



# PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE

**TO:** IEDA Board  
**FROM:** Glen Vortherms  
**RE:** IEDA Strategic Plan  
**DATE:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*The President's Prerogative is an initiative to attempt to educate members and increase engagement. We will take time to discuss issues to enhance participation, improve knowledge exchange and enhance IEDA operations.*

## History

American Public Power Association (APPA) is the largest public power organization in the nation, representing over 1,600 members. APPA has ten regions, and each region has three representatives. Over the last 4 years, IEDA has had a representative on the APPA Board, which likely aided in garnering support from APPA for the Help Hoover Dam Act last year and this year. The Board meets three times per year, once at Leg Rally (February), during the National Conference (June), and in the fall (October). Participation on the board also would require participation on committees, but the overall commitment is not overly burdensome.

Region 6 includes Arizona, California & Nevada. Ed's term on the board expires in June, and APPA has already advertised the opening for the soon to be open board seat. Historically, APPA selects the executive of an organization for the board. Included below are previous representatives from Arizona.

Mark Bonsall  
Michael Curtis  
Ed Gerak

Wally Haas  
Leslie James  
R.J. McMullin  
C.M. Perkins  
A.J. Pfister  
Richard Silverman

Today's President's Prerogative is meant to discuss ideas or recommendations for the open board seat. While having another IEDA member representing Arizona on the APPA Board would be wonderful, the discussion should also include options outside of IEDA, who would best represent Arizona.

### **Agenda Discussion**

1. Who inside IEDA would be willing and want to apply for the board?
2. Are there other options outside of IEDA that would be a good representative for Arizona?
3. Should IEDA submit a letter of support for someone?
4. Other ideas or questions?