



Adams-Columbia
Electric Cooperative



POLICY CHANGES AND OTHER ISSUES

By Jay A. Porter, General Manager

Each year we review rates and our Rules and Regulations and update them as needed. You may be wondering what ACEC's Rules and Regulations is. This detailed document outlines how the board of directors believes we should operate the cooperative. All policies are intended to keep the cooperative running in the best interest of the members and the cooperative as a whole.

January was National Blood Donor Month. GM Jay Porter does his part by donating at the ACEC blood drive.

There are a few changes to the Rules and Regulations for 2020. They include updated fees for service work, an updated way of calculating new electric services and facility retention fees, and a revision to deposits. You can find the Rules and Regulations on our website.

I am pleased to say there are no overall rate increases forecast for 2020, and this fall we will be offering new rate options for members. Watch for more information in coming publications.

Coming Soon

Soon you will be able to use a live chat feature from our website. Our customer service representatives will be able to answer your questions via chat during our normal business hours, Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Deadlines

Scholarship: The deadline to apply for the 2020 Educational Scholarship is February 14. Adams-Columbia has been awarding this scholarship for over 30 years. Scholarships are awarded in all fields of post-secondary education from vocational to graduate studies. They are available to adults and dependent children of all ACEC member families currently receiving electric service from ACEC. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and excellence in academics, social, and community service activities. Remember, even if you have received this scholarship in the past, you can still apply.

Director Deadlines: Are you considering running for ACEC's Board of Directors? Feel free to come and meet with me, but remember, the deadline is fast approaching to be in the running. The deadline to turn in your nomination papers is Friday, February 21.

Advisory Resolutions: If you would like to bring a matter in front of the membership at the annual meeting in May, your advisory resolution must be submitted by Friday, February 21, to allow time for the Rules Committee to review and research your request.

ACRE

Have you heard of ACRE? The Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE®) is the political action committee of the nation's electric cooperatives. As a member of ACEC, you are among 42 million Americans who are electric co-op members.

Among other things, ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action works to support elected officials who:

- Help ACEC keep your electric service reliable
- Make renewable energy affordable
- Help us rebuild after a storm

If you are interested in learning more about the Co-op Owners for Political Action program, call (800) 831-8629.

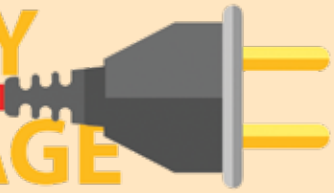
Join us for Crafts & Corks

We will be hosting a free member event on Sunday, April 19, at Fawn Creek Winery in Wisconsin Dells. Members can register on our website from March 2–27 for a free painting event. Space is limited, so 50 members will be randomly selected to win two tickets. There will be a selection of designs to choose from for a 12"x12" wooden sign. Fawn Creek also offers free wine tastings.

Photo Contest

Every year ACEC produces a calendar filled with our members' photos. As the seasons change please remember to submit your photos! Yes, you can submit your photos year-round now.

SAFETY MESSAGE



If you have a medical device you rely on, I urge you to get an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee power 100% of the time, though we do our best to try. Routine maintenance is part of our job—and to do that maintenance safely, we have to interrupt power for short periods of time. And as we all know, we cannot control Mother Nature. It is important that you are also safe during these times, and UPS is one of the things we recommend.



THINKING OF RUNNING FOR THE BOARD?

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHO IS ON THE BOARD?

The board is made up of nine cooperative members, one from each of our seven districts and two At-Large positions.

WHAT DOES A DIRECTOR DO?

A director represents all members of ACEC and is responsible for approving general policies, annual budgets, special contracts, patronage capital retirements, bylaw amendments, rate schedules, and delegating authority to the CEO to execute and carry out the daily activities of the cooperative.

WHEN DOES THE BOARD MEET?

Regular meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at the co-op. In addition to regular board meetings, directors rotate to attend occasional regional and national meetings as well as educational seminars.

IS THERE ANY COMPENSATION?

Directors are paid a per diem for each meeting attended, as well as IRS-approved mileage.

IS THERE A TIME COMMITMENT?

