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Annual Meeting Issue

ACEC Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 15



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Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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AGENDA.

Annual Meeting Program

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Portage High School Auditorium
301 E Collins St, Portage, WI 53901

5:15

Meeting Registration Begins
Light Snacks Available in Lobby
Entertainment by Maggie Mae

6:00

Business Meeting Call to Order
National Anthem by Maggie Mae
Invocation
Proof of Mailing
Annual Meeting Minutes
Introduction of Directors and Guests
Election of Directors

Reports

2017 - Year in Review
Old Business
New Business
Question and Answer Period
Election Results

Adjourn

Notice of the 2018 Annual Meeting

**Adams–Columbia Electric Cooperative
Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the members of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative will be held at the Portage High School Auditorium at 301 East Collins Street, Portage, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Action will be taken on the following items of business:

1. The election of three directors for three-year terms: one each from Districts 1 and 6, and one Director-at-Large to succeed the present directors from said districts whose terms expire at this meeting.

District 1: Gene Alexander

District 6: Cheri Gibeaut

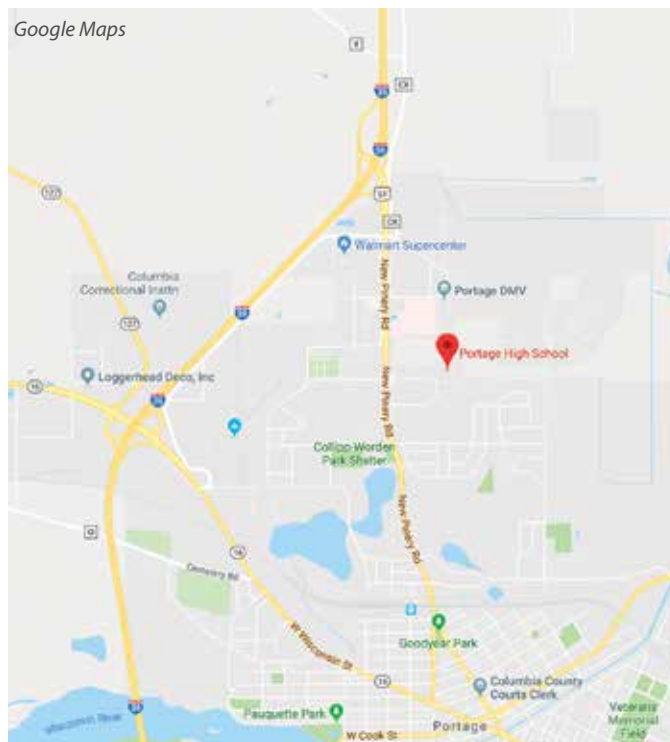
Director-at-Large: Scott Parr

2. Reports on cooperative operations.
3. Such other business, special or regular, as may come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2018



Cheri Gibeaut, Secretary



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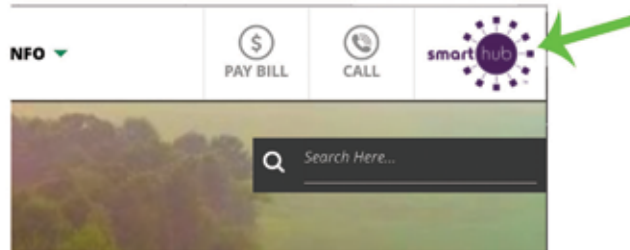
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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

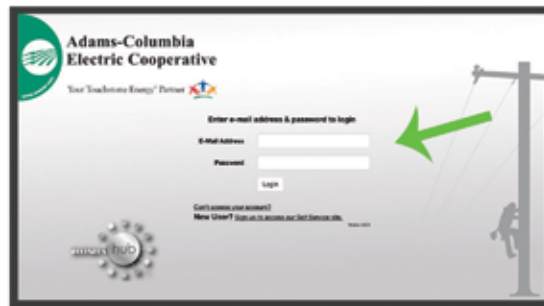
eVote anytime between April 2nd - May 14th

Can't make it to the Annual Meeting? Follow these easy steps to cast your vote online with eVote.

