

# Learning to Lead: Pathways to Leadership

*Leaders come in all shapes, sizes, and forms. Some people become leaders by choice and ambition, while others are thrust into the role by necessity. Regardless of the circumstances or the individual, leading people and projects — and being “in charge” — requires a base level understanding of the fundamentals of leadership. This interactive, one-day workshop will offer insights from experienced leaders and a roadmap to put both emerging and seasoned leaders on a path to success.*

## April 7, 2022

Mauston, Wisconsin

### Workshop Facilitators



Workshop participants will learn from two of Wisconsin’s own public power leaders who successfully led their hometown utilities and earned recognition on the national level for their own leadership and contributions. **Nilaksh**



**Kothari** retired as General Manager and CEO of Manitowoc Public Utilities after nearly 20 years leading the state’s largest public power utility. He also served as Managing Director of Great Lakes Utilities and earned the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award from American

Public Power Association (APPA) in 2019. **Jeff Feldt** retired in late 2021 as General Manager of Kaukauna Utilities, where his 19-year tenure also included 10 years as Chair of the Board of Directors of WPPI Energy, the state’s largest joint action agency. He was honored with APPA’s Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial Excellence Award in 2021. Both Nilaksh and Jeff lent their leadership and expertise through service to MEUW through many years of service on the association’s Board of Directors. Now retired, they’re continuing their legacies of service by sharing their personal experiences and helping to develop a new generation of public power leaders.

*The one-day program begins with check-in and networking at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 3:30 p.m. Continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be provided.*

### LOCATION

**The Lodge at Mauston** — 104 Lodge Lane, Mauston

A room block is available for the rate of \$99.99 per night plus taxes; call (608) 747-2200 and mention MEUW – rate cutoff is March 18

### Who should attend

Those who are “in charge” of their community-owned electric utility – workers with titles like Electric Superintendent, Lead Lineman, Director of Public Works, or Utility Manager, among others

*Discussions will benefit municipal utility leaders of all experience levels, including those who may be new to their role, those in line to be the next leader, and those who already have extensive experience and simply want to learn from others responsible for similar work.*

### Key Discussion Topics

- Perspectives on Leadership
- Defining Leadership and Its Principles
- Understanding Different Leadership Styles
- Situational Leadership
- Influencing Others
- Ten Key Leadership Skills – Empathy, Communications, Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Time Management, Attitude, Adaptability, Ability to Learn, Confidence, and Networking
- Multigenerational Challenges of Leadership

### Why attend

- Develop new skills and a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of leading people and projects
- Understand your personal leadership style and the styles of others to maximize your effectiveness
- Learn from accomplished leaders and takeaway valuable lessons you can apply to your own work
- Focus on what it takes to be a leader in today’s workplace and pick up tips to be more successful

> **\$275 per person** (MEUW members/communities only)

Register online  
Deadline is April 4

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