

Two IMPA Commissioners Earn APPA Recognition

The American Public Power Association—an organization that serves as the national voice for public power utilities—honored two IMPA commissioners with prestigious recognition this year. Tony Pochard of Anderson, Indiana and Kevin Strickler of Williamsport, Indiana were each celebrated for their excellence in utility leadership at APPA's 2024 National Conference between June 7 and 12.

Pochard was one of four recipients nationwide of the James D. Donovan award, which recognizes utility leaders who have made substantial contributions to the electric utility industry with a special commitment to public power. As Anderson Municipal Light & Power's (AML&P) former Electric Utility Director, Pochard worked in the public power industry for 35 years, spending

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IMPA's Whitewater Valley Station and solar park in Richmond, Indiana

Summer Readiness

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) prides itself on its historic record of reliability, which results from decades of careful planning and consistency. As the summer season begins, utility customers are reminded of the importance of electric reliability to keep their families comfortable and businesses operable. As electric demand climbs during the hotter months of the year, IMPA utilizes its proven, multi-faceted approach to safeguard the service of its member communities.

This May, IMPA staff presented its summer readiness plan to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission detailing the Agency's strategies to persevere

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through severe weather events, utility workforce issues, and supply chain concerns. Heading into June, all IMPA generation units completed planned outage maintenance and ensured staff members completed heat stress training in anticipation of hotter weather. Employees are ready to work around the clock at IMPA's peaking and other units at this time of the year, being scheduled on-call to bring these units online when needed at a moment's notice. In addition to these preparations, IMPA's generation units preserve supplemental fuel



resources in case of unexpected weather events, transportation issues, or economic downturns. For example, IMPA's Whitewater Valley Station stockpiles 20-30 days of coal, and 800,000 gallons of liquid fuel is kept at both IMPA's Anderson and Richmond Combustion Turbine Units to serve as backup.

Considerations of inclement weather in addition to heat waves are also worked into IMPA's annual summer readiness plan. IMPA Service Corp's crews of lineworkers stand ready to respond to emergency outages in member communities, and they regularly perform maintenance activities on member utility infrastructure as preventive efforts.

"Each year, we secure fuel supply adequacy, complete planned and maintenance outages, and finish additional system checks to ensure reliable delivery of power to our customer base through the summer," said Jack Alvey, IMPA President and CEO. "IMPA's staff work diligently to meet our promise of low-cost, reliable, and environmentally responsible power, especially through months of heightened electric demand."•

New IMPA Brand Video

The story of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is one of resiliency, collaboration, and community. Much has changed in the world over the 40 years of IMPA's operations, but the Agency's mission of providing low-cost, reliable, and environmentally responsible power has endured. As IMPA looks toward the path ahead, reflection on the preceding decades of success empowers the Agency to continue forward. Learn more about IMPA's story by scanning the QR code or visiting www.impa.com/about-impa, where you can find a new video highlighting the Agency's mission.•





Tony Pochard (middle) receiving his award at APPA's National Conference.

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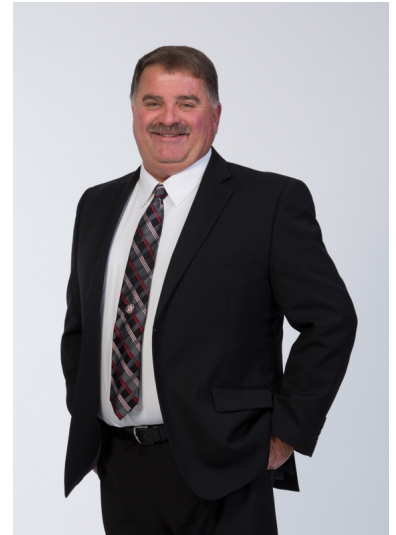
25 of those years serving Hamilton Utilities in Ohio before coming to Indiana. Under Pochard's leadership, AML&P collaborated with IMPA to bring 39.4 megawatts of solar capacity in Anderson online, drove economic development activity through excellent service, and vastly improved the utility's electric reliability. He also served on IMPA's Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Operating Committee, and APPA's Board of Directors. After decades of exceptional leadership, Pochard closed out his career and kicked off his retirement with the acceptance of the James D. Donovan award.

Additionally, Strickler was recognized at the conference with the Larry Hobart "Seven Hats" award. The Seven Hats Award recognizes public power managers who lead with excellence in seven distinct categories: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community involvement. As Superintendent for Williamsport, Strickler has worked for the community for four decades and oversees all planning and design aspects

for the community's four utilities: electric, water, wastewater, and street. He consistently utilizes his great work ethic and excellent working relationships with the town's council, staff, and utility customers to improve his community. Not only has he served as a part of Williamsport's utility for 40 years, but he's also the retired Fire Chief of the town and is very active in the community's summer baseball programs.

"Both Tony and Kevin epitomize the ideals of public power through their work and how they spend their time," said Jack Alvey, President and CEO of IMPA.

"They've committed their knowledge and skills to making their communities better, and we are proud to see them recognized for their dedication at the national level. We're privileged to have had both of them as commissioners and leaders of our Agency."



Kevin Strickler

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Combustion Turbines Surpass Historical Record

Starting this spring, IMPA's combustion turbines have operated at historically high capacity factors—meaning they've run at maximum power for much longer than ever before. These facilities are considered "peaking units," which means that they are typically required to run during periods of high electric demand. Just this April, one of IMPA's Anderson units was brought online 31 times—that's more than the number of days in April!

"The number of times we've been bringing our units online is unheard of, and I've been working at our combustion turbines for about 23 years," said Brian Markley, IMPA Combustion Turbine Manager. "Gas prices were historically low through the month of April, which made it more economical to run our units, and with ongoing energy policy changes, there is an increased dependence on gas resources. I'm thankful to our crew who've dedicated their days, nights, and weekends to bring our members reliable power." •



IMPA's Combustion Turbine facility in Anderson, Indiana.