

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AT THE

2020 WINTER POLICY SUMMIT

OF THE

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
REGULATORY UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

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Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden of New Jersey

Whereas Mary-Anna Holden stepped down on November 16, 2019, as chair of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners (“NARUC”) Committee on Water;

Whereas Commissioner Holden was appointed Chair of the Committee on Water and served with distinction for three years;

Whereas Commissioner Holden has shown exemplary leadership in continuing to promote and bring awareness to the issues facing water utilities;

Whereas Commissioner Holden also serves on NARUC’s subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the Military Workforce Development Task Force;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is past president of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is a member of the National Council on Electricity Policy;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is Chair of the University of Missouri’s Financial Research Institute;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is a board member of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is also a member of the National Regulatory Research Institute’s Advisory Board for the Regulatory Training Initiative;

Whereas Commissioner Holden is a member of Jersey Water Works’ Green Infrastructure Committee and the New Jersey Clean Water Council;

Whereas Commissioner Holden was appointed by Governor Christie and confirmed as a member of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in January 2012;

Whereas Commissioner Holden was reappointed by Governor Murphy in 2018;

Whereas before becoming an energy regulator, Commissioner Holden served as Mayor of the Borough of Madison for four years prior to her nomination;

Whereas Commissioner Holden served as a Councilwoman for ten years before becoming Mayor;

Whereas Commissioner Holden served as Chair of the Madison-Chatham Joint Meeting wastewater facility;

Whereas Commissioner Holden served as a trustee of the New Jersey Historic Trust;

Whereas Commissioner Holden has strengthened the ties between the water and energy sectors;

Whereas Commissioner Holden has supported NARUC’s educational programs by being actively involved in the NARUC Utility Rate Schools;

Whereas Commissioner Holden has become a valued, trusted and lasting friend to many at NARUC; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, extend their gratitude to Commissioner Holden for her contributions to NARUC's Committee on Water and express their best wishes for her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committees on Water

Adopted by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2020

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus John E. Howard of South Carolina

Whereas John E. Howard *a.k.a.* Butch Howard (referred to henceforth as Butch) was elected to the South Carolina Public Service Commission on March 4, 2004 and has served honorably and with distinction for more than 16 years;

Whereas Butch Howard served as Chairman of the South Carolina Public Service Commission from 2010 through 2012 and as Vice Chairman from 2008 through 2010;

Whereas Butch Howard served for eight years as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' ("NARUC") Board of Directors;

Whereas Butch Howard served as Chairman of NARUC's Subcommittee on Education and Research from September 2015 to November 2019;

Whereas Butch Howard has been actively involved and instrumental in developing, expanding, and promoting NARUC's Water Rate School since 2005;

Whereas Butch Howard Served as Chairman of NARUC's Committee on Water from December 2010 to November 2012 and as Vice Chairman from November 2006 to November 2009;

Whereas Butch Howard was a member of NARUC's Committee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management;

Whereas Butch Howard was a member of NARUC's Committee on International Relations;

Whereas Butch Howard has been an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Commissioners since 2004;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the Water Research Foundation, Public Council on Drinking Water Research;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities Advisory Board;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Water Sector Government Coordinating Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Committee;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board;

Whereas Butch Howard graduated from Berkley High School and received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina;

Whereas Butch Howard served honorably and with distinction in the United States Army from 1963 through 1966 and was honorably discharged with a letter of commendations;

Whereas Butch Howard served on the Board of Frankfort Area American Youth Activities when he was stationed in Germany;

Whereas Butch Howard has attended numerous regulatory trainings;

Whereas Butch Howard is the first Commissioner to earn the Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Training;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former Vice President of Programs, Southeast Regional Camp Inspector, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former board member of the Girl Scouts of America;

Whereas Butch Howard is the Former President and Program Chairman of the Palmetto Touchdown Club;

Whereas Butch Howard is the Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Charleston;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former board member of the Charleston Advertising Federation;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former President of the Blessed Sacrament School Board;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member the St. Joseph Parish Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former President of the St. Joseph's Men's Club;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the South Carolina Trucking Association;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the South Carolina Trucking Association Safety Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the Greater Charleston Printer's Association;

Whereas Butch Howard epitomizes the charm, class, and grace of a quintessential Southern gentleman (although at times difficult to understand due to his pronounced accent);

Whereas Butch Howard will complete his service as a member of the South Carolina Public Service Commission on June 30, 2020;

