

# Illinois Country Living

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## Notice of Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of the Members at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the American Legion Hall in Steeleville, Ill., located at 303 South Chester Street. Registration will open, and food service begins at 4 p.m. All registered cooperative members will receive a \$20 credit on their August bill (one per registered account)! Registration will take place inside at the main entrance of the American Legion, located on the east side of the building. Please bring this registration card with you to expedite registration. Dinner will follow in the small hall with a hot dog dinner, chips, and a drink. An information booth will be set up to display our new website and its functions. Cassie Andrews and the Calico Bluegrass Band will be playing in the large hall, where we will have Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, kettle corn, and balloon animals. Weather permitting we will again be conducting bucket rides, given by our linemen. The Legion bowling hall, attached at the main entrance, will be open all evening this year beginning at 4 p.m. The supervised Children's Program will begin at 6:30 p.m. for the duration of the business meeting. Scholarship applicants are to register in the large hall by meeting time of 6:30 p.m.



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*Registration Card. Cut out and bring to the meeting as your official registration.*



*2016 Scholarship Recipients: (Left to Right) Cody Jacobsen, Jaclyn Colvis, Kylie Grubbs, Dustin Smith, Trevor Atwood, and Randall Campbell, 2016 Board President.*

## 2017 Annual Meeting Scholarships

Egyptian Electric Cooperative will be giving five \$1,000 scholarships to college or college-bound students that are members or dependents of a member. Applicants must return the completed Scholarship Application by July 7 and attend the 2017 Annual Meeting. The selections will be made by drawing during the Annual Meeting.

- ★ The applicant must be a member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative, or is the dependent of a member of the Cooperative who is in good standing, and must have been a member for one year prior to July 1, 2017.
- ★ All applications must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent) and returned to the Cooperative by 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 7. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- ★ The applicant, or if a dependent of a member, and the parent or legal guardian must attend the Cooperative's Annual Meeting

on July 20, 2017 at the Steeleville American Legion. The applicant and parent/legal guardian (if a dependent) must be present at the time of the drawing.

- ★ All applicants must check in at the registration table before 6:30 p.m. the evening of the Annual Meeting. **49-35-0117**
- ★ The applicant must be enrolled, or have applied for enrollment, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational school for the fall 2017 term.
- ★ The scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient upon verification of enrollment.
- ★ Prior recipients of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting Scholarships are not eligible to receive a second scholarship.

Applications are available by contacting an Egyptian Electric Cooperative office or downloaded from our webpage, [www.eeca.coop](http://www.eeca.coop).

## Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee met at the Steeleville office on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, and nominated the following members for directors to serve a three-year term:

*Larry Ebers, Steeleville  
Gil Kroening, Carbondale  
Steve Prest, Coulterville*

### Members of the nominating committee are:

Richard Fager  
Dan Gobert  
Virgil Gramenz  
Ken Hollmann  
Roger Morgenstern  
Dwayne Mulholland  
Donald Stallman  
Stuart Langrehr, Chairman

## MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three map location numbers hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your location number, that corresponds to the one on your bill, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

## Board Candidate Profiles



**Larry Ebers**, Steeleville, has completed his National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed

Cooperative Director certification, as well as his Board Leadership certification. Larry has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois. He is a Vietnam veteran and is the owner and operator of a grain farm operation. Larry and his wife, Bonnie, are lifelong residents of Randolph County and have been married for 32 years. He joined the EECA board in 2007, being a member for 10 years. He considers it a privilege to serve you as an Egyptian Electric Cooperative board member.



**Gil Kroening**, Carbondale, is a retired SIUC professor from the College of Agriculture. He has held

several administrative positions in the college, including Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the SIU Office of International Agriculture. Just this spring, he was recognized as the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association's 2017 SIU Distinguished Alumni for his humanitarian effort. Gil and his wife, Jean, have been married for 57 years and have three children and four granddaughters. He has served as an Egyptian Electric Cooperative Board of Director for sixteen years. He has completed his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, the Board Leadership Certificate, and obtained his Gold Certification.

**12-16-0146**



**Steve Prest**, Coulterville, has served on the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Board for four years. He has completed

training courses to become a NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director, and has finished 9 of the 10 required courses toward Board Leadership Certification. He currently serves as Vice President of the Board. Steve and his wife Carol have been married for 38 years and have a son, daughter, and one grandson. He has a Master's of Science Degree in Plant and Soil Science from SIU Carbondale, and worked in the Agricultural Industry for 40 years prior to retirement in 2015. He has learned a great deal in his first full term on the Board, and looks forward to the opportunity to continue contributing positive direction to the Cooperative in the coming years.



## Egyptian Electric Cooperative 2016 Statement of Earnings

Operating Revenue	\$38,853,654
Cost of Power	\$28,089,092
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,770,433
Depreciation, Interest and All Other	\$6,909,019
Total Operating Expenses	\$39,768,544
Operating Margins	-\$914,890
Nonoperating Margins	\$70,876
Total EECA Margins	-\$844,014

*Note: The above amounts do not include SIPC & Other Capital Credit Allocations (not cash) \$1,657,494*

## Proposed Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors on April 20, 2017, and will be voted on by the Egyptian Electric Cooperative members at the Annual Meeting. The change in the Articles of Incorporation is being proposed to allow the Cooperative to provide more economic development opportunities for its members.

### Resolution

All provisions setting forth the corporate purpose shall be deleted, and the following amended corporate purpose shall be inserted therein:

1. Electrification on a cooperative basis.
2. To administer and operate the organization on a cooperative basis, producing or furnishing goods, services, or facilities primarily for the benefit of

its members who are consumers of those goods, services, or facilities.

3. To take any and all other action useful, necessary, or convenient, including the lending of money, for the cooperative to participate for the benefit of its members in the United States Department of Agriculture Programs, including but not limited to, Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Programs.



## Meeting Agenda

1. **Credential Committee Report.** The Committee will report on the number of members present and determination of a quorum.
2. **Reading of the notice of the Annual Meeting** and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver(s) of notice of the meeting as the case may be.
3. Reading of the minutes of the 78th Annual Meeting and action to approve the minutes.
4. **Election** of three board members.
5. **Presentation of reports** from the Secretary-Treasurer, President and Executive Vice President and consideration of necessary action thereon.
6. **Unfinished business.**
7. **New business.** Proposed Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation
8. **Adjournment.**

Paul Hicks, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association

## Voting Authorization for Organizations

### For Churches, Schools, and Other Public & Business Accounts

Egyptian Electric Cooperative will now require a Letter of Authorization, for all organization accounts, such as churches, schools, hospitals, etc., registering at the Annual Meeting of the Members on July 20, 2017. This can be done one of two ways: by completing this form, or bringing an actual letter. Authorization letters must be on the organization's letterhead and include:

1. Organization name and address, as it appears on the monthly billing statement.
2. Current date
3. The EECA account number
4. The name of the Authorized Representative that will be attending the meeting, and will also be asked to sign the letter upon presentation at registration.
5. Title and signature of the Office of the Organization, or name on organization's billing statement, who is designating the Authorized Representative to register on their behalf.

Below is the form that can be brought in place of a letter. Note all information needed in letter is also required on this Letter of Authorization form, and is to be brought the evening of the Annual Meeting. **55-06-0004**

### Letter of Authorization

Account Number (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of authorized representative who will be presenting this document at the time of the annual meeting for the purpose of registration and/or voting on behalf of the organization named above:

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Signature of officer granting authorization to the above named representative:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, I am authorizing the said name of authorized representative to register this organization at the Annual Meeting with my permission.*

**BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING - DO NOT MAIL TO OUR OFFICE.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**