & Reliability

Get the latest outlook on long-term resource adequacy for the United States, including how NERC, the markets, and utilities are working to address concerns around increasing demand coupled with a shifting resource mix. Explore various regional approaches to maintaining resource adequacy and reliability and what opportunities industry leaders see on the horizon. Delve deeper into the challenges and strategies facing your organizations in the ensuing focused roundtable discussions.

Rick Dunn, General Manager, Benton PUD, Washington; **John Horner**, President & CEO, Easton Utilities Commission, Maryland; and **Jim Robb**, President & CEO, North American Electric Reliability Corporation

5- 6 pm

Reception

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 – 8:30 am

Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 am

The Potential in New Technologies

From how electricity is generated to how people are using it, a host of technologies are either on the horizon or at your fingertips. Explore how entities at the forefront of technological innovation in the utility sector are leveraging the latest advancements and what they've learned about implementing technology. Review how policies and incentives can help or hinder adoption and practical applications of the latest technology trends within utilities. After the panel, break into small groups to discuss how your organization approaches implementing new technologies and how you can foster an environment for collaborative problem-solving.

Arshad Mansoor, Ph.D., President and CEO, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); and **Dawn Roth Lindell**, General Manager & CEO, Seattle City Light, Washington

10:30 am

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