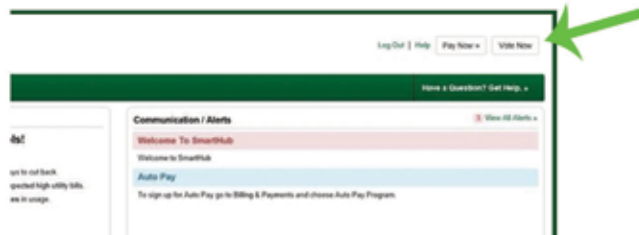
- 1 SMARTHUB** Visit acecwi.com and click SmartHub in the upper right corner.



- 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.





ACEC'S 31ST ANNUAL MEETING COOPERATIVE ANNUAL REPORT



Jay A. Porter, PE, Chief Executive Officer
Kendal C. Nichols, Chairman of the Board

Cooperatives are run on a set of seven principles. As the 31st Annual Meeting approaches we especially think about cooperative principal number two, Democratic Member Control.

Democratic Member Control – Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Elected representatives (directors/trustees) are elected from among the membership and are accountable to the membership.

We encourage you to come to the Annual Meeting and give us the opportunity to shake your hand and introduce ourselves. The success of a cooperative comes from you, the member, and we want to extend a sincere thank you.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in the Portage High School Auditorium. This facility is very similar to last year's venue with ample parking, easy access, and comfortable theater-style seating. We encourage all members to attend the Annual Meeting but we understand how easily lives can become busy. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we want to ensure you have a way to exercise your right to vote for your board of directors. Therefore, we

have introduced eVote, our easy, new online voting option. See Cover Page 4 for step-by-step instructions.

We are pleased to say that as the audited financial report indicates, your cooperative had a good fiscal year. Kilowatt-hours sold to members in 2017 increased 5 percent over the prior year. Operating revenues increased by 4 percent. The cost of purchased power increased 6 percent in 2017 over the prior year in correlation to larger kilowatt-hours supplied, as well as rising costs for generation of power. Operating expenses, excluding cost of purchased power, decreased by \$145,000 from the prior year.

Once the audit was complete, the board authorized the allocation of over \$6.2 million of margins for the year to members. In December 2017, ACEC returned over \$1.9 million in patronage capital to active and past members. This is one more benefit of being a cooperative member/owner.

Your Patronage Capital Allocation notice will appear on the electric bill you receive in May. The notice will show the amount of Patronage Capital allocated for 2017 along with your total Unretired Patronage Capital balance. This amount represents your ownership in the cooperative and the amount to be returned to you in future years. For additional information on Patronage Capital Allocations, Retirement, and Unretired balances, turn to Cover Page 5.

The goal of any cooperative is to improve the lives of its members. Our goal at ACEC is to do that by not only bringing safe, reliable electricity to our members, but by also being involved in the communities we serve. Through programs like Operation Round-Up, Federated Youth Foundation, scholarships, and our annual school supply and holiday toy drives, we hope you think of us as more than just the electric provider. Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you. Without your continued participation and support, success at ACEC would not be possible.

We also want to remind you that our Member Appreciation Event is approaching. Due to positive feedback, we will be holding our event at Timbavati Wildlife Park in Wisconsin Dells once more. This popular destination is fun for all ages. Register on our website anytime now to June 1 for up to four free tickets per membership. Event date is Saturday, June 16; however, if you cannot attend that day, you may enjoy the park another day June 17–22.

**In December 2017,
ACEC returned OVER
\$1.9 million in
patronage capital to
active and past
members.**



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Abbreviated Annual Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

The 30th Annual Meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held at the Adams-Friendship Fine Arts Center in Adams on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Board Chairman Kendal Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Bruce Mohns, Sr. sang the National Anthem and Karen Fahey gave the invocation.

Ken Miller, safety manager, presented the safety message noting the exits in the FAC and then a brief video on "Safe for Life."

There were 92 voting members registered at the commencement of the meeting, plus six absentee ballots.

