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New NEF Board Members

Three energy industry leaders have accepted positions on the National Energy Foundation board: **Skip Bowman**, President & CEO, Nuclear Energy Institute, **Kraig Naasz**, President, National Mining Association, and **Donald Santa**, President, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America. All thirteen board members volunteer their time to support NEF's mission of creating, distributing and implementing quality energy education materials and programs. We appreciate their dedication.

***Igniting Creative Energy Challenge (ICE)* Incorporates Local Incentives**

States, local school districts and electric utilities have announced their sponsorship for the *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge*. The organizations will provide funding for local awards and recognitions within their geographic areas.

- **States:** Wisconsin, South Dakota, Florida, North Carolina, Idaho, Texas, Oklahoma
- **Utilities:** Minnesota Power-MN, Utah Municipal Power Agency-UT
- **Schools:** Guilford County Public Schools-North Carolina, Clark County School District-NV, Jordan School District- UT, Granite School District-UT, Murray School District-UT, Mabelvale Elementary-AR

Additional information regarding *ICE* is available at www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org.

Natural Gas Safety Poster

The new **Natural Gas Safety at Home and in the Community** poster is ready for distribution by natural gas utilities and pipeline operators. The poster integrates key pipeline safety awareness messages with basic household natural gas safety tips. NEF thanks its partners: the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR), Southwest Gas, CenterPoint Energy, and Questar Gas. To receive a complimentary review copy of the poster, contact NEF at 800-616-8326.

NEF Executive Attends National Energy Education Forum

Sunny Dent, Director of Programs, represented NEF at the Energy Education Forum in Washington DC on January 4-5. Energy leaders across the country met to discuss policy and make recommendations to the US Department of Energy regarding a unified approach to energy education. The Forum was in response to legislation included in the recently passed Energy Bill.

New Coal Poster Development Project

An instructional poster detailing **coal** is currently under development. The new poster emphasizes careers within the mining industry. Project partners include: American Coal Foundation, Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute, U.S. Office of Surface Mining, American Coal Council, Kennecott Energy, Peabody Energy, Joy Mining Machinery, Caterpillar, Arch Coal and the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education. If your organization would like to join this partnership, contact Gary Swan at 800-616-8326.

Phelps Dodge Foundation Grant to Distribute Rock Music

Thanks to a grant from the Phelps Dodge Foundation, NEF is initiating a project entitled "Strengthening Minerals and Arts Education in Arizona's Charter Schools." All charter schools in the state (6th grade and under) will receive NEF's **Rock Music** materials (CD, guide, and poster) along with recommendations for classroom use.

Bureau of Land Management Sponsors Mine Safety Poster Distribution

With sponsorship from the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, over 3,000 fifth and sixth grade teachers in Utah will receive NEF's character and leadership-building **Act Responsibly: Stay Out–Stay Alive** poster and primer. In addition, all Spanish language teachers in the state will receive the Spanish language version of the poster. Teachers will also receive a correlation to Utah's Life Skills standards.

Nevada and Oklahoma Energy Experts Retire

Two key NEF partners from the Nevada and Oklahoma energy offices recently announced their retirement. **Gordon Gore** is retiring after 29 years with the Oklahoma office where he was critical in establishing an NEF administered grant for the state. **Chris Wentz** retires from the Nevada energy office after 25 years of service to the organization where he championed Clean Energy as the Director of the Energy Conservation and Management Division.

Calendar

- Feb. 8 Energy By Design contest entry deadline
- Feb. 17 Utah Science Teacher's Association Mid-winter Conference-Cedar City, UT
- Feb. 18 *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* entry deadline
- Apr. 6-9 NSTA National Conference-Anaheim, CA

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