Whereas Butch Howard has created true and genuine friendships with so many people from all different backgrounds and walks of life that will be valued forever;

Whereas Butch Howard was and continues to be instrumental in developing and promoting NARUC's educational path;

Whereas Butch Howard has been a tireless supporter of and advocate for NARUC and has gone above and beyond in furthering its mission; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC extend its gratitude to Butch Howard for his leading roles on NARUC's Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Education and Research and for his continued efforts to educate new commissioners, and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Education and Research
Adopted by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2020*

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Mike Huebsch of Wisconsin

Whereas Mike Huebsch served on the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (“PSCW”) for nearly five years as a Commissioner from March 1, 2015 to February 3, 2020;

Whereas prior to this appointment, Mike Huebsch served as Secretary of the Department of Administration of Wisconsin, and sixteen years as representative of Wisconsin’s 94th Assembly District where he held the positions of Assembly Majority Leader and Assembly Speaker;

Whereas, while a Commissioner, Mike Huebsch was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), serving on the Board of Directors, the Committee on Electricity, the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute;

Whereas Mike Huebsch served on the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition and has been a strong advocate for nuclear energy and finding practical solutions for storage of nuclear waste throughout his tenure in public service;

Whereas Mike Huebsch was a valued member of the Organization of MISO States (“OMS”) representing the state of Wisconsin and serving on the Executive Committee as OMS’s Treasurer in 2018 and Secretary in 2019;

Whereas Mike Huebsch has brought decades of policy expertise, knowledge of legislative process, and leadership to his job as a Commissioner, which assisted the PSCW in its decision-making process and aided in his role as a member of the OMS;

Whereas Mike Huebsch, with his practical and straightforward approach to contested cases and other important issues faced by the Commission, has nobly served the ratepayers of Wisconsin for the past five years, working tirelessly to ensure ratepayers are protected and have access to safe and reliable utility services;

Whereas Mike Huebsch’s love of golf is unparalleled, and on a personal level, his humor, friendship, and collegial attitude will be missed by many; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC extends to Michael D. Huebsch its utmost gratitude and appreciation for his years of public service to the State of Wisconsin and to NARUC and wishes Commissioner Emeritus Huebsch well in his retirement.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 12, 2020

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Ann Pongracz of Nevada

Whereas after earning her Bachelor of Arts in government from Harvard University (where she graduated *cum laude*), and her Juris Doctorate from Temple University, Chairwoman Ann Pongracz began her respected and spirited legal career as a law clerk for the Interstate Commerce Commission;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz continued her work in regulatory law and eventually became a director at Sprint, where she led teams representing Sprint before state and regulatory proceedings, state legislatures and local governments in 18 western states;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz thereafter served as special counsel for the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, where she headed the Nevada/Arizona/California legal team supporting enactment of the federal Hoover Allocation Act of 2011 and negotiated fifty-year federal and state Hoover power contracts;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz was appointed to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“PUCN”) by a Republican (in 2016) and eventually named as Chairwoman by a Democrat (in 2019);

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz utilized her over thirty years of corporate and government agency experience in utility regulation, infrastructure and economic development, interconnection, pricing, renewables, resource planning, demand side management, and consumer protection to lead the PUCN in its efforts to effectuate legislative policy and help Nevada develop innovative ways to address both the short- and long-term needs of the State in an ever-evolving utility landscape;

Whereas through her involvement with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), the California Independent System Operator’s Energy Imbalance Market Body of State Regulators, and other regional entities, Chairwoman Pongracz has utilized her forward-thinking ways to help evolve the discussion regarding regionalization in the West;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz never misses an opportunity to send a calendar request for even the shortest of chats;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz is fearless in her communications with people she finds interesting, never afraid to pick up the phone and make a cold call to someone she has previously only met in passing;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz’s inviting demeanor makes it easy to count her as a friend, and there are many of us who do;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz has never turned down anyone seeking her help;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz’s temperament and thoughtfulness in the hearing room, her patience with and gratitude towards witnesses, her respect for those appearing before her, and, generally, the class and grace with which she handled her duties as Chairwoman will forever mark her time at the PUCN;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz, whose origin story began in Bethlehem, PA, and will continue in a bifurcated fashion between Las Vegas, NV, and Philadelphia, PA, is a considerate and trustworthy friend and confidant; the wisest of mentors; an unbelievable motivator of those seeking both her professional and personal counsel (of whom there are many); an adoring and loving mother and newlywed; and simply one of the most amazing people you could ever meet;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz's gamut of qualities also include, but are not limited to, her ability to persevere through any challenge, the integrity she displays in all facets of her life, the respect and kindness she shows similarly to friends and strangers alike, and her ability to not pass judgement and accept people for who they are and as she finds them;

Whereas Chairwoman Pongracz will probably unretire at some point and do something equally amazing as all of the other wonderful things she has done so far; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington DC, extends to Ann Pongracz gratitude and appreciation for her years of public service to the State of Nevada and for her innovative and prospective thinking on NARUC's Committee on Electricity, and memorializes here its best wishes for her future endeavors following her inevitable unretirement.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 12, 2020.

