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Plug Power Hosts Annual Spring Board Reception

By Kate Downey

AUDUBON NEW YORK Board of Directors held their annual spring meeting at the Audubon New York office in Albany on April 1, 2003. They kicked off their quarterly meeting in Albany with a cocktail reception hosted the previous evening by Stewardship Committee member Roger Saillant, Ph.D. at Plug Power Inc. headquarters in Latham, New York.

Dr. Roger B. Saillant, President and CEO of Plug Power Inc. and Audubon New York's newest Stewardship Committee member, served as host to

over 70 guests. Audubon New York donors, New York State Legislators, New York State environmental policy makers and community leaders participated in a tour of the facility, followed by remarks from Audubon New York Board Chair, Connie Sidamon-Eristoff, Audubon New York Executive Director David J. Miller, and Dr. Saillant.

Dr. Saillant shared Plug Power's vision of "transforming the energy industry in ways that will positively impact our economy, our society and our environment. Our development of

sustainable processes and products will ensure the preservation of natural resources. Plug Power intends to be a steward of energy transformation—changing the way energy is harnessed, distributed and used."

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Guests David Sampson Esq., New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Erin Crotty, Richard P. Wallace, Esq., Deputy Commissioner for Upstate Operations and Resource Management Group Dominic Jacangelo and Deputy Commissioner Lynette Stark, listen to presentations.



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Plug Power President and CEO, Dr. Roger B. Saillant, prepares Board Members for a tour of the facility.

2003 Spring Audubon Council of New York State Conference Held In Saratoga Springs

Assemblyman Thomas P. DiNapoli Awarded Hoyt Conservation Honor by Audubon



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Audubon New York's David J. Miller, Assemblyman Thomas P. DiNapoli, and Audubon Council Chair Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, at the Spring 2003 Audubon Council of New York State Meeting.

By Audubon New York Staff

THE HONORABLE Thomas P. DiNapoli was presented with the 2003 William B. Hoyt Environmental Award during the Spring 2003 Audubon Council of New York State Meeting held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, located within the Saratoga Spa State Park in Saratoga Springs, New York. Assemblyman DiNapoli, a representative of Nassau County since 1986 and an ardent supporter of Audubon New York, was selected for his outstanding leadership on conservation and environmental issues including Smart Growth, Bird Conservation Areas and the cleanup of Long Island Sound. DiNapoli was also presented with a beautiful Audubon print of the Great Egret.

Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, chair of the Audubon Council of New York State, was presented with the Great Egret Award from Donal O'Brien and John Flicker for his exceptional efforts as chair of the Council for the past six years and his commitment to conservation and service to Audubon New York. Ryan, who will officially step down as chair on July 1, was most appreciative of the award and will remain the Council's ex-officio chair. Retiring Board members Ginny Fields, Michael Bochnik and Rock Termini were also presented Meritorious Service Awards for their outstanding commitment to the Council during their respective tenures.

Nearly 80 delegates from National Audubon Society chapters in New York State participated in workshops, planning sessions and conservation policy issue

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