Secretary Cheri Gibeaut read the Affidavit of Notice of Annual Meeting and Proof of Mailing.

Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously, the members approved the 2016 Abbreviated Annual Meeting Minutes as printed in the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* magazine's (*WEC News*) May 2017 edition.

Current directors were introduced. Senator Testin and Representative Ballweg were in attendance. Former directors and employees, Operation Round-Up board members, the Advisory Committee members and the Rules Committee members were recognized. Nichols also introduced the invited guests in attendance: Steve Freese, WECA; Brian Hood, Alliant Energy; and Brian Rude, Dairyland Power Cooperative.

The meeting was turned over to Attorney Niles Berman of Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, who represents Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative in a legal capacity, to handle the director election process.

Attorney Berman introduced his associate, Jessica Shrestha, who assisted with the election. Attorney Berman also introduced the appointed tellers and explained the voting procedure to the members. Each incumbent candidate was introduced and the election of directors was held. Election results: Kendal Nichols was re-elected to District 5, Scott Link was re-elected to District 7, and Karen Fahey was re-elected as the At Large Seat. All director terms expire at the annual meeting in 2020.

Attorney Berman addressed the proposed Bylaw Amendments with the membership. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the members:

1) Approved the proposed Bylaw Amendments as printed in the *WEC News* May 2017 edition;

2) Ratified and affirmed the election of directors conducted under the new districts and at-large arrangement approved by the board pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws; and

3) Authorized the board to work out any implementing details necessary or convenient to carry out the intent of the amendments.

Jay Porter, CEO, delivered his 2016 year in review to the membership including financial overview, yearly outages and related causes, community involvement activities, safety awareness culture both internally and in the communities we serve, the new Safety Demonstration Exhibit, rebuilding of the Sherwood Substation, the GPSing of our distribution system for better mapping, and the new fiber optic connection with Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative. Porter also noted several 2017 projects including Alliant's Riverside Energy Center generation investment, the new Springwater Substation in the Wild Rose area for greater reliability, and the upcoming Member Appreciation events. He expressed appreciation to the board, employees and members for the opportunity to serve as the CEO for the past 10 months, closing his report with: "We'll continue to work hard not to disappoint."

Nichols recognized and expressed appreciation to the retiring board members: Carolyn Moon having served 20 years and Alan Kelsey having served 12 years.

There was no Unfinished Business. Nichols asked if there was any New Business to come before the membership. Member Dietrich Vedder asked to propose his two advisory resolutions. Motion by Vedder to accept his first advisory resolution on Transparency. Motion was seconded, then Rules Committee Chairman Bill Taylor addressed the membership with the Rules Committee recommendations from their February 21, 2017, meeting to not adopt the advisory resolution. Nichols called for discussion from the floor, and then Attorney Berman called the question to adopt the Transparency advisory resolution; nine members voted in favor, majority of the remaining votes were against, so motion failed. Vedder then made a motion for his advisory resolution on Decisions by the Members of the Annual Meeting. No second motion was made, so motion failed. Nichols thanked Vedder for his interest in the cooperative. Vedder asked to address the

membership and reminded them of the opportunity to submit advisory resolutions in the future.

A question and answer session was offered to the membership. Several questions were presented on: what is involved to become a director, closed board meetings, Riverside Energy Center project including renewables and location of plant, member electronic recycling event, and the recent increased rates for both facility charge and irrigation.

In closing, Nichols congratulated the incumbents on their re-election. He asked the membership to complete the survey and thanked them for attending their cooperative's annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Cheri Gibeaut

Cheri Gibeaut, Secretary

Date Approved

PRINCIPLE #7: CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of communities through policies and programs accepted by the members.

In this issue of *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*, we've talked a lot about the second cooperative principle – Democratic Member Control, but now we are going to switch gears to number seven, Concern for Community. In the month of March, ACEC board of directors and employees held an internal fundraiser. This fundraiser collected donations for Easter baskets for area nursing homes, group homes, and veterans' homes.