From monthly board meetings to ACEC's Annual Meeting, trainings, member events, workshops and travel, the typical time commitment for board members is approximately 18-24 days/evenings per year. Directors spend additional hours reading industry-related materials and news to stay abreast of policy trends and information.

GETTING ELECTED:

Per ACEC's bylaws, interested members must follow our Nomination by Petition process. Members need 25 signatures from any ACEC member in any district (one signature per membership). The deadline to submit petition papers is February 21, 2020. Candidates are then voted for at the Annual Meeting, voting in person, electronically, or by absentee ballot.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Must be a member of the co-op and in good standing

Primary residence located in the district you're running in (unless At-Large)

No financial conflict of interest

Not employed by ACEC

No felony convictions



OTHER DUTIES

DUTY OF LOYALTY
Act in good faith, ethical

FIDUCIARY DUTY
Act on behalf of others, good faith and candor

DUTY OF CARE
Make impartial decisions for the benefit of the membership as a whole, use good judgement

DUTY OF ATTENTION
Be well-informed, ask questions, perform oversight, utilize staff for answers



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Board Meeting (includes budget meeting) Summary

November 26, 2019

The workplan/budget meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held at the cooperative's office in Friendship, WI on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 9:06 a.m.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Director Gibeaut's invocation.

A Safety Message was provided by Director Alexander.

All directors were in attendance. The agenda was approved as sent.

General Manager Report: Porter opened the meeting by acknowledging the staff and thanking them for their efforts on the 2020 budget.

Finance Manager West presented the comparative capital budget, statement of operations, and the 10-year financial forecast. He noted no rate increase anticipated despite slow growth in services and only a 2% increase in operation costs, keeping margins well within the financial policy guidelines.

Board approved the 2020 Workplan/Budget as presented and the Federated Youth Foundation educational and charitable anticipated 2020 grants.

The budget meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Chair Gibeaut called the regular board meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative to order at 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

Following is a summary of the meeting activities.

The agenda, consent agenda items, board expense vouchers, and the minutes of the October 30, 2019, board meeting were approved.

Director Reports: Several board members had favorable member interactions.

Financial Review Committee: The Financial Review was completed by Ebert, Gibeaut, and Olson, noting no further review necessary.

Board Action Items:

- The next board meeting will be Monday, December 30, 2019, at the Friendship office.
- The 2020 board meeting schedule was reviewed. The Education and Lobby Days are being held in Madison on January 28 and 29, 2020, so the January ACEC board meeting will be held the afternoon of Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Pardeeville Service Center.
- Board in agreement to leave the District 5 position open rather than appoint a member as there is insufficient time between now and election in May 2020. Gibeaut noted that District 5 is still being represented by all the directors.
- Board approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Kendal Nichols.
- Vedder distributed information on advisory resolutions and voting at the annual meeting and this topic will be added to the December meeting agenda.
- CFC Representative Sarah Bullock will facilitate the 2020 Strategic Planning Session on June 24 and 25, to be held at the Friendship office.
- Alexander noted that the Operation Round-Up committee granted a request for a community Thanksgiving meal, suggesting other community groups should apply for funding.
- Board approved a Christmas bonus for all employees.
- Gibeaut and Hoernke will attend the upcoming NRECA BLC #953.1: Improving Board Decision Making Quality training.
- Upcoming conference attendees are:
 - Gibeaut and Hoernke to attend the NRECA Annual Meeting on March 1–4, 2020, in New Orleans;
 - Fahey and Hoernke to attend the NRECA Legislative Conference on April 26–28 in Washington, D.C.;
 - Vedder to attend the CFC Forum on June 15–17 in Salt Lake City.

Departmental Reports: Monthly financial statements and departmental reports were reviewed. The rate structure will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Board approved the October meeting minutes on November 26, 2019.

Please note any confidential or sensitive information has been edited for this summary.



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District 2

Ethan Olson
Term Expires 2022

District 3

Aaron Hoernke
Term Expires 2022

District 4

Jon Ebert
Term Expires 2022

District 5

Vacant

District 6

Cheri Gibeaut, Chair
Term Expires 2021

District 7

Dietrich Vedder, Vice Chair
At-Large
Term Expires 2021

District 7

Scott Link, Treasurer
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