# CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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# **ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Your source for Co-op news and information.

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Thanks to you, Adams-Columbia's Toys for Tots Toy Drive was another huge success! We were able to help over 1,700 children this year and we're sure they will all have a very Merry Christmas because of your generosity! Once again, area students participated in a penny war and raised just over \$2,100 for the toy drive. Winning classrooms got a pizza party, courtesy of Bucky's Brick Oven Eatery in Adams and Christianos in Wautoma. In addition, five students had the opportunity to pick out toys to purchase with the funds they raised. The above photo is from our toy shop with Wautoma High School.

#### 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.

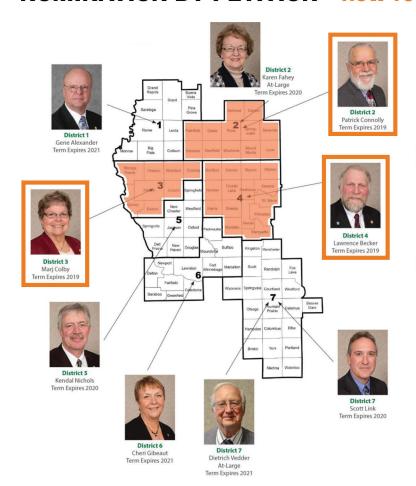
We began accepting applications for ACEC's Educational Scholarship January 1, 2019. Scholarships are awarded in all fields of postsecondary education. Both adult members and their children or guardians are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: February 8

## BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 18<sup>™</sup>, 11AM - 4PM. 401 E LAKE ST, FRIENDSHIP, WI.

# **NOMINATION BY PETITION - HOW TO RUN FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Are you considering running for ACEC's board of directors? Follow these easy directions. Visit www.acecwi.com for full directions and details.

#### **DO YOU LIVE HERE?**

If you live in district 2, 3, or 4 you can run for your district's director seat.

#### **HOW TO RUN**

Run by 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 start the nomination process.

# ADVISORY RESOLUTIONS & THE ACEC RULES COMMITTEE

## HOW TO BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE CO-OP

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

#### WHAT IS AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

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

## 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.

## 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.

#### 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.

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Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our CEO, Jay Porter, between 8:00am - 11:00am in Pardeeville - W6290 State Rd 33, and between 1:00pm - 4:00pm in Wautoma - N1519 State Rd 22.











