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Message from the President:

A Year in Review

As another year draws to a close, it's always constructive to reflect on the lessons learned through the challenges and triumphs that are now behind us. In the last year, we faced unexpected challenges—from the aftershocks of Winter Storm Elliot to a summertime derecho—but we also tightened the bonds of our membership, made strategic strides in our power supply portfolio, and continued to provide service beyond electric supply by adding members to our Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Dedicated Services programs.

This year, IMPA also reached a landmark anniversary with 40 years of continuous operation. When the Agency began in 1983, it was composed of 26 member utilities and had an ownership interest in one generation unit in Gibson 5. The steady growth of IMPA's membership, generation assets, and services provided speaks well to our future. IMPA continues to draw on the strengths of the Agency's past

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2024 IMPA Workshop

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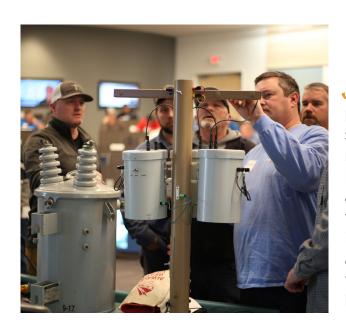


IMPA Commissions 50th Solar Park

On the afternoon of November 20, Knightstown officials joined with the public and personnel from IMPA to participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Knightstown Solar Park. The ceremony not only recognized the town's first solar park, but also the Agency's 50th solar park in the state of Indiana. With IMPA's solar park program approaching its 10th anniversary, achieving 50 IMPA-constructed solar parks in local communities was a milestone event.

Knightstown's solar park is rated at 1.3 MW-AC, capable of producing an annual amount of energy to power approximately 238 homes. Like all the solar parks commissioned by IMPA, the renewable energy generated by the park will stay in the local area and be consumed by the municipality's electric customers.

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2024 IMPA Workshops

MPA plans to continue its series of monthly training programs geared toward municipal utilities throughout the state in 2024. Covering a variety of topics, these sessions are meant to meet the needs of all utility personnel, including lineworkers, substation workers, meter personnel, engineers, and customer service professionals. The workshops are free to all IMPA members and member employees, and include all course materials, a certificate of completion, and a complimentary lunch. For more information on IMPA's workshops, check out the schedule of 2024 workshops below or visit www.impa.com/impaworkshops.

Accident Investigation

January 10 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

IMPA 101

February 15 | 10:00am EST IMPA Conference Center

Active Shooter

April 10 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Electricity 101

May 9 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Customer Service Essentials

June 12 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Key Accounts

July 10 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Metering for Linemen

Aug 14 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Social Media for Utilities

Sep 11 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

Transformer Banking

Oct 9 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

System Planning

Nov 13 | 9:30am EST IMPA Conference Center

50th Solar Park

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"Our town has worked with IMPA to upgrade its metering system, sponsor community events, and improve our electric reliability," said Sarah Ward, IMPA Commissioner for Knightstown. "Now the town is proud to have a solar park to add to its list of accomplishments."

IMPA is unique among joint action agencies in establishing solar parks in its municipal electric communities. Member communities with an IMPA solar park in their service territory leverage the facilities as educational opportunities for residents and local students, benefit from the property taxes paid to the community by IMPA, and look more desirable to potential industries who seek sites that have access to renewable energy. Additionally, the energy produced from each solar park is added to IMPA's power supply portfolio, further diversifying the Agency's fuel sources and generation locations. Through this solar park initiative and other programs, IMPA strives to keep its electric rates among the lowest in Indiana.

"This is a significant accomplishment for both IMPA and Knightstown," said Jack Alvey, President and CEO of IMPA. "It takes an immense amount of collaboration between town leaders, landowners, engineers, and electricians to make these solar parks become a reality, and we're thankful to Knightstown for their help in bringing this project to life. Now with 50 solar parks online, IMPA has over 196 MW of constructed solar capacity in member communities."

Also in attendance was a class from Knightstown Community High School. Once remarks were given in observance of the solar park's construction, the class joined with community officials and IMPA staff members to

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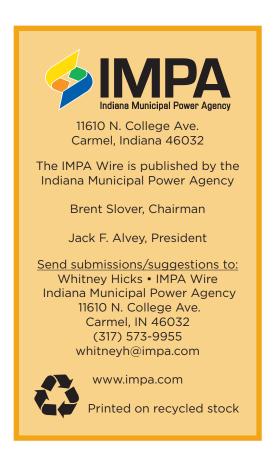
while confronting the complexities of today head on. We all look forward to successful operations in the decades to come.

I look forward to the New Year and working through the challenges and successes that are presented to us in 2024. Thank you to all who keep up with our efforts to bring low-cost, reliable, and environmentally-responsible power to our 61 member communities. •



cut the ribbon on the solar park. Afterwards, the class and the public were given a tour of the solar park to better understand how the facility works and the ways in which it will benefit Knightstown.

Weeks before celebrating in Knightstown, IMPA hosted similar solar park ribbon cutting ceremonies in Middletown, Indiana and Washington, Indiana, whose solar park is now the Agency's largest at 9.9 MW. After commemorating its 50th solar park this November, IMPA will continue to develop solar parks, with four more parks underway. The Agency plans to have over 200 MW of solar capacity in member communities in 2025.



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IMPA Wins Public Power Communications Award

Agency was presented with an Award of Excellence in Public Power Communications in the Print/ Digital category from the American Public Power Association for the 2022 IMPA Annual Report. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that



power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA represents public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve.

APPA's annual awards recognize utilities that demonstrate outstanding work in print, digital, web, social media, and video communications. Awards were given to those that showed ingenuity and creativity in telling their stories through outstanding copy, design, financial data presentation, graphics, social media engagement, video editing, and web layout and interactivity.

IMPA has won several APPA Communications awards in the past, including accolades for the IMPA History Book, several Annual Reports in the past, and social media campaigns. Staff were presented with this year's award at the Association's annual Customer Connections conference held in San Antonio, Texas. •