

FINAL REPORT
SPRING 2010 USND MEMBER MEETING

Members of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota gathered for spring meetings during the first few weeks of May 2010. Meetings were conducted in Jamestown, Minot, Dickinson, and Williston the first week, and in Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck during the second week. The Wahpeton meeting was held on May 20.

Each year more and more members attend the meetings, and this spring we had 571 people reserve a space at one of the meetings. Bryan Morlock, a planning consultant for Otter Tail Power Co. spoke at both Jamestown and Wahpeton about their company's challenges and success with wind-generated electricity. Larry Oswald, Business Development Manager and Ken Callahan, District Manager, both of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., spoke in Dickinson and Williston, respectively.

Laura McCarten, Regional VP-NSP Minnesota was the featured speaker at the USND Annual Meeting, conducted this year in Minot. Also joining the USND membership in Minot were members of the Xcel Energy Advisory Committee, which is made up of community and business leaders from Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo areas.

Dave Sederquist, Regulatory Consultant for Xcel Energy and Mark Nisbet, Principal Manager for Xcel Energy in North Dakota updated our membership on their companies' activities in Grand Forks and Fargo, respectively. Bill Schneider, President and CEO of Knife River Corporation, discussed the deterioration of our nation's infrastructure and the need for Congressional action to address the problems before they get worse.

Edward Jones investment brokers from across the state provided market information at all meetings. Kirk Heim was in Jamestown, Darin Scherr in Minot, Steve Cole in Dickinson, and Rob Shannon spoke in Williston. Lisa Sonterre spoke in Grand Forks, Jana Thielges in Fargo, and Marlin Peterson spoke provided remarks in Bismarck. In Wahpeton, Randy Smith and Jodi Hendrickson teamed up to make the presentation.

We encourage our members to attend these twice annual events to hear about local energy issues, association business, and to enjoy a nice meal and visit with friends. Members are encouraged to keep watch on their mail boxes for the fall meeting schedule, register to attend once the meeting notices are received, and plan to attend a meeting of their choice.