

MMUA honors retiring CEO Jack Kegel for his contributions to public power

MMUA's 90th anniversary conference was historic in a number of ways, including the send-off of the association's second full-time chief executive officer—Jack Kegel.

Kegel is retiring in late September, and has served as MMUA's Executive Director and CEO for 28 years. In presenting Kegel both the MMUA Honorary Lifetime Membership and President's awards, President Mark Nibaur noted that Kegel built an organization with a staff of five and a budget of less than \$700,000 into today's MMUA with 28 staff members and a budget of \$5.3 million.

Government relations, accounting, engineering, and safety and training staff have been added under Kegel's leadership.

He oversaw development of the 17-acre MMUA Training Center in 1999 and the purchase of the training center land in 2019-20.

MMUA, a nationally-recognized leader in safety and training, has trained students from around the country. The training facility is one of three in the entire country operated by a municipal state association.

Kegel developed the Midwest Consortium of Municipal



Gov. Tim Walz welcomed MMUA staff to a July 27 signing of the ECO Act of 2021. Pictured are, from left to right: MMUA Government Relations Director Kent Sulem, Gov. Walz, Jack Kegel and MMUA Government Relations Attorney Bill Black. Many consider the strengthening of MMUA's government relations program Kegel's greatest achievement at MMUA's helm.

Utilities and the Midwest Municipal Gas Agency. He is a cofounder and former chair of both Midwest Municipal Utilities and the Midwest Municipal Transmission Group.

Kegel chaired the APPA Advisory Committee and served on the APPA Board of Directors from 1997-2000 and has been an active member of the Advisory Committee and L&R Committee throughout his tenure.

Kegel was recently honored with APPA's James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award, for his substantial contribution to the electric utility industry and public power.

Along with his APPA involvement, he also served on the American Public Gas Association's Legislative and Regulatory Committee, and on the Executive Committee of the Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS).

Kegel started his public power career in 1988, with the Iowa Association of Municipal

Utilities. Kegel joined the Iowa association after a number of years representing consumers in energy matters and served as its general counsel.

"I have enjoyed working with Jack through a COVID-challenged year with a major focus on reaching out to our members through 16 virtual tour meetings," Nibaur said. "Through those beneficial meetings, we received many service ideas and needs for the association to work on in the coming years. I have gained an appreciation for his insight and dedication as we chart a path forward for MMUA."

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