

Illinois Country Living



Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice was given to the membership by method of the July Illinois Country Living magazine, that the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Members would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15 at our headquarters facility at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill. This year's annual meeting will be conducted outside, drive-in style. Gates will open for registration and food service to begin at 4:30 p.m. Boxed hot dog dinners & drinks will be provided to all in attendance, and \$20 bill credits will be issued to each registered member (credit will be applied to August bills, one per membership). **50-25-0031**

The business meeting will take place outdoors on-stage. Employees will assist with directing traffic and on-site parking inside of our fenced area. Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no children's program this year. Following the meeting, attendance cash prize and scholarship winners will be announced. Presence for winners who properly registered will not be required this year. Winners will be notified by the following business day, and recipients will also be announced on social media and website. A secondary drawing opportunity will be open for anyone who signs up for Operation Round-Up through August 1, 2021, and all registered Operation Round-Up participants will be entered to win a \$100 cash prize.

Weathering
the Storm

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

Board Candidate Profiles



Randall Campbell, Chester, will be completing 12 years as an Egyptian Electric Cooperative Board of Director, having served in every office on the board as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President and President. He has completed coursework and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) with Board Leadership (BLC) and Director Gold Certifications. Randall and his wife, Myrna, have been married 43 years and have two children. Randall has been an agent with Thrivent Financial in Chester for 24 years. Prior to that, he was with Illinois Power at the Baldwin Power Plant as a Control Operator.



Paul Hicks, Carbondale, is completing 23 years on the Board of Directors, having also served in every officer position on the board. He has completed training to earn his CCD, with his BLC and Director Gold Certification. Paul and his wife, Donna, have been married for 52 years. They have two sons, one daughter-in-law and five grandchildren. Paul has two degrees from SIUC and has been the Pastor at Murdale Baptist Church in Carbondale for 51 years. Paul is active in the Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief Association and has been involved in numerous disaster relief activities.



Paul Pyatt, Pinckneyville, is completing 25 years on the Board of Directors, having served all officer positions during his tenure. He has completed coursework to become a CCD, has obtained his BLC and most recently his Director Gold Certification. Paul also represents the Cooperative on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Board for Power Production. He is a retired farmer of Pyatt Brothers Farms, LLC. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married 50 years. They have a son, daughter-in-law and three grandsons. Paul also currently serves as the Secretary for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Conant. **45-26-0004**

2020 Statement of Earnings

Operating Revenue	\$40,312,569
Cost of Power	\$25,107,929
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,920,368
Depreciation, Interest and All Other	\$9,392,075
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$39,420,372
Operating Margins	\$892,197
Nonoperating Margins	\$800,501
Total EECA Margins	\$1,692,698
Total SIPC Capital Credits	\$446,828
Other Capital Credit Allocations	\$156,001
Total Capital Credits	\$2,295,527

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. The Board appointed a five-member sub-committee that was charged with the responsibility of thorough review, revision, and meeting several times.

The following changes are of notable importance. The proposed amendments will be presented at the July 15, 2021 Annual Meeting of Members:

- Previously, meeting attendance was required to be "in person". Member involvement and participation in the Annual Meeting is of utmost importance to the Cooperative. Given the gathering restraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board thought it prudent to update the Bylaws to allow for electronic meeting attendance and voting methods during times of public safety restrictions. **18-03-0002**
- The Director attendance provisions have also been updated to reflect electronic attendance in times of public safety restrictions to prevent disruptions in the flow of business.
- Additionally, a proposed revision to Section 4.13 reads as follows: "The Board of Directors shall not hire employees that meet the definition of 'Close Relative' as defined in Section 4.14."

2021 Annual Meeting Scholarships

Ten - \$1,000 Scholarships to be awarded by drawing and announced following the Annual Meeting on July 15, 2021

Eligibility

- 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 15, 2021.
- All applications must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent). Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Applications must be returned to the Cooperative by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Applications will be accepted by mail, fax to (888) 554-8181, email to bguthman@eeca.coop or by submitting it in our after-hours dropbox.**
- The Annual Meeting will be drive-thru style with the business meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Scholarship drawings will take place following. Attendance for student and/or parent is optional for 2021.
- 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 2021 term.
- Scholarship winners will be notified by email provided on application. Winners will have until July 30, 2021 to produce verification of enrollment. Scholarship funds will then be sent directly to recipients upon verification of enrollment to the Cooperative.
- Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible. Prior applicants are eligible.