Employees and directors donated hundreds of items that made up 30 large Easter baskets. Recipients were happy to find things like crossword puzzles, flashlights, blankets, playing cards, soaps, lotions, Easter candy, and personal care items in their baskets. Ten baskets were distributed to the service territories around each of our three offices. We hope to make this a tradition and that it becomes just as popular as our school supply and toy drives.



Clockwise, starting above:

Front: Heather and Brianna; back: Rick, Lori, and Tim.

Rick and Tim.

Heather with an Easter basket recipient.



ACEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



District 1
Gene Alexander
Term Expires 2018



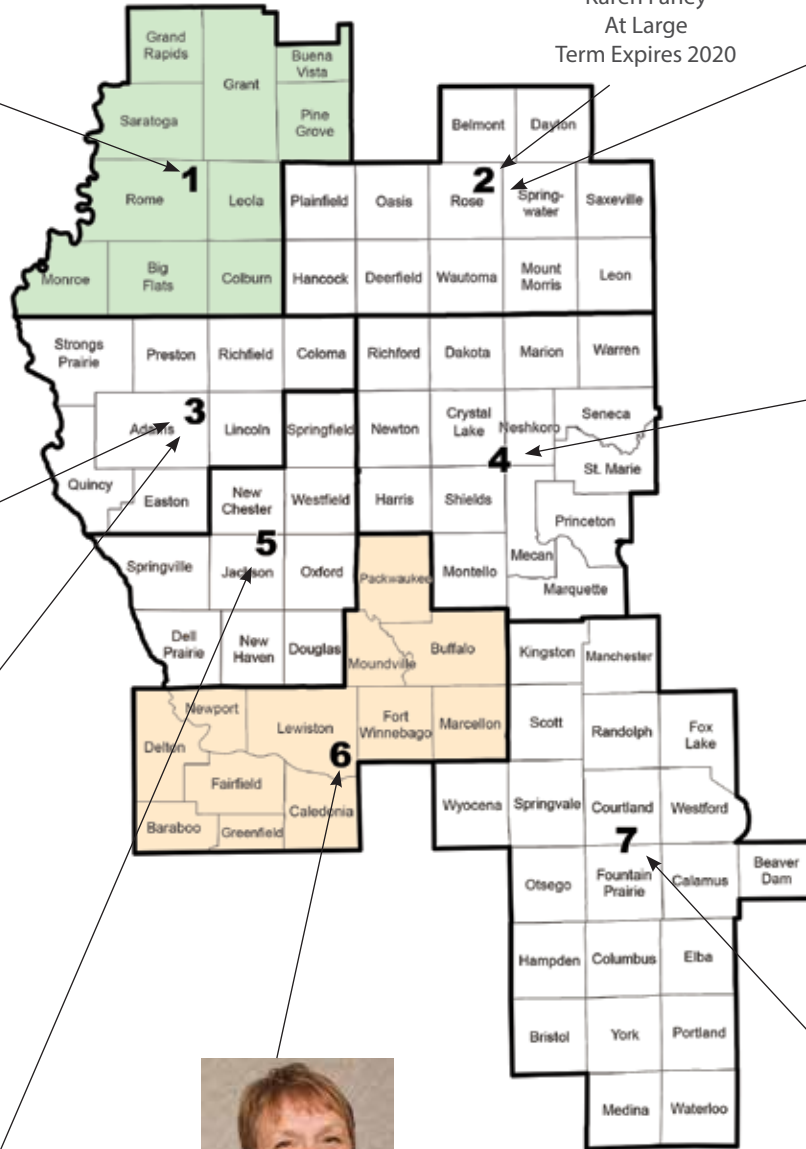
District 2
Karen Fahey
At Large
Term Expires 2020



District 2
Patrick Connolly
Term Expires 2019



District 3
Scott Parr
At Large
Term Expires 2018



District 4
Lawrence Becker
Term Expires 2019



District 3
Marj Colby
Term Expires 2019



District 5
Kendal Nichols
Term Expires 2020



District 6
Cheri Gibeaut
Term Expires 2018



District 7
Scott Link
Term Expires 2020

WHO IS UP FOR ELECTION?

