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HERE'S WHAT'S AHEAD

By Jay A. Porter, PE, Chief Executive Officer

2019 Budget

The board of directors approved the 2019 budget in late November. The budget includes standard operating costs, system maintenance, and equipment improvements that are planned for this year.

Construction

Members visiting our Friendship office in the coming months will see our office undergo some changes. Four years ago, the co-op discontinued sales of mattresses and appliances. Since that time our front lobby has been an empty showroom with considerable unused space. In December, construction to transform this space into offices, a new meeting space, and a secure front lobby began. During this time, we ask members to use the west entrance to the office. You will find it clearly marked.

Scholarships

As you read in last month's report, we have begun accepting applications for our 2019 educational scholarship program. These scholarships are available to both adult members and their dependent children. All details can be found on our website at www.accewi.com.

Annual Meeting

Advisory Resolution – I encourage all members who have a recommendation on a cooperative matter to consider submitting an advisory resolution. Being a member of a cooperative means you are a member-owner and have the unique advantage to bring your ideas forth and present them at the annual meeting.

Advisory resolutions need to be submitted to ACEC no later than February 8, 2019. ACEC's Rules Committee will then review all submissions.

Running for the board of directors – The call for nominations is open. Last month we highlighted information on becoming a director. If you missed it, you can find a digital copy of the issue posted on our website under News & Info.

You can find details on Nomination by Petition and Advisory Resolutions on page 17.

STEM

ACEC is rolling out a new educator grant for STEM programs – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We want to make sure that children in our communities in grades K-12 have access to quality STEM learning opportunities. Information and applications can be found on our website.

Discussion Days

I continue to hold open office hours at our outer offices. On January 22 stop in for a visit from 8 a.m. -11 a.m. in Wautoma, or from 1 p.m. -4 p.m. in Pardeeville. I am available for those members residing in and around the Friendship area on most days.

Blood Drive

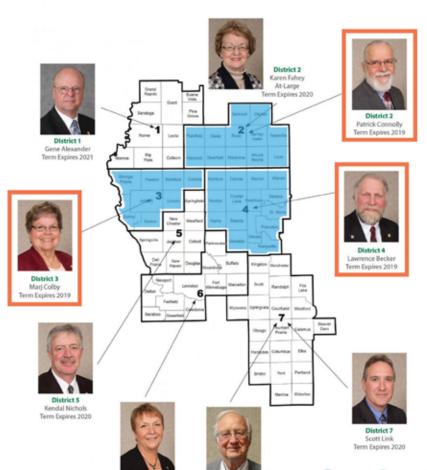
We will be hosting our first blood drive for the American Red Cross at our Friendship office – 401 E Lake Street, Friendship. Stop in on January 18 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. to donate. We're hoping our members will make this a successful event! Call our office to make an appointment at (800) 831-8629, or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule. You can even complete your pre-reading and health history questions on the Red Cross website to save time.



Now that we're fully immersed in the season of snow, I would like to remind you to be extra careful on roadways. As a young driver, I remember losing control on a snow-covered road. My first instinct was to slam my foot on the brake. Thankfully, my best friend was riding with me and yelled, "DON'T HIT THE BREAKS!" reminding me what we're all taught in driver's ed classes—steer into the direction of the skid. My story ends well, but for many others these situations can end differently. Please take a little extra time when traveling this winter season—increase your driving distance, and slow down.

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR Cooperative

NOMINATION BY PETITION: HOW TO RUN FOR ACEC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



At-Large n Expires 2021 Are you considering running for Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? Follow these easy directions.

Visit www.acecwi.com for a list of full directions and details.

Do you live here?

If you live in one of the districts listed below you can run for your district's director seat.

District 2

Belmont, Dayton, Plainfield, Oasis, Rose, Springwater, Saxeville, Hancock, Deerfield, Wautoma, Mount Morris, Leon

District 3

Strongs Prairie, Preston, Richfield, Coloma, Quincy, Adams, Lincoln, Easton

District 4

Richford, Dakota, Marion, Warren, Newton, Crystal Lake, Neshkoro, Seneca, St Marie, Harris, Shields, Mecan, Princeton, Montello, Marquette

How to Run

Nomination by petition. Just collect a total of 25 signatures from any ACEC member in any district. One signature per membership. Turn in your petition to the Friendship office by Friday, February 8, 2019.

Qualifications

Director qualifications are cited in the cooperative's bylaws and a full list can be found on our website. Here are a few abbreviated key points:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Primary residence located in the district you're running in.
- No financial conflict of interest.
- Not employed by ACEC.
- No felony convictions.

Interested in running? Email Imohns@acecwi.com or call (608) 339-5401 to begin the nomination process.

ADVISORY RESOLUTIONS & THE ACEC RULES COMMITTEE

HOW TO BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE CO-OP

What is an Advisory Resolution?

This is a recommendation that you have on a cooperative matter. You can submit your idea as an advisory resolution, which will then be reviewed by the Rules Committee.

What is the Rules Committee?

This committee is made up of members of the Advisory Committee and ACEC directors. Their job is to establish rules for the annual meeting and to review and research advisory resolution submissions. Reviewing these submissions requires careful research into both ACEC's bylaws and consulting legal staff.

What is the Advisory Resolution Process?

Submit your advisory resolution by February 8. You will give a brief presentation at the Annual Meeting on your advisory resolution and why you think it is important for the co-op. If the membership approves the resolution it is then brought to the Board of Directors as an advisory resolution for consideration.

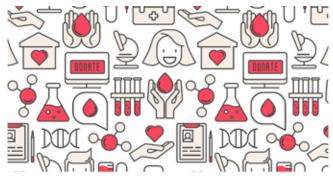
Who can Submit an Advisory Resolution?

Any member can submit an advisory resolution. Please remember, the deadline to submit an advisory resolution to be considered for the 2019 Annual Meeting is February 8, 2019.

Visit our website for more info, including a guide on advisory resolutions.







BLOOD DRIVE

January 18 - Ilam-4pm

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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.