



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's 31st Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 15

Portage High School Auditorium

301 E Collins St,
Portage WI, 53901

Registration: 5:15 p.m.

Light snacks and
entertainment by
Maggie Mae

Meeting Start: 6:00 p.m.

**eVote anytime
between April 2
and May 14**



By Jay A. Porter,
PE, Chief Executive
Officer

PLANS IN PLACE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's 31st Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Portage High School Auditorium. It will be the first time in 31 years that an electric cooperative annual meeting will be held in Portage, and the first time ever in the Adams-Columbia era. The Portage High School Auditorium is very similar to last year's venue with ample parking,

easy access, and comfortable theater-style seating. We are also excited to welcome local entertainer Maggie Mae as our pre-meeting entertainment this year. We are asking members to please RSVP to help us prepare for the number of attendees.

The business-meeting format will be much like the last few years. You will hear financial reports for 2017, and get a look at what's in store for 2018. Your annual meeting is also the occasion to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being an electric co-op member: **voting for your Board of Directors.**

Three director seats are up for election this year: District 1, District 6, and At-large. As you read further you will find a biography of each of the candidates.

I hope to see all of you at our annual meeting this year, but if you can't make it, we are also offering an all-new option this year—online voting! This easy new option is done via SmartHub. Simply log into your account and look for the "Vote Now" icon in the upper right corner—it's that easy! We continue to offer an absentee ballot request as well. Requesting an absentee ballot can be done by returning the coupon on page 16g, calling, or visiting our website.

In May's issue you will receive more annual meeting information, including the official meeting notice, financial reports, and program information. All of this information is now available on our website, www.acecwi.com, a convenient source for annual meeting information.

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to our board member, Scott Parr. Scott is retiring after serving almost 13 years on our board of directors. He is looking forward to spending more time traveling with his wife, Deborah, and their family. Scott, thank you for bringing your knowledge, insight, and experience to the table.

I would also like to recognize our hardworking linemen. The second Monday of every April is observed as National Lineman Appreciation Day. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our linemen at ACEC and their families. Thank you for your hard work in dangerous situations and extreme weather so our members can keep the lights on. As they say, when the lights go out, so do they.



Scott Parr

ELECT YOUR BOA

DISTRICT 1

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INCUMBENT

I am currently on the ACEC Board of Directors representing District 1. I have lived in Wisconsin most of my life. I was born in Westfield and after graduating from college I taught History and Economic at Nekoosa for 35 years.

My wife, Darlene, and I have four grown children and eleven grandchildren. Because you, the members of ACEC have allowed me to be on the Board of Directors to represent you, I have had the opportunity to listen to your concerns and to address them at our monthly meetings.

I have been a volunteer reader for the Book Worm program at a pre-school in Big Flats, and have been a member of the Gideon's International for the past 20 years. I have also been a Hunter Safety instructor and a charter member of Lakes Area Christian Fellowship. I enjoy hunting, fishing and golf.

One of my personal goals as your representative on the ACEC Board is to continue to be a dedicated representative for the best interests of our members, and having ACEC be a trusted source of reliable electricity rates. Equally important is that we provide superior customer service and support for our communities in Central Wisconsin.

WHY YOUR VOTE IS SO IMPORTANT

Please read about the Candidates and exercise your right to vote for your Board of Directors. Your directors make decisions on important issues that shape the future of your cooperative.

EACH CANDIDATE WAS ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- PLEASE SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF, AND PERHAPS INCLUDE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE, TRAINING/EDUCATION, AND OTHER ELECTED/VOLUNTEER BOARD EXPERIENCE/POSITIONS.
- WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ACEC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHALLENGER

I am a graduate of University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, with Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Finance. My wife of 31 years, Amy and I purchased our home in the Town of Rome approximately 8 years ago and enjoyed spending our weekends and vacations there until we moved full time to Nekoosa in January of 2017. I am the Bank Manager/Vice President for BMO Harris Bank in Adams and my wife is the Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Rome. We have three grown children who live in the Milwaukee area. I have been in banking for 32 years, the last 14 working for BMO Harris Bank. Some of the recent volunteer boards I have been on include: Washington County United Way, Ozaukee County Jail Liturgy, Cedarburg Cultural Center and Mequon Early Risers Rotary. I served as the treasurer for all these boards.

