



Left to right: Anna Siefken, commercialization executive, DOE; Dr. Vanessa Chan, chief commercialization officer and director, Office of Technology Transitions, DOE; Jigar Shah, director, Loan Programs Office, DOE; Warner Baxter, EEI chair and executive chairman, Ameren Corporation; Julia Souder, executive director, Long Duration Energy Storage Council; Arshad Mansoor, president and CEO, EPRI.

TOP STORY

Clean Energy Leadership on Display at CERAWeek

Leaders from EEI and our member companies participated in multiple sessions during CERAWeek by S&P Global, which convened energy executives and policy officials in Houston in early March. During the event, EEI's Edison Foundation formally launched the [Institute for the Energy Transition \(IET\)](#)—a new program that will assess the key 247 zero-emitting technologies necessary to achieving our carbon emissions reduction goals reliably and affordably. IET will explore the demonstration of these key technologies, adding a new focus on the current economics of each technology and expected future cost curves. IET's goal is to provide an assessment for each technology in the next year and then to engage in periodic updates to reflect significant developments, including improved economic fundamentals.

During a reception co-hosted by IET, EEI Chair Warner Baxter, executive chairman of Ameren Corporation, joined U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office Director Jigar Shah, DOE Chief Commercialization Officer and Director Dr. Vanessa Chan, EPRI President and CEO Arshad Mansoor, and Long Duration Energy Storage Council Executive Director Julia Souder to discuss a [new memorandum of understanding](#) aimed at accelerating the commercialization of long-duration energy storage.

Separately, EEI President Tom Kuhn participated in a panel sponsored by DOE to discuss specific pathways to expand and deploy diverse long-duration energy storage technologies in the United States and beyond. Kuhn was joined on the panel by DOE's Anna Siefken, Souder, Mansoor, and EPRI Vice President of Energy Supply and Low-Carbon Resources Neva Espinoza.

Kuhn also joined S&P Global Vice Chairman Daniel Yergin and executives from the American Petroleum Institute and the American Gas Association to discuss the opportunities available to the energy industry through federal investments from the Inflation Reduction Act and other legislation.

Following are a few highlights from EEI member companies' extensive participation in the conference's sessions:

- Baxter and Rebecca Kujawa, president and CEO of NextEra Energy Resources, participated in a plenary session on the opportunities available to energy companies and other industries to further invest in clean energy technologies and drive the transformation of the clean energy landscape.
- EEI Vice Chair Pedro J. Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International, joined Yergin and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly for a keynote dinner and dialogue session on securing energy infrastructure against cyber and physical security threats.
- Pedro Azaara, CEO of AVANGRID, and Gil Quinones, CEO of ComEd, participated in a plenary discussion on building the necessary low-carbon infrastructure needed for the clean energy transition.
- Justin Bird, CEO of Semptra Infrastructure, spoke on a plenary about the rise of hydrogen as a clean energy source.
- Calvin Butler, president and CEO of Exelon Corporation, spoke on a plenary panel on the expansion of electrification.
- Andrié Gluski, president and CEO of AES Corporation, joined a plenary discussion on strategic considerations for organizations focused on clean energy.
- John Ketchum, chairman, president, and CEO of NextEra Energy, gave a plenary speech on innovative clean energy technologies.
- Kujawa also participated in the Women in Energy dinner to discuss the future of the energy industry workforce, particularly in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Kristina Lund, president and CEO of AES Indiana and AES Ohio, participated in a panel on how female executives will shape the future of the energy industry.
- Leo Moreno, president of clean energy for AES Corporation, participated in a discussion about procuring renewable energy at scale.
- Allen Nye, CEO of Oncor, joined the Public Utility Commission of Texas' Power Breakfast to discuss the future of the state's energy grid in terms of reliability and resilience.



IN THE NEWS

Celebrating Labor and Management Cooperation at National LAMPAC

Leaders from the electric power industry and organized labor work together through the National Labor and Management Public Affairs Committee (LAMPAC), a joint effort of EEI and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), to address the nation's energy challenges and advance public policies that support our common objectives.

Earlier this month, the 16th annual National LAMPAC meeting was held in Washington, D.C. EEI President Tom Kuhn and IBEW Secretary-Treasurer Paul Noble welcomed National LAMPAC attendees, and EEI Chair Warner Baxter, executive chairman of Ameren Corporation, delivered opening remarks. Keynote addresses were provided by the Honorable Christopher Hanson, chair of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, David Long, CEO of the National Electrical Contractors Association, and Elizabeth Shuler, president of the AFL-CIO.

