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Washington Public Utility Districts Association executive director receives individual achievement award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — George Caan, executive director at the Washington Public Utility Districts Association in Olympia, Washington, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

George's leadership, knowledge, intelligence, and commitment to good public policy has helped shape public power throughout his 40-year career. His many contributions to public power include developing and implementing the first-of-its-kind energy conservation and renewable energy program for the City of Boston in Massachusetts, developing a program to demonstrate energy-efficient technologies in new commercial buildings, and creating an energy idea clearinghouse to promote information sharing on energy efficiency and utility-related issues in the age before the internet. George has been a longtime contributor to APPA having served on the Board of Directors, Legislative and Regulatory Committee, Advisory Committee, Membership Committee, and the Power Marketing Administration Task Force. His leadership has elevated the Washington PUD Association's influence and contributions to state, regional and national policy.

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