

# CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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ADAMS-COLUMBIA  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Students from Adams-Friendship Elementary School shopped for children in need. (l-r) Allison, Gabe, Pvt. Peterson, Felix, Taneasha, and Ben.

## ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your source for Co-op news and information.

### KEEPING SANTA'S SPIRIT ALIVE

Community support is what makes ACEC's Annual Toy Drive so successful each year. Not only did we receive over 1,500 donated toys, Adams-Friendship Elementary and Wautoma High School raised over \$3,500 through a competitive penny war. With the money they raised, students from both schools shopped for gifts for children who may not have received a visit from Santa this year.

Thank you to Bucky's Brick Oven Eatery in Adams and Christianos in Wautoma for donating pizzas to the winning homerooms. We are proud to say we brought Christmas joy to over 2,000 children this year, thanks to you!



## Apply Now!

ACEC's Scholarship Program is now available to members wishing to continue their education in all fields of post-secondary education. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

**Deadline:**  
February 9, 2018

# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, May 15, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Portage High School Auditorium.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNANCE OF YOUR CO-OP

### BECOME A DIRECTOR

#### HOW TO RUN:

Adams-Columbia's Bylaws outline the procedure by which director candidates are nominated. The bylaws state that the nomination of candidates for director shall be by petition. To be valid, a petition shall be signed by not less than 25 members and shall be delivered to the cooperative's Friendship office by Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

If you are interested in running for a director's seat, contact Linda Mohns at 800-831-8629.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A BOARD SEAT?

Director qualifications are cited in the Cooperative's Bylaws:

- To be a full-time resident and member in good standing in the director district from which he or she has been nominated.
- Cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling energy or supplies to the cooperative.
- Cannot have been in default on any obligations to the cooperative in the preceding 12 months.
- Cannot have been employed in any capacity by the cooperative within five years of the date of election.
- Cannot be an incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective county, state or federal office filled by election on a party ticket.
- To have not been convicted of any felony or of any other offense involving a breach of trust.

## ADVISORY RESOLUTIONS & ACEC RULES COMMITTEE

#### WHAT IS AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

By submitting an Advisory Resolution, you are bringing forth your recommendation on a cooperative matter to be reviewed by the Rules Committee.

#### WHO CAN SUBMIT AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

Any member can submit an Advisory Resolution. The deadline for a submission to be considered for the 2018 Annual Meeting is February 14, 2018.

#### WHAT IS THE RULES COMMITTEE?

The Rules Committee is comprised of members of the Advisory Committee and ACEC directors. The Rules Committee is tasked with establishing the rules for governing the Annual Meeting and reviewing advisory resolutions submitted by members.

#### WHAT IS THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION PROCESS?

Recommendations are reviewed by the Rules Committee; if accepted, you can bring forth your Advisory Resolution to the membership at the Annual Meeting. If the membership approves the resolution it is then brought to the Board of Directors as an Advisory Resolution.

## VOTING OPTIONS

- IN PERSON AT THE MEETING
- VIA ABSENTEE BALLOT
- eVOTE

#### VOTING FOR YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS EASY!

Your elected directors make decisions that impact the governance of your electric cooperative, make your voice heard - VOTE!

Watch future publications for details on eVote and absentee ballot.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### Scholarship Deadline

All scholarships must be postmarked by February 9th.



#### Important Deadlines

Advisory Resolutions and Director Candidate Nominations are due today.



#### Jay's Discussion Days

Stop in to see our CEO, Jay Porter. Pardeeville - 2/20, Wautoma - 2/22



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