As you can see from the map on the opposite page, Adams-Columbia is split into seven districts. We also have two Director-at-Large positions, for a total of nine directors. Each director has a three-year term. This year, there are three seats that are expiring at our Annual Meeting. District 1, District 6, and a Director-at-Large position are up for election.

Expiring positions:

District 1: Gene Alexander
District 6: Cheri Gibeaut
Director-at-Large: Scott Parr

You will be able to vote for one candidate from each district.

District 1 Candidates:

Gene Alexander
Michael J Reuteman

District 6 Candidate:

Cheri Gibeaut

Director-at-Large:

Barbara Bays-Presley
James S Kelly
Dietrich Vedder



ELECT YOUR BOA

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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

DISTRICT 1 MICHAEL J. REUTEMAN

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Portage High School Auditorium

301 E Collins St, Portage, WI 53901

Registration: 5:15pm

Light snacks and entertainment

Meeting Start: 6:00pm

Maggie Mae

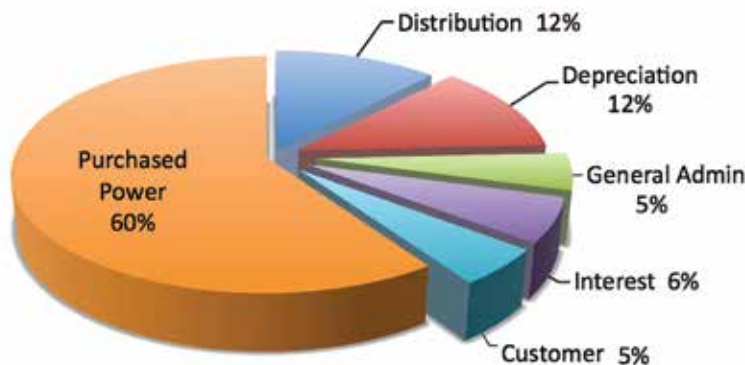
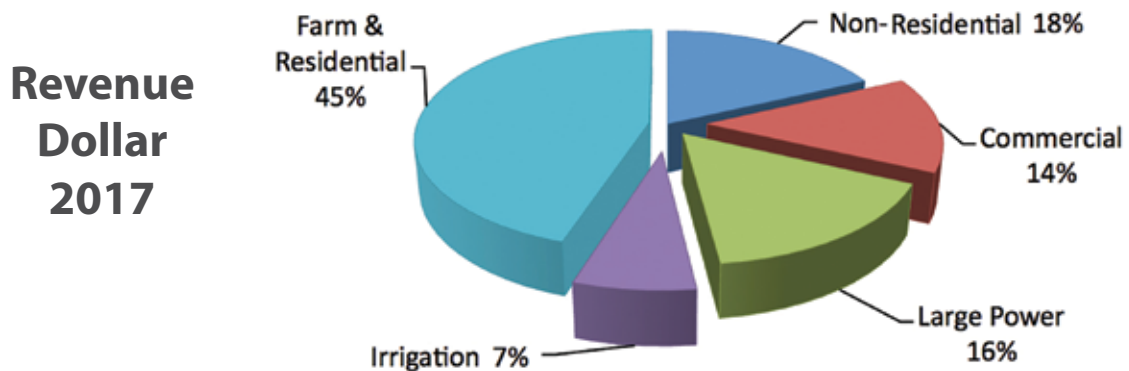


Enjoy entertainment during the registration period



2017 Statement of Operations

	2017	2016	2015
WHAT WE TOOK IN			
Operating Revenue	68,313,604	65,948,847	64,118,285
WHAT WE PAID OUT			
Cost of Purchased Power	37,721,156	35,544,289	35,389,574
Distribution Expense	7,719,548	7,636,518	7,512,084
Customer Service & Sales Expense	2,930,469	3,173,652	2,987,180
Administrative & General Expense	3,027,918	3,036,223	2,868,196
Depreciation Expense	7,409,051	7,218,520	6,974,089
Taxes	983,813	969,851	918,768
Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,069,922	4,250,957	4,420,449
Total Operating Expenses	63,861,877	61,830,010	61,070,340
WHAT WE HAVE LEFT			
Net Operating Margins	4,451,727	4,118,837	3,047,945
Interest Income	335,310	301,141	307,491
Non-Operating Income	917,380	604,091	218,624
Patronage Capital	522,655	562,728	597,671
Net Margins	6,227,072	5,586,797	4,171,731



