

38th Annual Meeting

December 8, 2009

Over 220 LADCO members and guests were in attendance for the 38th Annual Meeting held Tuesday, December 8th in the Radisson Center, Downtown La Crosse. This year's meeting was made possible thanks to the continued co-sponsorship of Xcel Energy and Dairyland Power.



Keynote Speaker: WI Governor Jim Doyle. Over 220 LADCO Members and Guests listened to Governor Doyle's keynote address

Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle served as keynote speaker. Governor Doyle noted the difficult economic times that Wisconsin and the nation continues to face but urged that we focus on our core competencies as we move towards recovery, including our high quality education system and superior workforce. Doyle also drew attention to the many positive developments that Wisconsin has experienced over past year and that the economy is not nearly as bad as it is in other parts of the country.

Governor Doyle took this opportunity to announce a \$200,000 Department of Natural Resources Grant and a \$165,000 Department of Commerce Grant to assist with the demolition and cleanup at the La Crosse Industrial Park Corporation's Plant 6 on La Crosse's near northside. LIPCO estimates that this site could yield a \$15 - \$18 million mixed use development compared to the current \$3.7 million in assessed value.

The 2009 President's Award was presented to Dr. Andrew Temte, CEO of Kaplan Professional Education. Dr. Temte has led the significant expansion of Kaplan's presence in Riverside Center II in Downtown La Crosse over the past two years. Kaplan now has over 300 professional employees with plans for additional employment growth.

The 2009 Distinguished Service award was presented to John Medinger in recognition of his life of public service. John served 16 years in the WI State Assembly, 8 years as Mayor of La Crosse and is now in his second term on the La Crosse County Board.



LEFT: Dr. Andrew Temte, CEO of Kaplan Financial Education, accepts the President's Award from LADCO President David Oelkers

RIGHT: John Medinger accepts the Distinguished Service Award