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Power Up '26

Public Power's National Conference

June 26 – July 1, 2026
Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, June 28

7:30 am – 7 pm

Registration & Information Desk

BOYLSTON HALLWAY

8:30 – 9:30 am

Past Chairs Breakfast

PUBLIC GARDEN (SHERATON HOTEL)

8:30 am – 3 pm

Preconference Seminar

Separate registration required.



Electric Utility Industry Foundations and Trends

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Whether you're new to the electric utility industry or looking to refresh and strengthen your understanding of today's rapidly evolving landscape, this course offers a non technical overview of how public power utilities operate. It's designed for staff, policymakers, executives, and anyone who needs a solid grounding—or a strategic reset—on the fundamentals and emerging trends shaping the sector.

8:30 am – Noon

Preconference Seminars

Separate registration required.



Crisis Communications

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In today's fast-moving media environment, successful crisis communications requires a strategic approach focused on de-escalation, trust building, and keeping stakeholders informed. This fast-paced session provides practical guidance for managing high stakes situations before they spiral out of control.



Best Practices in Public Power Governance

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Get a comprehensive overview of public power, the duties and legal obligations of people on the governing board, including city council members, and review the nuts and bolts of governance requirements, such as open meetings and records, fiduciary responsibilities, charters and bylaws, conflicts of interest, and interaction with regulatory agencies.



Interpreting Financial Statements for Improved Decision Making

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Whether you're a board member, CEO, general manager, or another utility leader, you need to be able to confidently analyze financial statements and use them to guide high level decision making. Through a public power lens, break down the elements of core utility financial statements — the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement — and discover the metrics that matter most for executive oversight, including liquidity, debt capacity, operating margins, and reserve strength.



Understanding Technologies Driving Data Center Demand

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The projections for demand from data centers continue to skyrocket in some areas of the country and can vary drastically. Examine the dramatic increase in interconnection requests coming from data centers, particularly how the rise in artificial intelligence feeds the need for electricity and what may happen when large language models move from learning to “inference.”



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11 am – Noon

Membership Committee Meeting

Invitation Only

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Noon – 1 pm

PowerPAC Board Meeting

PowerPAC Board Members Only

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1:30 – 3:30 pm

Advisory Committee Meeting

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1:30 – 5 pm

Preconference Seminars

Separate registration required.



Strategic Planning in a Time of Change

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Get a comprehensive overview of the strategic planning practices that can help you navigate uncertainty and position your utility for long-term success. Examine the essential elements of an effective strategic planning process, including how to build alignment around a shared vision and mission, identify strategic priorities, and engage the right stakeholders.



Rate Design for Modern Load Growth and Large Loads

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Emerging electric loads—such as data centers, EV charging, distributed solar, and energy storage—are rapidly reshaping demand patterns and forcing utilities to rethink rate structures, infrastructure planning, and long-term strategy. Explore the needs of customers with high load factors and discuss how to thoughtfully design rates, line extension policies, and contracts that balance opportunity and risks, protect existing ratepayers, and still offer a competitive value proposition for attracting and retaining power users.



Fundamentals of the Evolving Power Grid

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Explore the main dynamics driving change in power grids across the United States. From load growth fueled by data centers, growing industrial load, and “beneficial electrification,” to supply challenges related to costs and interconnection of new assets, to the emergence of energy storage and new generation technologies, a multitude of forces are conspiring to create the grid of tomorrow.



Building Public Power’s Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

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A look at the strategies, structures, and partnerships that strengthen utility resilience before, during, and after an emergency event. Explore the fundamentals of the Incident Command System, the role of Emergency Operations Centers, and how utilities can integrate into broader emergency management frameworks. Also examine what makes for a culture of preparedness, including expectations and roles for utility staff.

3:45 – 4:45 pm

Buyout/Sellout/Municipalization Working Group

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5 – 6 pm

PowerPAC Reception

PowerPAC Members Only

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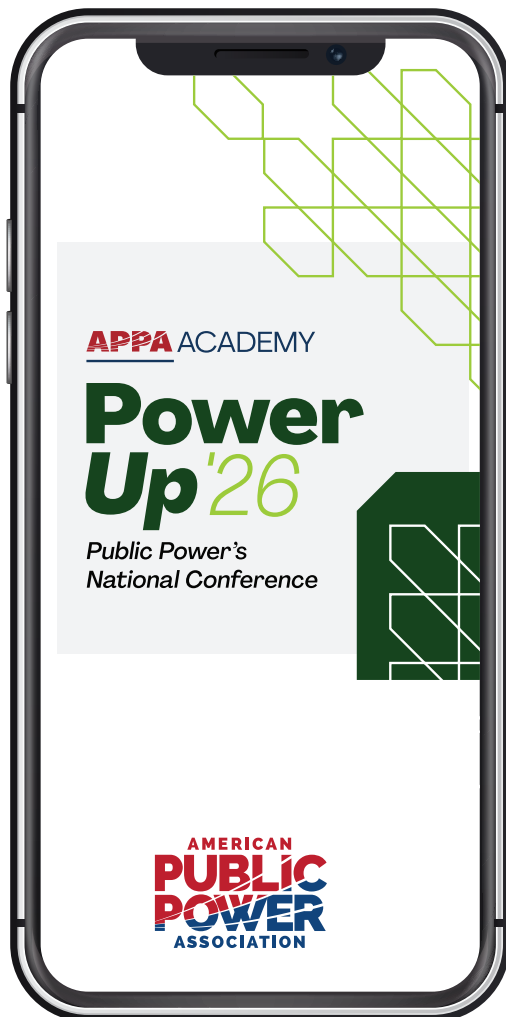
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Welcome Reception: A 360° View of the City

