# **CONNECTIONS** NEWSLETTER

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**FEBRUARY 2020** 





35 employees and 19 community members donated blood.

# **UMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

Your source for Co-op news and information.

## **CRAFT & CORK**



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 with Craft Time Studios. 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.

# **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The deadline to apply for the 2020 Educational Scholarship is February 14. Scholarships are awarded to adults and dependent children of all ACEC member families. You can find the application on our website.

**DIRECTOR DEADLINES:** Are you considering running for ACEC's Board of Directors? The deadline to turn in your nomination papers is 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 February 21, to allow time for the Rules Committee to review and research your request.

## **Live Chat 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.

SPRING PROJECTS ON YOUR TO DO LIST? CHECK OUT THE RESP LOAN. CALL (800) 831-8629 FOR INFO.

# **BOARD DUTIES & 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 GM 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.

#### 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

Interested in running? Email Imohns@acecwi.com or call (608) 339-5401.

# RULES, REGULATIONS & RATES

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.

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.



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



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Registration Ends
Register by March 27 for a chance to
win tickets to the Craft & Cork event.

**\$16** 

Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our GM, 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.