During my 8 years as a member of the Cooperative I have become very interested in the cooperative structure and its policies, procedures and economic well-being. If elected, I look forward to contributing to the sustainable development of the cooperative. I feel my education and experience in the financial field would be a great attribute to the board of directors and would serve the members well.

DISTRICT 6 CHERI GIBEAUT

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INCUMBENT/UNOPPOSED

In my time on the ACEC board of directors I have earned my Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates. I have also achieved the Director Gold Certificate. I currently serve as board secretary. Besides these duties I am also a very active member of Moundville United Methodist Church where I serve as Treasurer, Worship Leader and Choir Director. I am a Certified Lay Speaker and provide pulpit substitution when needed. I also volunteer at the Endeavor Elementary School and help with reading after school. My hobbies include boating on the Mississippi River and hanging out "up north", where I enjoy snowmobiling and ATVing. I love spending time with my children, grandchildren and grand dogs. This year, my husband Alan and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. Life is good!

The most important reason to be a director for ACEC is to represent the membership. I am very proud that the members have entrusted me with that duty. It is a big responsibility and one I take very seriously. In my years as a director of ACEC, I've seen many changes, not only in the cooperative world, but also in myself. I've grown as a leader and I am very proud to serve as board secretary. Decisions made in the board room are not always easy. They affect our members and our cooperative. Education is essential and I do my utmost to educate myself so that I can make informed decisions. I want to thank the members of ACEC for putting their trust in me. I will continue to serve proudly!

AT LARGE

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CHALLENGER

BARBARA BAYS-PRESLEY

My husband, Jeff and I live in rural Adams County near our 3rd generation family farm currently run by my parents Jim and Mary Ann Bays. We have 4 children, Keegan, Tanner, Zachary and Claire. I graduated from the University of Dubuque with a Bachelor of Science Degree. I have been a retail store manager for the past 22 years. During this time, my store was designated as a Center of Excellence which included being responsible for training new managers. I have also been responsible for conducting corporate store audits at locations throughout the Midwest

During the past 8 years, I have been actively involved on the Board of Directors for our Wrestling Booster Club. While serving on the board I held the position of Treasurer. If elected, I will complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Directive Program and will work towards obtaining the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate. We enjoy attending sporting events our children are involved in as well as camping during the summer months.

I am running for the ACEC board to better represent members of the Cooperative who believe that the Cooperative can become more efficient and effective in reducing the cost and fees for its members.

AT LARGE

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CHALLENGER

JAMES S. KELLY

Retired as Financial Director of the Madison Water Utility
Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance

Currently: Chair of the Pardeeville District Ambulance Service serving all or part of 2 Villages and 4 Townships, Board Member Angie Williams Cox Library Endowment Board, Pardeeville, WI, and Maintains and reviews \$3,000,000 endowment fund.

Prior: Chair, Vice Chair, Board Member Wisconsin Section American Water Works Association, Chair American Water Works Association Accounting and Finance Committee.

Provided direct input to: Water Utility Capital Finance Manual 2nd Edition, Fundamentals of Water Utility Capital Finance, 3rd Edition, and Water Utility Management, 2nd Edition.

Professional Awards: American Water Works Association, George Warren Fuller Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Lifetime Member, Wisconsin Section American Water Works Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

I have made utility finance presentations in New York, San Francisco and Denver, as well as numerous places in Wisconsin.

I consider myself a "utility guy." I have had a great deal of satisfaction dealing with issues in the utility field to best serve the consumer.

As the Cooperative moves into ownership of power generation, I can bring to the table my experience with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. I have testified before the Commission on numerous occasions as well as the Wisconsin Legislature. I have made presentations on utility matters to Wisconsin Congressional representatives as well as Moody's Investor Services in New York.

I believe that a utility that is strong in personnel, finance and leadership can best serve the members of the Adams Columbia Electric Coop. I look forward to serving on the board.