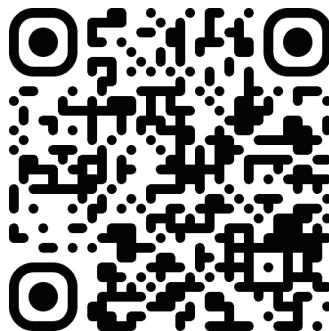
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Kick off APPA's National Conference high above the skyline at View Boston — an unforgettable 360-degree experience perched atop one of New England's tallest buildings. Take in sweeping, breathtaking views of the city while enjoying great food, great company, and a fresh perspective on Boston's vibrant energy. It's the perfect place to connect, unwind, and soak in the city before the week begins.

All conference participants and guests are welcome.



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Monday, June 29

7 am – 6 pm

Registration & Information Desk

BOYLSTON HALLWAY

8:30 – 10:30 am

Opening General Session

BALLROOM ABC



Presiding

John Haarlow, CEO, Snohomish County PUD, Washington, and 2025-2026 Chair, APPA Board of Directors



Welcome to Boston

Nick Lawler, General Manager, Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments, and Chair, Local Arrangements Committee



A Legacy of Service, A Future of Opportunity

Scott Corwin, President & CEO, American Public Power Association



Politics with a Punch: Insider Insights on Today's Top News

Anna Palmer, Founder & CEO of Punchbowl News, Former Co-Author of POLITICO Playbook

10:30 am – 6 pm

Industry Innovations Expo Open

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10:30 – 11 am

Break with Sponsors

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11 am – Noon

Breakout Sessions



U.S. Energy Market Outlook

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Lessons in Resilience and Emergency Response

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Federal Legislative Update: From Congress to Your Community

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Strategic Communication for Tough Times

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Light Up Navajo: What It Is and How to Participate

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Flexible, Resilient, Ready: A Public Power Playbook for Modern Engine Plants

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Beyond the Megawatt: Why Electric Utilities Need Strong Policies for Large Load Customers

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Visibility, Command and Control in a Rapidly Changing World: A Blueprint for Unified Intelligence

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Industry Spotlight Sessions



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Noon – 1:30 pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Breakout Sessions



Opportunities and Perils of Data Center Load Growth

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What Public Power Needs to Know About Today's Gas Market

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Collaborating for Fleet Electrification Success

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Environmental Regulations and Public Power

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From Threat Intelligence to Business Resilience: How Public Power Executives Are Leading on Enterprise Risk

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A View from the Other Side: What Large Customers Want

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Delivering Local Value with Battery Energy Storage Systems

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2:30 – 3 pm

Break with Sponsors

Industry Innovations Expo

HALL D

3 – 4 pm

Breakout Sessions



Public Power's Experiences with Data Centers

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Evolving Demand-Side Management for Changing Times

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Overlapping Energy and AI Policy and You

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Powering Prosperity: The Role of Public Power in Economic Development

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A Look at Fusion Energy

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Power Prices Matter - Regional Power Generation Mix & Dramatic Differences in Prices

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The Cost of Standing Still: Redefining Risk in Modernization Efforts

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Fast, Cost-Effective Power Generation Without the Pressure on Communities

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4:30 – 6 pm

Industry Innovations Expo Reception

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Industry Spotlight Sessions



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Tuesday, June 30

7 am – 6 pm

Registration & Information Desk

BOYLSTON HALLWAY

7 am – 3 pm

Fenway Ticket Pickup

BOYLSTON HALLWAY

Fenway Park reception tickets can be picked up at the APPA registration desk from 7 am – 3 pm. They MUST be picked up by 3 pm. Unclaimed tickets will be resold after 3 pm.

8:30 – 10:30 am

Awards & General Session

BALLROOM ABC

Closed to Press



Presiding

Michael Peters, President and Chief Executive Officer, WPPI Energy, Wisconsin, and Chair-Elect, APPA Board of Directors

Presentation of National Awards

Keynote



James P. Danly, Deputy Secretary of Energy

What's Ahead for the Global Economy and Energy Markets



Sue Herera, award-winning journalist who has covered Wall Street, the global economy, and leaders in the business world for over 40 years.

