Hydro Research Foundation Announces New President

Evergreen, CO (January 26, 2018) - The Board of Directors of the Hydro Research Foundation is excited to announce the appointment of new Board President, Kenneth Odom, Ph.D. Dr. Odom is honored to be leading such an innovative and critical organization in the hydropower industry. He shared, “It is an honor to be elected as the President of HRF. I am excited to be advancing the programs of the Foundation particularly the new membership program which offers a robust way to for organizations to access workforce development efforts, research and educational activities. 2018 is an exciting year as we really nurture the Hydro Expert Connection to life and give access for retirees and experts to lend their sage wisdom to organizations following their traditional careers through an online platform listing their expertise for organizations to utilize.” Dr. Odom began his new role of Board President on January 1, 2018.

Dr Odom works for Southern Company Hydro Services where he is the technical studies lead in the Reservoir Management Section. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil engineering from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. Before joining Southern Company, Kenneth worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in Kentucky, Alabama, and Colorado. He has served on numerous committees and boards including: President of the Hydro Research Foundation; President of the Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association; Industry Board Member for the University of Alabama Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Department; and an instructor for the HydroVision HydroBasics course. In 2014 he was named a Distinguished Fellow of the University of Alabama Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Department. He enjoys hiking, traveling, and teaching kids how Alabama Power Company uses the power of water to make electricity.

The Foundation’s outgoing President, Leslie Eden, anticipates continued growth and influence for the Hydro Research Foundation as Dr. Odom steps into his role. Leslie stated, “I am so glad to have served with HRF this past year as President. My colleagues on the Board of Directors have been completely engaged and active allowing the Foundation to successfully launch the membership program, complete the first-ever Hiring for Hydro, and lay important groundwork to advance our hydropower future through meaningful research and collaborations.”

The Hydro Research Foundation was established in 1994 and became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 1996. The Foundation has two principal objectives: (1) to facilitate research; and (2) to promote educational opportunities related to hydropower.