National LAMPAC also included a series of panels featuring insights from C-suite executives and labor leaders on a range of critical topics, including implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the expansion of electric transmission to drive clean energy goals, workforce development and talent retention, the industry's response to extreme weather events, and more.



EEI President Tom Kuhn and American Electric Power President and CEO Julie Sloat present Nick Akins, executive chair of American Electric Power, with the Edwin D. Hill Award.

PARTNERSHIPS ON DISPLAY

LAMPAC Awards Recognize Distinguished Leadership

During the 16th annual National LAMPAC meeting on March 13, U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) presented the John D. Dingell Award to U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) for their leadership on advancing broadband legislation.

Named for the longest-serving member of Congress, the John D. Dingell Award is presented to leaders who exemplify and promote labor-management cooperation, and whose efforts have helped to advance the common objectives of the electric power industry and IBEW members. Mr. Dingell served as Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee for many years and amassed an impressive record of bipartisan accomplishments on a wide range of issues, many of which focused on labor-management collaboration.

Separately, EEI and IBEW presented the Edwin D. Hill Award to Nick Akins, executive chair of American Electric Power, and Lonnie Stephenson, international president emeritus of IBEW, for their leadership in the electric power and labor industries to advance state and local initiatives on behalf of EEI's member companies and IBEW members.

Read more about [the Dingell Award](#) and [the Hill Award](#) recipients in EEI's press releases.



HAPPENING NOW

Celebrating Women's History Month

Each March, EEI celebrates Women's History Month, which highlights women's contributions and achievements. This year, EEI is revisiting our podcast episode on women in energy leadership that features Puget Sound Energy President and CEO Mary Kipp and EEI Executive Vice President of Clean Energy and General Counsel Emily Fisher. In this episode, they discuss how female representation has changed in the workplace, how companies are empowering their female employees, Kipp's advice to women who want to advance in their careers, and more.

[Listen to the episode online](#) or on your preferred podcast platform.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Annual State of the Energy Industry

Last month, EEI President Tom Kuhn and members of the EEI executive team delivered the annual state of the energy industry to Wall Street investors, analysts, bankers, reporters, and other industry stakeholders. The remarks covered several high-priority topics, including siting and permitting reform; the role of new and developing carbon-free technologies; electric transportation; energy grid reliability, resilience, and security; and much more.

Read more about EEI's priorities [on our website](#).



From left to right: Alex Wirth, cofounder and CEO, Quorum; Brian Wolff, EEI; Kirsten Sutton, executive vice president of congressional relations and legislative affairs, American Bankers Association; Ross Eisenberg, vice president of federal affairs, American Chemistry Council; Tommy Goodwin, vice president of government affairs, Exhibitions & Conferences Alliance; Mary Kate Cunningham, senior vice president of public policy, American Society of Association Executives.

AWARD WINNING

EEI's Brian Wolff Named Leading Association Lobbyist

Brian Wolff, EEI chief strategy officer and executive vice president of public policy and external affairs, was named a 2023 Leading Association Lobbyist by Association TRENDS, a community dedicated to training and data for association executives and industry partners, and CEO Update, an independent publication covering association news. This recognition "honors the brightest stars of the association community and their commitment to excellence," according to Association TRENDS and CEO Update. Wolff and other honorees were celebrated at the 43rd annual Salute to Association Excellence event in Washington, D.C., earlier this month.



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EEI 2023

Registration is open for EEI 2023, the premier annual gathering of electric industry executives and thought leaders. It will be held from June 11-13 at the JW Marriott Austin in Austin, Texas.

EEI 2023 promises to be a fitting celebration for EEI's 90th anniversary. Join industry and government leaders, technology innovators and partners, regulators, and other stakeholders as we showcase the actions and leadership of America's electric companies to deliver resilient clean energy across our economy.

Register now at [eei.org/2023](#).

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Great to meet with @Edison_Electric leaders today. Together, we can lead the power sector toward a clean energy future — one that protects our climate, delivers health benefits for communities, and continues to ensure a reliable and affordable supply of electricity.



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At the [Edison Electric Institute](#) board meeting yesterday, Edison International President and CEO [Pedro Pizarro](#) joined U.S. Secretary of Transportation [Pete Buttigieg](#) for a discussion about the Inflation Reduction Act and how the White House utility transportation electrification. Pizarro pointed out the progress the electric utility industry has made in expanding power generation and investing in the grid to meet challenges in the past and for the future. They discussed the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program's \$5 billion investment for developing EV charging infrastructure along the nation's highways — along with the electrification of public transit and ports.

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