

SAFETY MESSAGE

With spring just around the corner and landscaping projects on your mind, be sure to keep a proper clearance around our equipment. It's important not to build around our transformers, or cover them up. If there is an outage, we need to be able to access our equipment to restore power.

Karcz Utility Services will be working near our Doylestown, Friesland, Wautoma, and Winnebago substations for underground inspection and maintenance of our equipment beginning this month.



Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • March 2023

Briefing of the Board Meeting

December 20, 2022

Board Action Items:

- Approved 2023 budget
- Approved Federated Youth Foundation budget
- Approved financial policy
- Approved NRECA adoption agreement "A" for the 401k pension plan for the non-union group
- Approved resolution of appreciation for employee retirements
- Approved November board expense vouchers

View the full meeting summary on our website: www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins



Employee Spotlight

Patrick Gies
System Administrator

Patrick is a member of our IT department and has worked at the co-op for nearly five years. He's responsible for ensuring our hardware and software are working properly.

"My colleagues here have turned into 'family' and that makes working here that much easier and rewarding. Every day there is a new puzzle to fix and I've enjoyed all the new knowledge that comes from working here."

Thanks for keeping our technology safe and reliable, Patrick!

JON STEINHAUS LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP

Are you or someone you know interested in a future career in electrical line work? Our Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship may be the right fit for you!

This scholarship is available from March 1 - April 15. Scholarship eligibility includes anyone who is a high school senior or older. Successful applicants must be enrolled in an Electrical Power Distribution (EPD) program at a certified EPD school in the United States. Although not a requirement, preference is given to members of our cooperative.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted through our new online scholarship portal, Kaleidoscope. Visit our website at the link shown below and click "Apply Here" to access the scholarship portal. If you are new to Kaleidoscope, their website will prompt you to create an account. Be sure to complete the application in its entirety, essay questions, include three references, a high school transcript, and if available, post-secondary transcripts. **The deadline to apply is April 15.**

To learn more about this scholarship and to apply, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/lineworker-scholarship.

Annual Meeting & Member Event details inside

May 6, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 15 & APRIL 13

Stop by our Wautoma office from 8 - 11 a.m., or our Pardeeville office from 1 - 4 p.m. to chat with our general manager, John.

APRIL 3

Absentee and eVote open.

APRIL 15

Deadline to submit individual or organizational applications for Operation Round-Up.

MAY 6

Join us for our annual meeting and member event, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CHERRY NUT BREAD

PREP TIME - 10-15 MINS | COOK TIME - 30 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (10 oz) jar maraschino cherries, chopped and drained (save juice)
- 2 c all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1/2 c butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 c buttermilk
- 1 c chopped pecans
- 1 c confectioners' sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
2. In a larger bowl, cream sugar, butter, eggs, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk, beating well after each addition.
3. Fold in cherries and pecans. Pour in greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.
4. Mix powdered sugar with enough cherry juice to form a glaze. Pour over slightly warm bread.

Recipe from Suzanne Herrington of Waukesha, WI

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE PHOTOS

We're accepting photo submissions for our 2024 member calendar. This year's theme is "Wisconsin Wildlife." If you have photos that fit this theme, consider sharing them with us.

HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS

Visit our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos. We'd love to receive a variety of photos showing the many different animals that call Wisconsin their home.

Photos can be in color or black and white and should be horizontally-oriented. All photos submitted may be used in future cooperative marketing materials.

Thanks Cynthia T. for this beautiful fox photo!



Annual Meeting & Member Event

Additional details about the annual meeting will be published in April's issue of *The Wire*.

When
Saturday, May 6, 2023

Where
McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center
(514 S Cambridge St, Wautoma, WI 54982)

Time
Member Event - 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting - 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



DISTRICT 4

Aaron Bonnett | abonnett@acecwi.com | (715) 347-1415

I currently work for Gundersen Moundview Hospital and Clinics as the Executive Director of Moundview Memorial Healthcare Foundation. I have a bachelor's degree in business management from Ripon College and a master's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. I am also proud to be a sixth generation of a family farm located in Adams County.

I have really enjoyed being an ACEC board member for the past 3 years. We have implemented many changes which I truly believe have benefited ACEC and the members. I have enjoyed learning about ACEC and having the opportunity to represent the member-owners of ACEC. I continue to believe that we are very fortunate to be part of a cooperative and strive to maximize its potential.

I continue to believe it is important to be fiscally responsible and represent the best interests of our member-owners. We must focus on the balance to continue to provide high quality service while maintaining affordable pricing. I also think that it is important to do strategic planning to ensure that ACEC continues to grow and develop to maintain its status as a very viable service for our communities. The delivery of electricity is a constantly changing and evolving environment. As a cooperative we must continue to make sure we are positioning ourselves to best meet these challenges.



DISTRICT 6

Gary Skolarz | skolarz@maqs.net | (608) 586-6588

My wife Kristen and I currently live in Jackson Township in Adams County. I retired from the Marquette County Sheriff's Office after 32 years as a Deputy Sheriff. During that time, I worked with people in our rural areas, and have established many connections with our rural communities.

I led the Marquette County Youth Organization Association (Fair Board) for 8 years serving as both President and Vice President during my tenure. The biggest thing I learned was that every part of the fair is important to someone. This taught me the importance of every facet of a community being represented.

I'm very proud and honored to have been elected to the board of directors this last term. I have learned many things, and look forward to learning even more as I progress as a board member. I've had the privilege of learning from and working with some very awesome people while on the board.

The obvious issues looming in the future are Electric Vehicle (E.V.) mandates, and renewable energy sources. There will be other issues of charging stations, and state charging corridors along major highways. These are just a few of the issues that I can see coming up in the next few years.



DISTRICT 7

Renee Wendt | rawendt@rossroad.us | (262) 573-7305

I am a stay at home mother with four children. I have been the clerk for Town of Scott, Columbia County for the past 8 years. As a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Pardeeville, I have served as a Sunday School teacher and director of the Vacation Bible School program for several years.

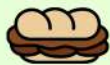
Prior to children, I was a manufacturing systems engineer for a company in GE Water Systems in Glendale WI and project engineer in Germantown WI. I am interested in serving on the board because of its impact on my rural community.

Due to my engineering background, the technical and business nature of the electrical co-op is very interesting to me. I know that I will learn a lot as a board member and provide a unique perspective with my past life experience. One of the most important issues our nation is facing is the balance between electrical generation using fossil fuels and renewal sources. The impact on generation sources, land use, environmental impact, and generation costs will have an impact on each of us in the next several years.



MEMBER EVENT

Join us at our member event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. before our annual meeting starts for food, games, co-op information, director voting, and more! Our member event will be outside in front of the McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center. The annual meeting will begin after the member event at 1:30 p.m.



Lunch while supplies last



Bounce house



Caricature drawings



Hotline demo

For more information, visit our website at www.acecwi.com/events.

VOTING OPTIONS

Once you cast a ballot, you cannot discard your vote to vote again through a different voting option.



EVOTE

eVote opens on April 3

and closes on May 5 at noon. Log in to your SmartHub account and click the "Vote Now" button when voting opens.



ABSENTEE

Absentee opens on April 3

and closes on May 5 at noon. Give us a call at (800) 831-8629 to request an absentee ballot when voting opens.



AT OUR EVENT

Vote at our event on May 6

beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Visit our check-in booth to receive your ballot and cast your vote at our voting station. All voting ballots must be turned in before the annual meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. No voting will take place during the annual meeting.



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