

RECAP OF ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER EVENT

Thank you to our members who came out to enjoy a tasty lunch from Moose Inn, cast their ballot, and visit our booths, despite the rainy weather.

During the annual meeting, General Manager John West provided a 2022 year in review, highlighting our financials and co-op programs available for our members.

Aaron Bonnett, Gary Skolarz, and Renee Wendt were elected to serve three-year terms as board directors. For more details about the meeting, flip the page to read the meeting minutes.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 4

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

JULY 12

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

JULY 15

Deadline to submit individual and organization applications for our Operation Round-Up grant.

AUGUST 1

Deadline for our STEM Grant. Encourage local educators you know to apply for our grant to prepare curriculums for next school year!

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Our bylaws state we must provide the annual meeting minutes to the membership via our newsletter before the minutes are approved. Members have not less than 30 days to request corrections to the minutes as published. If corrections are requested, the Board then considers any proposed corrections and may take any action that in the Board's reasonable judgment is appropriate.

The Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting was held on May 6, 2023, at the McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center in Wautoma, Wisconsin. Board Chair Aaron Hoernke called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the Meeting Rules and Voting Procedures that had been adopted by the Rules Committee and provided to the members prior to the meeting.

The National Anthem was sung by Safety and Environmental Coordinator Eric Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Director Adam Jones gave the Invocation.

Safety and Environmental Coordinator Eric Johnson gave a safety message on severe weather awareness.

Attorney Niles Berman announced that there were 63 registered members at the event.

Board Secretary Gary Skolarz read the Affidavit of Notice of Annual Meeting and Proof of Mailing.

General Manager John West took the floor and recognized the following groups for their contribution to the Co-op: ACEC's Board of Directors and past Directors, current and former employees, Operation Round-Up Board of Directors, Rules Committee members, and the Member Advisory Committee. Special guests in attendance were Tina Walden from WECA, and Michael Greiveldinger and Brian Hood representing Alliant Energy. Mr. West continued with the cooperative highlights from 2022. There was one question from the member audience directed toward Alliant Energy regarding the status of the Portage coal plant which was scheduled to close in 2023.

Attorney Niles Berman announced the results of the election which are as follows:

District 4 - Aaron Bonnett received 49 in-person votes, 533 online votes, and 20 absentee votes for a total of 602.

District 6 - Gary Skolarz received 48 in-person votes, 520 online votes, and 20 absentee votes for a total of 588.

District 7 -Renee Wendt received 46 in-person votes, 517 online votes, and 21 absentee votes for a total of 584.

General Manager John West recognized Jim Kelly, who served as our District 7 Director for three years.

Board Chair Aaron Hoernke stated that there was no unfinished business for 2022 and no new business. Hoernke declared the 2023 Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

WI NON-TAXABLE PROGRAM

Each month you have a charge on your bill for the WI Non-Taxable Program. This charge is required by the state of Wisconsin and is applied to all accounts. Half of the funds collected are used for energy conservation programs (a.k.a. Focus on Energy), and the other half is used for energy assistance agencies. We do not retain these funds as both programs are administered by the state.

This charge may vary per month and is calculated not to exceed 3% of your monthly bill. Effective with your July billing statement, the maximum amount is changing from \$1.34 to \$1.50 per month to ensure we are meeting all state requirements.



LEGO LEAGUE RECEIVES STEM GRANT

Last fall, Randolph Faith Christian School received a STEM Grant for their Lego League Robotics Team. With our grant, they purchased two robots to use during competitions.

This year's team is made up of eight students ranging from 4th to 8th grade. Every year, Lego sends out a map to all of the Lego Leagues around the world for competition. The team built Lego structures to place on their map, and they code and built robots to complete missions. Overall, they have two minutes and thirty seconds to complete their missions. Students can customize how the robot looks, but they must use the Legos motor and brain (the part used for coding).

In addition to the technology and engineering side of their team, they're also challenged with identifying a problem and creating a solution for that problem. This year, the theme was energy sources. Judges look to see that teams have researched and outlined the problem and solution in detail. Their idea was to create a ship that would clean oil out of the ocean.



“I wanted to drop in and thank you again for stopping by last week to meet the team, and thank you and Adams-Columbia for the generous grant. I know you see this when you go visit the schools these grants are going to, but it bears repeating that this grant is making a real difference for our school. Tiny schools like ours don't always have a lot of options for extracurriculars, and when we do, budgets are always pretty tight. So thank you again; we really appreciate it.”

- Mike Oosterhouse, Team Leader



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energy usage through your
SmartHub account?



SAFETY MESSAGE

A generator can be a valuable piece of equipment to keep appliances working during a power outage. A permanent generator is wired into a house by a licensed electrician using a transfer switch. This prevents a generator from feeding electricity back onto overhead lines, which can be deadly for linemen. A temporary generator is powered by gasoline and should not be attached to a circuit breaker, fuse, or outlet. For more safety tips about generators, visit safeelectricity.org.



Briefing of the Board Meeting

March 28, 2023

Board Action Items:

- Approved policies
- Approved February's board vouchers
- Approved the reappointment of Nancy Akkerman to the Operation Round-Up board
- Approved the renewable generation rate - net metering change
- Approved updates to the rules and regulations
- Approved the 2022 allocation margins

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



Employee Spotlight

Jacqueline Pokszyk
Accountant

Jacqueline has been part of the ACEC family for over seven years and is a member of our finance department.

"I thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to work in my hometown with an amazing team of co-workers who truly care about our member-owners. Treat every day with an 'I'm on vacation' attitude. Perception is everything!"

We appreciate all you do, Jacqueline!

BUTTERY SCOTCHEROOS

june is dairy month

INGREDIENTS

- 1 c light corn syrup
- 1 c sugar
- 1 c creamy peanut butter
- 7 c crispy rice cereal
- 1 c semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 c butterscotch-flavored baking chips
- 1/2 c Land O Lakes® butter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Line a 13x9 inch pan with non-stick aluminum foil, extending foil over edges.
2. Place corn syrup and sugar into a large saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sugar is dissolved. Do not boil. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter until smooth. Add cereal, mix until thoroughly coated.
3. Spread mixture into prepared pan, pressing until even. Set aside.
4. Combine chocolate chips, butterscotch chips and butter in medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 30 second intervals, stirring occasionally, until melted and smooth. Spread chocolate mixture evenly over cereal bars. Cool for four hours or overnight until chocolate is set.

PREP TIME - 20 MINS
TOTAL TIME - 4 HOURS 20 MINS

Recipe from landolakes.com

