

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 2019



ADAMS-COLUMBIA
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY IS APRIL 8

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Your source for Co-op news and information.

THANK YOU LINEMEN!

April 8 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Like other first responders, when they get the call, our linemen are ready at a moments notice. Sometimes they are traveling out in the worst of conditions, exposed to the elements for long, enduring shifts. They climb poles 35 feet in the air to restore electricity to our members knowing one wrong move could be fatal.

Electricity is an invisible force which makes it easier to forget how important it is. Yet when it goes out, it impacts our lives in a huge way. Happy Lineworker Appreciation Day to all lineworkers out there. Thank you for keeping the lights on.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you recall, when you first became a member of Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op, a \$5 membership was required from you. The board of directors recently decided that collecting this membership fee is no longer a relevant practice in today's world. In May, you will see a \$5 credit on your bill reflecting the refund of your membership fee. This does not mean you are no longer a member! As long as you are receiving service from ACEC you remain a member and will still receive patronage capital allocations and refunds.

Win!

smart hub

When you sign up for SmartHub between April 1 - May 1, you will be entered in a contest where you could **win a \$50 bill credit!** Drawing will be held May 2. Find directions on how to sign up in this month's *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News Magazine*, or call (800) 831-8629.

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2019 ANNUAL MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

Saturday, May 11
Adams-Friendship Fine Arts Center
1109 E North St, Adams, WI 53910
Registration: 8:45 a.m.
Meeting Start: 9:30 a.m.

WAYS TO VOTE

OPTION 1:

VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
Attend the meeting and cast your vote.

OPTION 2:

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
Call us or visit our website to request an absentee ballot. Return your ballot by May 10 at noon.

OPTION 3:

VOTE ONLINE 
Log in to your SmartHub account and click Vote Now. It's that easy! See your April issue of *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* for step-by-step directions.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

You can find information on each candidate online or in *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News*.



ADAM JONES

DISTRICT 2
CHALLENGER



ETHAN OLSON

DISTRICT 2
CHALLENGER



PATRICK CONNOLLY

DISTRICT 2
INCUMBENT



MARJ COLBY

DISTRICT 3
INCUMBENT



AARON HOERNKE

DISTRICT 3
CHALLENGER



LAWRENCE BECKER

DISTRICT 4
INCUMBENT



JOHN CHURCH

DISTRICT 4
CHALLENGER



JON EBERT

DISTRICT 4
CHALLENGER

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

At the annual meeting, members will be asked to approve several proposed changes to the Cooperative's Bylaws. These proposed changes are in effort to keep Bylaws current with best practices in our ever-changing cooperative industry. A summary of changes are listed below. Complete Bylaws and revisions are available on our website at www.acecwi.com.

PATRONAGE CAPITAL

Two changes are proposed to Article VIII of the Bylaws ("Non-Profit Operation"). The changes do not affect the Cooperative's non-profit operation or allocation of margins to the members. They would update the wording in the provision on the Cooperative's security interest in capital credits and confirm when the Cooperative may retire capital credits early, at net present value.

WITHDRAWAL OF MAIL BALLOT AT ANNUAL MEETING

The current Bylaws allow for the possibility of a member casting an absentee mail ballot and then withdrawing the ballot at the annual meeting and asking to cast a meeting day ballot in its place. The proposed amendment would eliminate that option – which has not been utilized, but which delays the counting of ballots at the meeting.

UPDATING REFERENCES TO ELECTRIC SERVICE

Changes are proposed to the Termination of Membership provision and several other sections, to recognize that there may be periods when a member does not have any net consumption of energy from the Cooperative. The change clarifies that membership would not be terminated if the member continues to pay the bills for having service in place. Similar replacements of "electric energy" with "electric service" are made throughout the bylaws so terminology is uniform.

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eVote Opens

You can vote online for your board of directors anytime April 1 - May 10 at noon.

MAY 1

TOD Change

Time of Day Peak periods change May 1 to 1pm-8pm.

MAY 21

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.

MAY 27

Holiday

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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