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UTILIMETRICS, LEADING UTILITY TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION, RECOGNIZES THREE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Chicago, Ill – [Utilimetrics](http://utilimetrics.org), the world's premier utility technology association, recognized three industry professionals with special awards at Autovation, its annual conference and exposition, last month in Denver.

Utilimetrics Board President Bernie Bujnowski recognized the individuals during remarks to nearly 1,400 participants at Autovation, four days of education, networking and exhibits on leading practices for smart grid, smart metering, enterprise-technology solutions and tools for business transformation for the connected utility.

Bujnowski said, "These awards are given to recognize deserving individuals who have had distinguished careers dedicated to the success of the industry and our association."

The Ed Malmezian award is given to a utility professional who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the areas of AMR/AMI, meter-data management, outage management or revenue protection. Malmezian was a utility professional active with Utilimetrics before his death in 2007.

PG&E Smart Meter Programming Engineering Manager Dan Partridge received the Malmezian award. Partridge has 27 years of experience in defining, promoting and applying technology to

the electric distribution system. He works with emerging technologies to change and improve the way electric utilities are designed and operated.

A former Utilimetrics board president, Brian Pollom of Beecon Solutions Consulting, received the Robert J. Green award for his many years of service and leadership to the association.

Green was Utilimetrics board president and served the utility industry for more than 27 years until his death in 2006.

“Brian Pollom’s leadership, creativity and vision for Utilimetrics spurred membership growth by 70 percent during his tenure and created an atmosphere for innovation that still inspires,” Bujnowski said, adding that Pollom focused the organization’s leadership on strategy.

The final award, the president’s, recognizes outstanding service to the industry. LeRoy Nosbaum, Itron executive board chairman, received that honor.

Bujnowski explained, “LeRoy Nosbaum is an icon in the industry. He has 40-plus years of leadership and management experience with companies supplying the utility industry with metering and communications systems, including wireless network solutions.”

Nosbaum joined Itron in 1996, was promoted to CEO in spring 2000 and elected board chairman in spring 2002. He retired as CEO in March.

Autovation offered more than 200 speakers from utilities, vendors and consultants covering subjects including: smart-energy strategy, smart networks, meter-data management, home-area networks, operations, demand-response energy efficiency, telecom and cyber-security.



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