



**Date:**

**Thursday, March 25, 2010**

**Time:**

**1:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.**

**Presenter:**

Randy Swisher served as Executive Director of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) for 20 years, retiring from that position in January 2009. He currently serves AWEA as a Senior Advisor and is also an Adjunct Professor at the School of Engineering at Catholic University. Swisher will address the central role that renewable energy will play in meeting Wisconsin's future energy needs. Mr. Swisher believes that neither new coal nor new nuclear capacity is needed to meet Wisconsin's future electricity needs, and that in fact a major commitment to nuclear power is incompatible with an electric system that maximizes its dependence upon renewable sources such as wind and solar. His analysis will include discussion of the major barriers to increased reliance upon renewable energy, and a description of an action plan that can help place Wisconsin at the forefront of the New Energy Economy.