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus Brien J. Sheahan of Illinois

Whereas Commissioner Brien J. Sheahan served as a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or “Commission”) from January 20, 2015 through January 21, 2020;

Whereas during this term, Commissioner Sheahan served in the capacity of Chairman and CEO from January 20, 2015 through April 15, 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan first walked the halls of the Illinois Commerce Commission as Commissioner *Emeritus* Harvill’s Legal & Policy Advisor from 1998 to 2000;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan is recognized as a national leader among state regulatory commissioners for his promotion of innovation and forward-looking regulatory policy. He is a dedicated public servant and a visionary;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan promoted the concept of the regulatory sandbox because he believed in reimagining the regulatory construct to embrace innovation and become more tolerant of uncertainty by adopting more flexible frameworks that value learning over time;

Whereas in this role, Commissioner Sheahan presided over all regulated public utility matters in the State of Illinois, including electric, gas, private water and wastewater, telecommunications, water transportation, and motor carrier transportation utilities;

Whereas during this term, Commissioner Sheahan established a first-of-its-kind Office of Cyber Security and Risk Management and Office of Diversity of Community Affairs, as well as led Illinois’ exploration of the “utility of the future” with a study called NextGrid;

Whereas under his leadership, Illinois was ranked second best in the nation in grid modernization;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan was appointed to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee by former U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry in 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan is well-known for his expertise in legislative relations and extensive background in public policy;

Whereas prior to his appointment to the ICC, Commissioner Sheahan worked as a senior advisor to Governor Rauner’s successful 2014 campaign and as Counsel to the Governor’s transition committee, and previously served as Director of Government Relations for Navistar, a Fortune 500 industrial manufacturer;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan served three Illinois Governors in senior leadership roles and as General Counsel of the Illinois Republican party;

Whereas he was elected and served on the DuPage County Board for ten years;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan served as Deputy Executive Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, a \$2 billion quasi-public housing lender;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan has served on the advisory board of the Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics, focusing on educating state regulators about economic analysis of regulatory policy issues;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan was an active and enthusiastic member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), serving on its Board of Directors and as an active member of the Committee on Water. He was also appointed and served proudly as Chair to NARUC’s Subcommittee on Presidential Task Force on Innovation where he excelled in bringing forth unique education formats and new insights to each meeting. Commissioner Sheahan and his team organized seven sessions during just one meeting, which goes to show how committed Commissioner Sheahan is to education, awareness, and results;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan was an active member of the New Mexico State University’s Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, and the National Association of Parliamentarians;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan served as a director of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan is responsible for the nationally recognized effort to diversify the ranks of ICC leadership, resulting in the ICC being named the most diverse public utilities commission in the United States;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan took great strides in opening the door for new talent and under his leadership, the ICC’s first Latina commissioner, first male African American Chief Administrative Law Judge, and youngest female commissioner were appointed to the ICC;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan is an avid golfer, which only contributes to his persona of being a man of few, but powerful words;

Whereas Commissioner Sheahan’s vision and policy leadership will be greatly missed; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, extends to Brien J. Sheahan its utmost gratitude and appreciation for his years of public service to the State of Illinois and to NARUC and wishes Commissioner Sheahan well in his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Supplier & Workforce Diversity
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 12, 2020*

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner David Ziegner of Indiana

Whereas Commissioner David Ziegner was appointed to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“IURC”) on August 25, 1990, by Governor Evan Bayh and has received continuous reappointments from Governor Frank O’Bannon, Governor Mitch Daniels, Governor Mike Pence, and Governor Eric Holcomb, with the most recent reappointment occurring in March 2019;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner currently sits as the longest-serving appointed Commissioner in the United States, and is the second longest tenured Commissioner, appointed or elected, in the United States, which is absolutely remarkable even without noting that his appointments were made by five different Governors regardless of party affiliations;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history and journalism from Indiana University in 1976. He obtained his juris doctor degree from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1979 and was admitted to the Indiana Bar and U.S. District Court in that same year;

