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Peabody's Trueira elected to MMWEC Board of Directors; Public Power leadership, service awards presented

LUDLOW, Mass. – November 4, 2014 – Members of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) elected a new director and the organization delivered its inaugural awards for leadership and service on Oct. 30.

TRUEIRA GAINS BOARD SEAT

Peabody Municipal Light Plant General Manager Glenn Trueira was elected by the membership to the MMWEC Board of Directors to complete the unexpired term of former Director Philip W. Sweeney, who passed away in May 2014.

Trueira's election gives the board a full complement of directors, including six other elected representatives of MMWEC member utilities, two gubernatorial appointees and three directors representing the towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham and Hampden. The Peabody municipal utility, established in 1891, serves approximately 25,000 customers in Peabody and South Lynnfield.

HOLYOKE EARNS FRANCIS H. KING LEADERSHIP AWARD

MMWEC presented its inaugural Francis H. King Leadership Award to Holyoke Gas & Electric, one of MMWEC's founding member utilities that has provided exemplary leadership in support of countless public power and joint action initiatives over the years. The award honors King, who managed the Holyoke utility for 32 years and served MMWEC in many official capacities. King's tireless work as an advocate for public power also won him national accolades as one of the most distinguished figures in public power history.

Maurice J. Ferriter, a close friend and colleague of King who played a pivotal role in the formation of MMWEC, presented the King award to James M. Lavelle, current Holyoke Gas & Electric general manager. Among many other achievements, Ferriter authored or oversaw the production of MMWEC's founding legal documents, which have withstood the test of time and continue to provide guidance and support for MMWEC activities.

SKELTON RECEIVES JAMES E. BAKER SERVICE AWARD

The James E. Baker Service Award was presented to Gerald P. Skelton, former 26-year manager and engineer at the Templeton Municipal Light and Water Plant. Skelton, a steadfast supporter of MMWEC, served on the MMWEC Board for nine years and as chairman of the MMWEC Audit Committee for seven years. He also served as MMWEC treasurer for a year.

This award, which recognizes distinguished service to MMWEC, honors the service of Baker, the former manager of the Shrewsbury municipal utility who spearheaded a legal and regulatory battle in 1960 that led to the independence of Massachusetts municipal utilities and the creation of MMWEC.

WHEATLEY EARNS PHILIP W. SWEENEY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Peabody Municipal Light Plant Commissioner Robert O. Wheatley is the recipient of MMWEC's first annual Philip W. Sweeney Public Service Award, which recognizes exceptional service to the public or in the public arena that advances the goals of public power. Sweeney, a former MMWEC director, chairman of the Marblehead Municipal Light Commission and member of the American Public Power Association's Policy Makers' Council, was a tireless advocate for public power at the local, state, regional and national levels.

Wheatley, an elected Peabody commissioner since 1997, served three years as chairman and three years as vice chairman of the commission during his tenure, which has spanned a period of deregulation and dramatic change in the electric industry. In presenting the award, Trueira delivered a message from Wheatley's fellow commissioner, Tom Paras, who recognized Wheatley's service to Peabody.

"I have served for 11 years with Bob and I cannot think of anyone more deserving," Paras stated. "All the time I have served alongside Bob, he has always focused on the public's interest while fulfilling his responsibility for administration of the Peabody Municipal Light Plant."



Newly elected Director Glenn Trueira, left, with MMWEC's Mike Lynch.



Holyoke's Jim Lavelle receives F.H. King award from Maurice J. Ferriter.



Sean Hamilton, left, presents James Baker award to Gerald Skelton.



Peabody's Bob Wheatley, left, with MMWEC Chairman Paul Robbins.