

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES OF WISCONSIN (MEUW)
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin**

PROFILE

The MEUW seeks a driven, energetic, and creative Executive Director to lead an association with 81 municipal electric utility members. The Executive Director reports to a 19-member board and is responsible to faithfully execute the policies established by the board. The MEUW Board of Directors entrusts substantial discretion, management, and responsibility to the Executive Director.

The Executive Director will provide the leadership and collaboration necessary to effectively manage, expand and enhance the overall effectiveness of MEUW. The Executive Director will prioritize communication and relationship-building with members, which is expected to include frequent interaction with and among MEUW members, including regular travel to member communities. The Executive Director will also manage the association's staff and ensure that the MEUW's programs and services are effectively implemented. The ideal candidates will possess excellent oral and written communication skills, and be able to articulate contemporary industry issues to industry experts, legislators, regulators, and consumers.

REQUIREMENTS

The MEUW Board of Directors requires the successful candidate have the following characteristics:

- Effective leadership – must be a “leader of leaders” capable of aligning member interests and facilitating constructive discussion with other utility leaders.
- Demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to public power.
- Strong interpersonal, communication (oral and written), and people skills.
- Proven management, planning, and organizational skills.
- A creative self-starter.
- A sincere customer-service attitude and approach.
- Credible as a resource to engage with members’ governing bodies and member communities; expected to be visible to members and proactively engaged in their communities.
- Knowledge of the legislative and regulatory process with the capability to influence in such circles.
- A thorough understanding of challenges facing municipal electric utilities and the vision to consistently develop and execute a strategic plan for the organization.
- Budget and cost-conscious.
- Able to effectively manage and maintain the productivity of a diverse staff.
- Capable of evolving the MEUW organization to a vibrant and innovative organization that utilizes modern technology, communication, and media tools to serve members.
- Collaborative management style with the ability to communicate positively, thoroughly, and credibly with staff and members.
- Able to consistently communicate with members.
- A credible and trustworthy resource to engage with members’ governing bodies and communities.

ABOUT MEUW

MEUW is the state association representing the locally-owned, locally-controlled municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin. MEUW has a staff of 15 employees in addition to the Executive Director. The association has served municipal electric utilities ranging in size from 500 to 18,000 customers since 1928. Collectively, these public power utilities distribute more than 11% of the electricity in Wisconsin. All member utilities are dedicated to providing low-cost, reliable electricity, operating on a not-for-profit basis, and are directed by a local governing board.

MEUW's commitment includes serving as a relentless advocate for member interests at the local, state, and national levels, providing members superior safety training services, offering quality educational and networking opportunities to members, and developing and delivering other beneficial services and programs.

MEUW offers a strong benefits package and competitive pay. MEUW is an equal opportunity employer.

CONTACT INFORMATION

A complete position description can be found at www.meuw.org. Questions regarding this position and applications with a cover letter should be directed to Tim Herlitzka, General Manager, Waunakee Utilities, at (608)849-2899 or therlitzka@wppienergy.org.