AT LARGE

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CHALLENGER

DIETRICH VEDDER

I am Dietrich Vedder and I am a member of the Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative residing in district 7. I am an electrical engineer by training and I have spent my working life in the telephone industry as an engineer and as a manager. Once I retired I decided to spend time on what I really like to do, which is working on alternate energy solutions such as windmills, solar panels and related electrical equipment. I attended the coop annual meetings and asked questions and discussed various issues at those meetings.

About 10 years ago I was asked to join the advisory board of the Coop. I have attended all advisory meetings since I joined that group. About two years ago I got very actively involved in the rate making process for renewable energy, holding a different point of view than the board of directors. These differences of opinion were eventually resolved, but during that process some directors asked me to run for director of the coop. When one of the "at large" director positions opened up, because director Scott Parr retired from the board, I decided to run for his position. I have also worked to get the membership more involved in their coop by offering advisory resolutions at the previous annual meeting.

As director, if elected, I have two particular goals: I will work towards reducing the cost of the Alliant Energy bill by reducing energy consumption during peak usage periods; secondly, I will work towards getting the entire membership more involved in their coop.

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HOW TO VOTE

IT'S EASY!

OPTION 1: VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Simply attend the Annual Meeting on May 15th at Portage High School Auditorium at 6:00pm and place your vote.



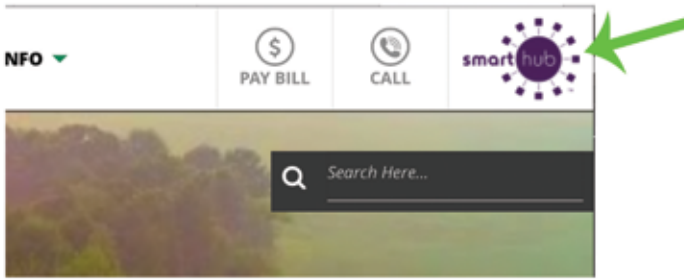
OPTION 2: VOTE ONLINE

Our easy, new eVote option only takes a few steps. Log in to your SmartHub account and click 'Vote Now'. It's that easy! eVote anytime between April 2nd and May 14th. Read on for step-by-step directions.

OPTION 3: REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Call us, stop in to our Friendship Office, or visit our website to request an absentee ballot. Return your ballot by May 14th. Absentee Ballot request coupon can be found on page 16g.

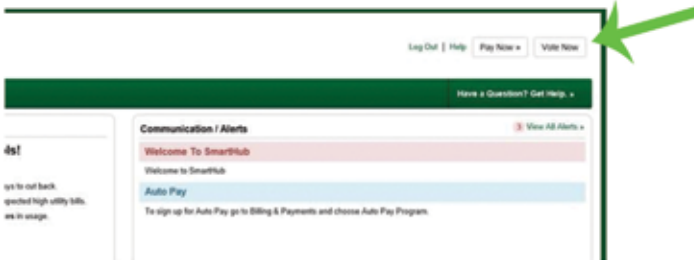
1 SMARTHUB Visit acecwi.com and click SmartHub in the upper right corner.



2 LOG IN OR create an account. One of our CSR's can help. (800) 831-8629.



3 VOTE NOW Click 'Vote Now' in the upper right corner.



4 SELECTIONS Click a box to vote. Select one in each district.



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2018 Annual Meeting Rules and Voting Procedures

Meeting Rules

1. Except as specifically modified below the meeting will be conducted in accordance with ACEC Bylaws, Board Policy #2-18, and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.
2. Any speaker must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
3. Only members and duly registered guests will be recognized by the Chair; each person so recognized must give his or her name and show their voting card.
4. Unless otherwise approved by the Chair, those recognized are to limit their questions and comments to three minutes, with any rebuttal limited to two minutes.
5. Questions and comments from members and duly registered guests will be in order during old and new business sessions, and at the conclusion of the officer reports if invited.
6. No resolution affecting Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative may be submitted by any member unless written copies were received by the Cooperative by February 14, 2018, in accordance with the prior notification to the membership to permit review by the Rules Committee, and its recommendation to the meeting as to approval or rejection.
7. No signs or handouts will be permitted within the building of the place of the meeting, except such handouts as required for the official conduct of the Annual Meeting. Invited Legislators may distribute government issued items such as highway maps or similar information. No handouts made available outside of the building will use the name of the Cooperative, its letterhead or logo to imply that the Cooperative supports or opposes any resolution or candidate for director.
8. No demonstration shall be held within the building of the place of the meeting.