2017 Balance Sheet

ASSETS

	2017	2016
Total Utility Plant	218,143,866	211,167,660
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>67,724,348</u>	<u>64,163,929</u>
NET UTILITY PLANT	150,419,518	147,003,731
Investments in Associated Organizations	22,229,148	21,291,275
Investments in Economic Development Projects	921,924	858,178
Other Investments *	<u>4,953,829</u>	<u>559,732</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY & INVESTMENTS	28,104,901	22,709,185
Cash & Short-Term Investments	1,145,834	1,988,965
Accounts Receivable-Net	7,535,854	7,289,215
Materials & Supplies	827,224	798,731
Interest Receivable	67,201	49,036
Other Current and Accrued Assets *	<u>13,616,464</u>	<u>183,947</u>
TOTAL CURRENT & ACCRUED ASSETS	23,192,577	10,309,894
DEFERRED DEBITS	2,978,742	2,722,758
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS	<u>204,695,738</u>	<u>182,745,568</u>
LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Debt Economic Development	754,777	619,899
Series 2010A Bond	12,979,739	13,262,527
Long-Term Debt	<u>98,641,131</u>	<u>79,543,804</u>
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	112,375,647	93,426,230
Accounts Payable	2,493,563	3,447,255
Consumer Deposits	1,522,476	1,863,876
Other Current & Accrued Liability	<u>3,562,263</u>	<u>3,403,688</u>
TOTAL CURRENT & ACCRUED LIABILITIES	7,578,302	8,714,819
DEFERRED CREDITS	1,896,830	1,883,529
Membership Fees	157,940	159,950
Patronage Capital	61,869,770	65,022,885
Other Equities	<u>20,817,249</u>	<u>13,538,155</u>
TOTAL MARGINS & OTHER EQUITIES	82,844,959	78,720,990
TOTAL LIABILITIES & OTHER CREDITS	<u>204,695,738</u>	<u>182,745,568</u>

* Includes assets held for Riverside

2017 in Review

KILOWATT HOURS SOLD TO MEMBERS.....	493,275,685
AVERAGE FARM & RESIDENTIAL USE PER MONTH.....	909
OVERALL CONSUMER USE PER MONTH.....	1,107
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.....	31,588
NUMBER OF SERVICES.....	38,309
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....	91
MILES OF LINE	
OVERHEAD.....	1,892
UNDERGROUND.....	3,415
PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENTS TO DATE.....	\$45,605,610

2016 in Review

KILOWATT HOURS SOLD TO MEMBERS.....	468,959,499
AVERAGE FARM & RESIDENTIAL USE PER MONTH.....	905
OVERALL CONSUMER USE PER MONTH.....	1,060
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.....	31,990
NUMBER OF SERVICES.....	38,243
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....	94
MILES OF LINE	
OVERHEAD.....	2,355
UNDERGROUND.....	3,430
PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENTS TO DATE.....	\$43,359,513



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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.



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

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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.

PATRONAGE CAPITAL – ASK THE EXPERTS

MEET KARI, JOHN,
AND JACQUELINE, OUR
PATRONAGE EXPERTS

Patronage Capital is a subject that can be somewhat difficult to understand. We've asked our ACEC experts to help explain just what Patronage Capital is and to answer some frequently asked questions.



What is Patronage Capital?

To answer this, you have to know a bit about cooperatives, or co-ops. Co-ops are not-for-profit organizations that are owned by their members. This means they do not exist to generate profit for a group of investors. As a co-op, ACEC's job is to bring our members reliable power and other services at the lowest possible cost.

