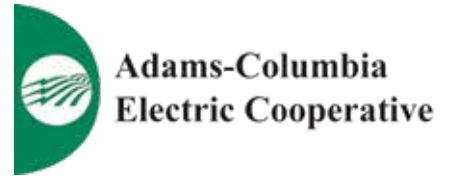


# HAPPY HOLIDAYS, MEMBERS!

By Jay A. Porter, General Manager



## Employee Spotlight



This month we have three employees retiring and I'd like to recognize them for their years of service and dedication to the co-op. Together they have 55 years of service. Best of luck in your future endeavors! Pictured l-r: Linda M., Linda S., and Butch R.



## Peppermint Devil's Food Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

1 Box Devil's Food Cake Mix  
2 Eggs  
6 Tbsp Vegetable Oil  
Topping:  
3-4 Bricks of White Almond Bark  
1 Cup Andes Peppermints, crushed

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a stand mixer or a large mixing bowl, add the Devil's Food Cake Mix, eggs and oil. Mix with a hand mixer or in a stand mixer until combined. Dough will be glossy and thick.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Using a small cookie scoop (1 inch balls), scoop dough and place on baking sheet. If you don't have a cookie scoop hand-roll dough into 1-inch balls.

Bake cookies at 350 degrees for 8-9 minutes.

Remove from oven. Take off of pan and place on wire rack to cool.

Chop the Almond Bark into pieces and melt in a double boiler, or place the chopped Almond Bark in a separate bowl and melt in the microwave for 2 minutes, stirring after every 30 seconds until smooth.

Dip 1/2 of each cooled cookie and place on wax paper.

Sprinkle each cookie with crushed Andes Peppermint Pieces.

Allow cookies to cool. As the chocolate cools the peppermint will stay firmly in place.

Recipe adapted from Devour Dinner,  
<https://www.devourdinner.com/easy-christmas-cookies/>

**Board Size and Annual Meeting Details** With the 2021 director election, we would see District 1, District 6, and an At-Large seat up for election. With these directors choosing not to run for another term, the board determined the time was right to resize and redistrict. As of the May 2021 Annual Meeting, the board will consist of seven districts with no at-large seats. With the new district lines drawn, District 1 and 2 will be up for election at the 2021 meeting.

Watch for details in next month's newsletter on how you can run for the board.

**Water Heater Program** After much evaluation, we have decided to discontinue the sale and installation of water heaters effective January 29, 2021. The number of installs over the last few years has steadily declined and we simply cannot compete with the pricing and offerings from big box stores. Visit our website for alternative service providers.

**Subscription to WECN** As a reminder, this will be our last issue of the *Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News* magazine. Please visit <https://wecnmagazine.com/about/> subscribe to subscribe on your own.

We're excited for members to see our new four-page newsletter, *The Wire*, with their next bill statement. If you receive your bill via email, you will also receive the newsletter via email.



## Winter Driving – License to Live

As the snow begins to fall and roads are getting slippery, I'd like to remind everyone to please be cautious driving this winter. Please take a few minutes to watch the License to Live video (<https://safeelectricity.org/license-to-live/>) which explains what to do if you crash into a power pole and how to stay safe. It may save your life someday.

December 11 is

# National App Day!

To recognize this technology holiday, we'd like to remind you of our SmartHub app. It's free and you can download it by visiting the App Store or Google Play. The app makes it simple and convenient for members to access their electric account.

Some of the great app features in the palm of your hand include:

- Convenient bill pay
- Billing and payment history
- Enroll in auto pay
- Sign up for paperless billing
- Participate in Operation Round-Up
- Report power outages
- Add contact information
- Receive notifications
- Get the scoop on co-op news
- Daily electric usage & usage charts



If you'd like some help in downloading the app or have questions along the way, please contact us by calling (800) 831-8629 during normal business hours and one of our Customer Service Representatives would be happy to assist. To learn more about SmartHub, visit <https://www.acecwi.com/smarthub/>



# Coloring Contest Winners!



Briella Brusveen  
Age 11



Meredith Hartwig  
Age 9

We received over 60 fantastic entries for our coloring contest, which made it very challenging for us to pick a single winner. So instead of picking one, we picked four!

Congratulations to the following kids whose art will be featured on our holiday cards this year.

Thank you to everyone who submitted pictures!



Ashlyn Wentz  
Age 10



Zoe Huizenga  
Age 11



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

ACEC employees and directors wish you all a safe and happy holiday.  
As a reminder, our office will be closed December 24, December 25, and January 1.





## Board Meeting Summary September 30, 2020

The monthly board meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at the Friendship Headquarters.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Director Hoernke's invocation. A Safety Message was provided by Director Skolarz.

All other directors were in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting activities:

The agenda, consent agenda items, board expense vouchers and the minutes of the August 26, 2020 regular board meeting minutes were approved.

**Presentations:** Sarah Bullock, NRUCFC Regional VP, gave a presentation on equity management and consolidations, mergers, and shared services, including a Q&A.

### Board Action Items:

- BOD approved the Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the NRECA RS Plan Resolution (for non-union employees)
- BOD approved the Adoption of 401(k) Pension Plan Resolution (for non-union employees)
- BOD approved the NRECA RS Plan for union employees.
- BOD approved the replacement of language in the Rate Book Table of Contents regarding effective dates.
- BOD approved the Bond Redemption Resolution.
- BOD updated the following board policies: #2-20 Inspection of Books and Records (renamed to Member Data & Cooperative Record Disclosure) and #2-21 Administrative Policies, including rescinding #2-17 ACEC Member Data, Mailing Lists, Policies, Etc. that was incorporated into #2-20 and #2-22 Hostile Takeover Protection.
- BOD appointed members to the Rules Committee for the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- The next board meeting will be held on October 28, 2020 at the Wautoma Service Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Departmental Reports:** Departmental reports were reviewed. Agreed that the 2021 Annual Meeting date will be May 13, 2021 at the Friendship Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

*Board approved the September meeting minutes on October 28, 2020.  
Please note any confidential or sensitive information has been edited  
for this summary.*



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Jay A. Porter—GM  
Haley Melby—Editor

### ACEC Board of Directors

#### District 1

Gene Alexander  
Term Expires 2021

#### District 2

Ethan Olson  
Term Expires 2022

#### District 3

Aaron Bonnett  
At-Large  
Term Expires 2023

#### District 3

Aaron Hoernke, Chair  
Term Expires 2022

#### District 4

Jon Ebert  
Term Expires 2022

#### District 5

Gary Skolarz  
Term Expires 2023

#### District 6

Cheri Gibeaut, Secretary  
Term Expires 2021

#### District 7

Dietrich Vedder, Vice Chair  
At-Large  
Term Expires 2021

#### District 7

James Kelly, Treasurer  
Term Expires 2023