Whereas prior to joining the Commission, he served as a staff attorney for the Legislative Service Agency, where he developed his background in both utility and regulatory issues. As the agency's senior staff attorney, he specialized in legislative issues concerning utility reform, local measured telephone service, the citizens' utility board, and pollution control. He also served as general counsel for the Commission prior to his appointment;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner served a remarkable eight years as the Treasurer of NARUC, making him the longest serving Commissioner-Treasurer in NARUC’s 131-year history;

Whereas during his time as NARUC’s Treasurer, Commissioner Ziegner served faithfully as an officer of NARUC and served with distinction on NARUC’s Executive Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner is a member of NARUC’s Committee on Electricity, and a former vice-chair of the Committee, and is former chair of its Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner is a former chairman of the Advisory Council of the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University, and of the Consortium for Electric Reliability Technology Solutions Industry Advisory Board. He is a former member of the Advisory Council of the Electric Power Research Institute;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner is the consummate family man, starting with his wife and college sweetheart, Barbara, who keeps him humble and on the straight and narrow, and his daughter Jennifer, who keeps him focused on the blessings the future holds;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner bleeds red; first as a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, and always as an Indiana University fan through and through;

Whereas Commissioner Ziegner is esteemed by his colleagues and affectionately referred to as “Yoda” at the IURC because of his wisdom of the ages and his willingness to help others, *Whereas* Commissioner Ziegner has a passion and focus for public service on behalf of Hoosiers in the State of Indiana, and Indiana will be blessed as he continues to serve in his role as Commissioner at the Indiana Commission; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, recognizes and offers its heartfelt thanks to Commissioner David Ziegner for his many contributions to NARUC, and in particular, for his remarkable eight years as NARUC’s Treasurer, and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Executive Committee

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors on February 12, 2020

Honorary Resolution for Andrew Melnykovich of Kentucky

Whereas Andrew O. Melnykovich will, in March 2020, complete his service as Communications Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“KY PSC”) and as chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on International Relations;

Whereas Andrew began working at the KY PSC in 2002, and has served with distinction for nearly 18 years;

Whereas Andrew has been an active advocate for NARUC’s International Programs, and has served as chair of the Staff Subcommittee on International Relations for the past seven years;

Whereas Andrew has helped bridge cultural and geo-political divides as a true global ambassador, which culminated in his receipt of the 2019 Terry Barnich Award, which honors regulators who take up a personal responsibility to provide aid and expertise to our partners abroad;

Whereas Andrew has participated in numerous regulatory exchanges, focusing on issues of transparency, community involvement, public information, and media relations;

Whereas a native speaker of Ukrainian, Andrew has connected with the homeland of his parents through four trips to Ukraine, as well as participated in programs with Georgia, Nigeria, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Armenia (through the U.S. Energy Association);

Whereas Andrew has also coordinated visits to the KY PSC by delegations from Georgia, Armenia, Nigeria, Kosovo, Pakistan, South Korea, Russia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has represented the KY PSC in exchanges hosted by the Louisville International Center for delegations from Russia, Ukraine and Jamaica;

Whereas before entering the world of utility regulation, Andrew was a reporter for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal and the Casper (Wyoming) Star-Tribune, and won several awards for his journalistic work, including the George Polk Award;

Whereas Andrew’s passion for birding is said to give him as much excitement and engagement as he had when presenting about effective tools for public consultation during a trip in Sri Lanka;

Whereas Andrew has been known to aid others in times of difficulty, particularly when his counterpart at the Kosovo energy commission slammed her Executive Director’s finger in a car door, prompting a trip to the emergency room and a formidable navigation through the U.S. health insurance system;

Whereas Andrew has been recognized as possessing extraordinary devotion to his work, so much so that two years ago, in a dramatic turn of events, he got hauled off on a gurney to the emergency room the night before the Committee on International Relations meeting and gave Chairman Danner quite the shock by saying, “It’s alright, I’ll be there tomorrow for the committee meeting” as he was wheeled away;

Whereas Andrew has been described by his colleagues as “a dynamic public information officer for KY PSC and all around font of information;” *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC, extends its gratitude to Andrew for his

commitment to education and outreach, and thanks him for his service to both the national and international regulatory community.

*Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February on 12, 2020*