10:30 am — 3 pm

Industry Innovations Expo Open

HALL D

10:30 – 11 am

Break with Sponsors

Industry Innovations Expo

HALL D

11 am – Noon

Breakout Sessions



How Utilities Are Using AI

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Storm Hardening with Spacer Cable: Improving Resilience and Reliability

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The Current State of Nuclear Energy

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The Operational Excellence Behind Customer Satisfaction

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Tax Policy and Challenges in Modernizing the Grid

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Communicating Rate Increases to Elected Officials and Customers

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Community First Development in the New Era of Large-Load Infrastructure

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Managing Shifting Transformer Demand: Risks, Trends, and How Utilities Can Navigate the Market Now

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Noon – 1:30 pm

Industry Innovations Expo Lunch

HALL D

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Breakout Sessions



Rating Agency Outlook for Public Power

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Federal Regulatory Update

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Telling the Public Power Story Inside and Out

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Leveraging Storage for Lower Costs and Greater Resilience

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Using RP3 and SEP to Guide Strategy

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Technology Modernization in Public Power

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Responding to Evolving Customer Needs

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From Outages to Engagement: Modernizing Customer Communications

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2:30 – 3 pm

Break with Sponsors

Industry Innovations Expo

HALL D

3 – 4 pm

CEO Perspectives: Navigating the Defining Challenges Facing Public Power

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Moderator:

Scott Corwin, President & CEO,
American Public Power Association



Carrie Meek Gallagher, CEO,
Long Island Power Authority,
New York



Emeka Anyanwu, CEO,
Lincoln Electric System,
Nebraska



Jimmy Staton, President and CEO,
Santee Cooper, South Carolina



Tim McCollough, General Manager,
Rochester Public Utilities,
Minnesota

4:15 – 5 pm

Association Business Meeting

302/304



Industry Spotlight Sessions



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Fenway Park Reception & Boston Red Sox Game

6:30 pm (Fenway Park opens for conference attendees at 5:45 pm – please enter through Gate B)

Mix and mingle with colleagues, soak in the ballpark atmosphere, and enjoy a relaxed night of networking in an exclusive area of one of baseball's most historic settings. Watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Washington Nationals while you enjoy sweeping ballpark views, classic bites, and a front row experience of the game from the Sam Adams Deck — one of Fenway's most legendary vantage points.

Important Ticket and Entry Information

Attendees who have not already received their purchased tickets to the Fenway Park reception must visit the APPA registration desk to obtain their mobile tickets.

Tickets can be picked up at the APPA registration desk on Tuesday, June 30 from 7 am – 3 pm. They **MUST** be picked up by 3 pm. All unclaimed tickets will be resold after 3 pm.

Individuals on the waitlist will have the first opportunity to purchase remaining tickets from 3:30 – 4 pm. If any tickets remain at 4 pm they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

VIP lanyards will be provided for guests as they enter the stadium through Gate B. Please refer to the mobile app for a detailed ballpark map and entry directions.

In accordance with Fenway Park security guidelines, all bags must be 12" x 12" x 6" or smaller. Multi-compartment bags, including backpacks and duffel bags, are not permitted.

Getting to the Ballpark

The ballpark is conveniently located .7 miles from the conference hotels. If you need accommodations or assistance, please visit the APPA Registration Desk.

Wednesday, July 1

7:30 – 8:30 am

Chair's Breakfast

BALLROOM ABC

Doors open at 7:30 am. Program begins at 8:30 am.
Please be seated by 8:30 am for breakfast service.

8:30 – 10 am

Closing General Session

BALLROOM ABC



Presiding
John Haarlow, CEO, Snohomish County
PUD, Washington, and 2025-26 Chair,
APPA Board of Directors

Light Up Navajo VII Recognition

Installation of the 2026-27 Board Chair



Michael Peters, President and Chief
Executive Officer, WPPI Energy,
Wisconsin

Closing Keynote: Going for the Gold — Leadership Lessons from the Captain of the Miracle on Ice

End the National Conference on a high note with an unforgettable keynote from Mike Eruzione, captain of the legendary 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team and the central figure of the hit film *Miracle*. As the leader who helped orchestrate one of the greatest upsets in sports history, Eruzione brings a powerful message about what it really takes to lead, inspire, and achieve seemingly impossible goals.



Mike Eruzione, Captain of the 1980 U.S.
Olympic Hockey Team and Subject of the
Hit Film, *Miracle*

10 am

Conference Adjourns

Save the Dates



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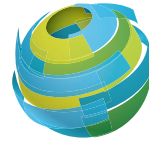
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