Now, on to Patronage Capital. When a person becomes an ACEC member, he or she starts earning Patronage Capital based on the amount of energy they use. At the end of the year, any funds – called margins – that remain after expenses have been paid are allocated to members. Not all funds (Patronage Capital) are immediately returned to our members. A portion is held for operating expenses and co-op needs like equipment maintenance and repairs from storm damage.

The Board of Directors evaluates the financial needs of the co-op every year and determines how much patronage can be returned to the members. This is your Patronage Capital Refund.

The important thing to remember is that there is a difference between Patronage Capital Allocations and Retirements (Refund). There are some definitions below to help.

Allocation

An allocation is made annually for each member based on the amount of electricity they purchased. An allocation is the member's share of the net margins. The co-op sets this money aside to be used as operating capital for improvements and maintenance over the years.

Retirement (Refund)

A retirement is the amount a member receives back as a refund. It is a portion of a member's total Unretired Patronage Capital balance. When the capital is no longer needed for operating expenses, it is retired. The amount paid is decided annually by the board of directors based on the financial need of the cooperative.

When do I receive my refund – aka my Patronage Capital Retirement?

You will see your ALLOCATION on your May bill. Refunds, or RETIREMENTS, are done later. The Board of Directors will approve the retirement amount in the coming months, after that the refunds are processed. Please note, your ALLOCATION on your May bill is not your refund amount.

Do I get a check or a credit on my bill?

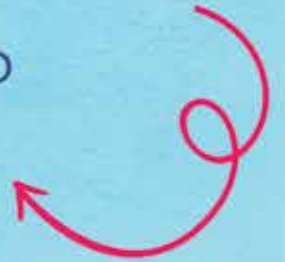
If your refund is over \$150 you will receive a check. If it is any other amount, it will be applied as a credit on your electric bill.

Will every member get a refund?

Yes, in time. The retirement method, timeframe, and amount is approved each year by the Board of Directors. *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* will have additional information in the coming months regarding refunds.

Hey High School Sophomores and Juniors!

Make new friends and beef up
your college applications!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

JULY 25-27

Youth Leadership Congress, YLC, is a by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership conference that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event. Attending YLC will give you real-world skills that you can use in everyday life. You will learn about co-ops, leadership, careers and interviewing skills, listen to great motivational speakers, and meet new people. And don't forget, it's a great resume builder and looks fantastic on your college application.

CO-OPS ARE COOL ← - - -

A co-op, or cooperative, is not just an electric provider. Co-ops are becoming increasingly popular and are run by the people, for the people. They were created all the way back in 1844 to bring goods and service to people at the best cost possible. They also made sure any profits were given back to the people – not right to the head honcho's pocket!

Did you know that some of your favorite businesses are co-ops? Just to name a few: Ace Hardware, Best Western, REI, Sunkist, Ocean Spray, and Organic Valley.

WHY YOU SHOULD GO

- Make new friends
- Experience dorm life
- Explore a college campus
- Try all the awesome food at the cafeteria
- Hear from college professors
- Hang out with your new friends at a dance with a great DJ
- Listen to amazing motivational speakers
- Formal dinner
- Learn leadership skills
- Learn professional interview skills

WANT TO GO TO WASHINGTON DC FOR FREE?

You will have the opportunity to run for the YLC board. How do you do that? It's easy! Your peers elect you. ACEC's Gracelynn was selected by her peers, and Emma had a winning essay; both ladies have the opportunity to go to Washington DC!

SIGN UP

Just visit our website, www.acecwi.com and fill out the application.

To be eligible to attend you must be a:

1. Sophomore or Junior in high school this current school year (2017-18)
2. Child of an Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative member family
3. First-time YLC attendee

The deadline to apply is Friday, June 8, 2018.

MEMBER APPRECIATION 2018!

SATURDAY, JUNE 16



Hey guys!

Register between April 30th - June 1st
for tickets to come see me!
Each membership is eligible to
register for up to **FOUR** free tickets.

Can't make it June 16? For dates and
registration details visit acecwi.com

