



## Annual Meeting



Saturday,  
May 6, 2023



McComb/Bruchs  
Performing Arts Center



Member Event - 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Annual Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

### DEADLINES APPROACHING SOON

All documentation related to running for the board of directors or advisory resolutions must be submitted to the co-op by **Friday, February 3**.

#### Member Event

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., members can enjoy food, play games, win prizes, learn about different programs and services the co-op offers, and cast a ballot for director candidates at a voting station.

#### Call for Nominations

If you live in districts 4, 6, or 7, you may be eligible to join our board of directors. You must get signatures from 25 memberships (1 signature per membership), submit a photo of yourself, a paragraph explaining your background and experience, and why members should vote for you. To request nomination papers, give us a call at (800) 831-8629, or email [acec@acecwi.com](mailto:acec@acecwi.com). Visit [www.acecwi.com/nomination-by-petition](http://www.acecwi.com/nomination-by-petition) to learn more.

#### Advisory Resolutions

We're also accepting advisory resolutions (ideas for the co-op to consider) for our rules committee to review and make recommendations to the board of directors. Advisory resolutions must include the member's contact information, the resolution, and any supporting comments. To learn more about advisory resolutions or how to draft a resolution, visit our website at [www.acecwi.com/about-advisory-resolutions](http://www.acecwi.com/about-advisory-resolutions).

#### What Happens Next?

Director candidates will be published in upcoming issues of *The Wire* where you can learn about their background, interests, and why they are running for the board of directors. Voting for director positions will open on Monday, April 3 and can be done through SmartHub, or by requesting an absentee ballot. New this year, voting will not take place during the Annual Meeting. Instead, we'll have a voting station available during our event beginning at 10:00 a.m. prior to the meeting on May 6. All ballots must be submitted prior to the meeting during our member event.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 18 & FEBRUARY 15

Stop by our Wautoma office or our Pardeeville office to chat with our general manager, John. Visit our website for times at each office.

### FEBRUARY 1

Deadline to submit STEM Grant applications.

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Our Time-of-Day rate on peak period changes to 7 – 11 a.m.

### FEBRUARY 24

Deadline to submit Educational Scholarship applications and documents.

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Our Educational Scholarship is now available for ACEC members and their children. This program adds no cost to the member's electric bill. It's funded entirely from unclaimed patronage capital.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

## STEP 1

Visit our website to learn more about our scholarship program, eligibility, and to apply.

[www.acecwi.com/educational-scholarship](http://www.acecwi.com/educational-scholarship)

## STEP 2

Once you're ready to apply, click the "Apply Now" button to get started and to create an account through our online scholarship portal.

## STEP 3

Be sure to complete the application in its entirety, the essay questions, include three references, a high school transcript, and a post-secondary transcript if available.

The deadline to submit applications for our Educational Scholarship is **Friday, February 24, 2023**. Visit our website at [www.acecwi.com/educational-scholarship](http://www.acecwi.com/educational-scholarship) to apply today. If you have questions along the way, give us a call at (800) 831-8629, or email [acec@acecwi.com](mailto:acec@acecwi.com).

## TO-DO LIST

1. Go paperless
2. Enroll in autopay
3. Contribute to Operation Round-Up
4. Manage notifications
5. Look at energy usage

## START THE NEW YEAR WITH SMARTHUB

The new year brings new goals and changes for many, including this to-do list for your electric account. Lucky for you, SmartHub can mark everything off your list! Download the mobile app to have 24/7 access to your account and to make these changes yourself.

If you haven't already created an account, visit [www.acecwi.com](http://www.acecwi.com) to get started, or give us a call at (800) 831-8629 and one of our customer service representatives can help you through the process.



Learn more about SmartHub on our website [www.acecwi.com/smarthub](http://www.acecwi.com/smarthub)



**ADAMS COUNTY**



**RANDOLPH**



**SAUK COUNTY**



**BERLIN**

## JOY TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude as we wrapped up our annual Toys for Tots campaign last month. With your help, we donated over **6,935 toys, books, and stocking stuffers** to nearly **3,000 children** in seven counties. We couldn't have done it without the help of the **84 businesses** that collect donations for us throughout our service area. Thank you for your generosity!



**BARABOO**



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**Adams-Columbia  
Electric Cooperative**

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Monday - Friday,  
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Monday - Friday,  
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Friendship, WI 53934

Pardeeville Office (Drop Box Only)  
W6290 State Road 33  
Pardeeville, WI 53954

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N1519 State Road 22  
Wautoma, WI 54982

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## SAFETY MESSAGE

As the colder months hit, many of us are not prepared for Old Man Winter's potential wrath.

- Winterize your home by installing weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure it's clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
- Prepare your car by keeping your gas tank full and keeping an emergency kit on hand.

### Briefing of the Board Meeting

October 19, 2022

#### Board Action Items:

- Approved keeping the 2023 meeting dates to the last Tuesday of the month
- Approved policies
- Reviewed the federal and state tax returns
- Reviewed the updated strategic planning chart
- Approved September expense vouchers

View the full meeting summary on our website: [www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins](http://www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins)



### Employee Spotlight

*Jim Zentner*  
*Stores/Building & Grounds Keeper*

Jim has worked at the co-op for 19 years and primarily works out of our Pardeeville office.

"It's been great working at the cooperative for all these years, good people and a nice environment. I will miss everything, but the drive."

Thank you for your years of service, Jim!

## POTLUCK BAKED CORN

PREP TIME - 10 MINS | TOTAL TIME - 45 MINS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans cream style corn
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 3/4 c vegetable oil
- 1 tsp minced onion
- 2 Tbsp minced green pepper or pimento
- 1 c grated cheese

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients together. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until firm.

#### RECIPE NOTES

The dish is more flavorful if refrigerated a day before baking. The recipe has great results even without green pepper or pimento.



Recipe from Cathi Konkol of Westfield, WI