Voting Procedures

1. Voting will be done by each member holding up his or her card so that the voting card may be seen and counted by the Chair. The Bylaws of the Cooperative require that voting for election of directors must be by ballot vote.
2. Each member will be given a voting card (one card per membership), which the member should hold up to be recognized or to designate his or her vote as directed by the Chair.
3. Once cast, an electronic vote will not be discarded in favor of another voting method.
4. Only the Chairperson is authorized to vote electronically for a business entity.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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MY CO-OP

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative 31st Annual Meeting ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

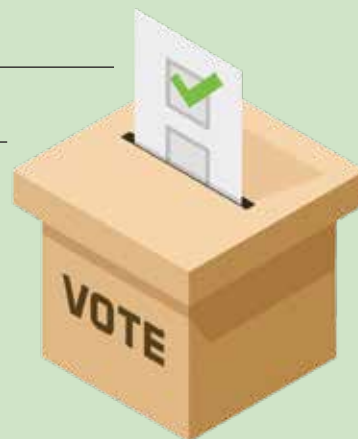
Telephone: _____

ACEC Account Number: _____

(from your electric bill)

Signature: _____

If requesting a ballot by mail, allow ample time for mail delivery to and from your home. Return this coupon with your electric bill payment, or mail it to: P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934. If you prefer, you can request a ballot online at www.acecwi.com.



NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and in April, Adams-Columbia will honor the individuals who work in challenging and often dangerous conditions to keep the lights on. We are proud to recognize all electric lineworkers for the services they perform around the clock in difficult conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

"Lineworkers are the first responders of our electric cooperative, and they're always ready to get the job done, day or night," said Jay Porter, CEO. "Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of everything we do."

Adams-Columbia is proud to honor the 24 lineworkers that maintain 5,785 miles of power lines in our service territory.

Adams-Columbia invites all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the work they do. On April 9, use #ThankALineman on social media to show your support for the men and women who light our lives.



Pictured: Eric Kitchen,
ACEC Apprentice Line Tech

MEMBER APPRECIATION 2018

June 16th

MORE INFO TO COME

It'll be a
ROARIN'
good time!

TIMBAVATI
WILDLIFE PARK





RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Most of Adams-Columbia members will see a rate adjustment on their bills this month. For the majority, the change is only a rate adjustment. The reason for this is directly related to the PCA, which you can read more extensively about below.

	Old Rate Structure	New Rate Structure
Yard Light Pole Monthly Lease	\$0.75	\$1.75
Irrigation		
Rates	\$0.038	\$0.04
Facility Charge	\$110/month	\$120/month
Demand Charge	\$9.70	\$10.70
Large Power		
Demand Charge	\$18.06	\$19.90
Large Power TOD		
On-peak Demand	\$21.79	\$24.00
Off-peak Demand	\$8.19	\$9.19

*Demand charges shall be billed whenever a demand is recorded.

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) has been a positive, averaging about 7/10 of a cent per kWh added to your bill over the past 24 months. The PCA reset to zero as of April 1, 2018. The 7/10 of a cent will be incorporated into the base energy rate, stabilizing energy costs. This means for most rate classes members will see their per kilowatt hour charge increase by 7/10 of a cent. While the charges will be expressed differently on the bill, the net financial impact will be, in theory, zero.

Example: $750 \text{ kWh} \times 10.5 \text{ cents} + .7 \text{ cents PCA} = \84
 $750 \text{ kWh} \times 11.2 + 0 \text{ PCA} = \84

For the most recent rate book, visit our website at www.acecwi.com.



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Customer Service & Billing 800-831-8629
 Power Outage Reporting 888-928-2232
 Diggers Hotline 800-242-8511

To make a payment anytime 24/7,
 please call 1-844-219-1223.

Jay A. Porter, PE—CEO
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Friendship Service Center

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 Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 4:00
www.acecwi.com

The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.