

Illinois Country Living

Notice of Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the 81st Annual Meeting of the Members at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 at our headquarters facility at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill. Registration will open and food service begin at 4:30 p.m. All registered cooperative members will receive a \$20 credit on their August bill (one per membership). The meeting registration, scholarship registration, and food service will take place inside our truck storage building and parking will be inside of our fenced area. Please bring the registration card with you, attached below, to expedite registration. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will also have Dairy Queen Dilly Bars, kettle corn and balloon animals. Weather permitting, our linemen will be offering bucket rides and performing Live Line Demonstrations. An information booth will be set up to display SmartHub and to assist with automated payment registration. All members that register for automated payments that evening, as well as those who prove they are already registered for auto pay, will be entered in to win a cash prize. For children preschool aged and above, Trinity Christian School will conduct a supervised children's art program and movie onsite beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the duration of the business meeting. After the meeting and scholarship drawing there will be numerous gifts and attendance prizes that will be given away. We hope to see you there!



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

Board Candidate Profiles



Kevin Bame was raised south of Ava and graduated from Trico High School in 1975. He is a licensed CPA and earned a bachelor's de-

gree in Accounting and a master's in Business Administration. In 1986, he joined the administration at Southern Illinois University and retired as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance in April 2017. In retirement, he is associated with a local CPA firm on a part-time basis. Kevin was recently appointed to fill a vacant position on the EECA Board of Directors. Kevin previously served on the Board of Education for Murphysboro Community Unit District 186 for 12 years. He held the office of school board vice-president for two years and president for four years. Bame currently serves on the finance committee for Southern Illinois Healthcare. He married Lyn Goddard in 1979 and they have two children, Alex of Murphysboro and Alyssa of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Kevin and Lyn have one grandchild, Tatum.



Ken Jarrett is a life-long resident of rural southern Illinois and member of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. He graduated from Gorham High School and has

served as the Fountain Bluff Township Supervisor since 1975. He retired from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative in 2001, and he joined the EECA board of directors in 2009. Since then, he has earned his National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold status. He was formerly the Egyptian Electric Cooperative representative for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's (AIEC) board in Springfield and was recently elected to the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) board of directors earlier this year. Ken and his wife Diana are members of the Christ Lutheran Church in Jacob. They have four children, Brad, Jason, Corey, and Jennifer, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Kevin Liefer is a Red Bud native and graduate of Belleville Area College with an Associate of Arts degree. After managing Red Bud Equipment for 10

years, he joined his parents farming full-time near Red Bud with his sons. Kevin joined the board in April 1987 and has served as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. He received his NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate in 2005, his Board Leadership Certificate in 2008, and has obtained his Gold Certification. Liefer has represented EECA for many years at the Illinois Cooperative's Workers Comp Group in Springfield and holds a seat on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) board at Marion. Kevin is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud. He and his wife Kathy have four children, Kirk, Kent, Kara, and Kristopher and 10 grandchildren.

Egyptian Electric Cooperative 2018 Statement of Earnings

Operating Revenue	\$44,229,735.41
Cost of Power	\$30,111,034.86
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,464,220.11
Depreciation, Interest and All Other	\$8,070,048.46
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$42,645,303.43
Operating Margins	\$1,584,431.98
Nonoperating Margins	\$81,217.02
Total EECA Margins	\$1,665,649.00
Total SIPC Capital Credits	\$1,387,471.79
Other Capital Credit Allocations	\$145,806.97
Total Capital Credits	\$3,198,927.76



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.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

As a matter of routine maintenance, the Board of Directors deemed it necessary to review and update the current Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Bylaws. **49-03-0006** The Board appointed a five-member subcommittee that was charged with the responsibility of thorough review, revision, and have met several times over the past eight months.

The following changes are of notable importance:

- Two or more members may create a joint membership. Any application for joint membership in the Cooperative will be an application of membership as joint members with right of survivorship. This will allow surviving members to continue to hold the same account after the death of the first joint member.
- Additional Director qualifications have been added to Section 4.02, including a provision that a Director cannot be a close relative of an Employee.
- Nominations at the annual meeting of the members to elect Directors will no longer be taken from the floor. This is to ensure a candidate meets the qualifications outlined in Section 4.02.
- The prior Bylaws required 10% of the members to petition to call a special meeting for Director removal. That percentage has been reduced from 10% to 3%.
- A majority of the Board may remove a Director for cause or if it is determined a Director is unable to discharge the powers and duties of their office.
- Proposed Article XIV – Dispute Resolution, requires any claim or controversy between the Cooperative and any Member arising or relating to the

provision of electric power or other related service will be submitted to arbitration.

The above proposed amendments will be presented at the Annual Meeting of members to be held on July 18, 2019 at the Egyptian Electric Cooperative headquarters in two parts. The first part will ask for approval by the members of the revised Bylaws as presented. The second part will ask for approval of proposed Article XIV. These matters will be voted on separately.

ARTICLE XIV: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any claim or controversy between the Cooperative and any Member which arises out of or relates to the provision by the Cooperative to the Member of electric power or other related services shall, at the request of any such party, be submitted to arbitration as provided under the laws of the State of Illinois.

2019 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 6 and attend the 2019 Annual Meeting. **43-01-0007** The selections will be made by drawing at the Annual Meeting, following the business 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 18, 2019.
- All applications must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent) and returned to the cooperative by 4 p.m. Friday, July 5. 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 Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the Egyptian Electric Cooperative headquarters located at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill. 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.
- 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 2019 term.
- The scholarship funds 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. Prior applicants are eligible to apply.

Applications are available by contacting or visiting the Egyptian Electric Cooperative office, or by downloading from our webpage, www.eeca.coop.

Nominating Committee report

In February, the board of directors accepted application for an upcoming vacant board seat due to the anticipated departure of Allen Haake from the area in May. Allen Haake has been a resident of Murphysboro since 1977 and an Egyptian Electric Cooperative board member since 1998.

Interviews were conducted to replace him on Wednesday, April 10 at our headquarters. **36-02-0006** The board appointed Kevin Bame of Murphysboro as his replacement. He was also nominated to run in Allen Haake's place at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members.

The nominating committee met at the headquarters office at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, and nominated the following members for directors to serve a three-year term:

- Ken Jarrett, Jacob
- Kevin Liefer, Red Bud
- Kevin Bame, Murphysboro

Members of the nominating committee are: Richard Fager, Dan Gobert, Virgil Gramenz, Ken Hollmann, Roger Morgenstern, Dwayne Mulholland, Donald Stallman, and Stuart Langrehr, Chairman.

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 80th 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.**
8. **Adjournment.**

Paul Pyatt, Secretary, Board of Directors,
Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association

Voting Authorization for Organizations

For Churches, Schools, and Other Public & Business Accounts

EECA requires a Letter of Authorization for all organization accounts, such as churches, schools, hospitals, etc., registering at the Annual Meeting of the Members on July 18. This can be done one of two ways: by completing this form, or bringing an actual authorization 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 attend the meeting and will 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.

To the right is the form that can be brought in place of a letter. Please note, all information needed in your letter is also required on this Letter of Authorization form and is to be brought to the Annual Meeting. The Letter of Authorization will also be available on our website under Annual Meeting.

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:

Signature of officer granting authorization to the above named representative:

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**