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Nominating Committee report

With the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting, there are two sets of director nominations to consider. The three director candidates nominated in 2020 were Rick Asaturian of Carbondale, Steve Prest of Coulterville, and Larry Ebers of Steelevator. There were no nominations filed by petition during the cycle in 2020 to be considered.

Mr. Larry Ebers retired from the board of directors in November of 2020. In accordance with Cooperative bylaws, the board has the ability to appoint a replacement to fill a director vacancy. In April 2021, the board appointed Mrs. Mary Jo Homan of Chester to fill his vacancy. Therefore, the candidates from the 2020 director cycle have been revised to include Mary Jo Homan in place of Larry Ebers.

- Rick Asaturian, Carbondale
- Mary Jo Homan, Chester
- Steve Prest, Coulterville

The nominating committee met at the headquarters office at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, and nominated the following members for directors to serve a three-year term beginning in 2021:

- Paul Pyatt, Pinckneyville
- Paul Hicks, Carbondale
- Randall Campbell, Chester

There were no nominations filed by petition during the 2021 director's cycle. Members of the nominating committee meeting are: Matt Crain, Richard Fager, Tony Goodin, Ken Hollmann, Stuart Langrehr (Chair), Roger Morgenstern, Dwayne Mulholland, and Donald Stallman.

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 2019 & 2020 Annual Meeting and action to approve the minutes.
4. **Election** of six (6) board members.
5. **Presentation of reports** from the Board Secretary-Treasurer, Board President, and the Executive Vice President/General Manager and consideration of necessary action thereon.
6. **Unfinished business.**
7. **New business.**
8. **Adjournment.**

Kevin Liefer, 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. This can be done one of two ways: by completing this form, or bringing an actual authorization letter.

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.

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.

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**



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2019 & 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

Pursuant to notice, the 81st annual membership meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association was held at the offices of the Cooperative, located at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Illinois, on Thursday evening, July 18, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Steve Prest. The National Anthem was played, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The invocation was given by Rev. Paul Hicks, pastor of the Murdale Baptist Church of Carbondale.

Mr. Prest reported that a quorum was present prior to the start of the meeting. There were 450 registered members and 763 total attendees. A list of those members is attached to these minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer Paul Pyatt then presented the official notice of the meeting, the certificate of mailing, and moved that said notice and certificate be approved. Motion was seconded by Cindy Morgenstern. Motion carried. Mr. Pyatt moved to dispense with the reading of the 2018 minutes and that they be approved as printed. Motion was seconded by Allen Haake. Motion carried.

Mr. Stuart Langrehr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee meeting, held May 7, 2019, at which time Kevin Liefer of Red Bud, Mr. Ken Jarrett of Jacob, and Mr. Kevin Bame of Murphysboro were officially nominated for the office of director for the ensuing three years.

Attorney William Broom was called upon to conduct the election of directors. There were no nominations by petition nor were there any nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Jane Conrod, seconded by Jennifer Watson, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Kevin Liefer, Ken Jarrett, and Kevin Bame, as directors for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Pyatt presented the Treasurer's report for 2018 and moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion was seconded by Laura Crawford. Motion carried.

President Prest welcomed everyone and reminded them that every registered member would receive a \$20 electric credit on their August bill. He described that due to the heat, he would allow members to read his full speech in the annual meeting booklet and forego a formal floor speech. He then introduced the General Manager, Mr. Shane Hermetz.

Executive Vice President/General Manager Shane Hermetz started his remarks by welcoming all members to the 81st Annual Meeting of Members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Mr. Hermetz started by introducing the guests in attendance from the AIEC, SIPC, and visiting Cooperatives as well as past employees and directors. He discussed the recent retirement of six employees and asked the membership to help him congratulate them on a happy retirement. He focused his report on three topics: Safety, Reliability, and Affordability.

Mr. Hermetz stressed the importance of safety, asking members to help keep employees safe when they are working along the roadways.

Mr. Hermetz disclosed that members have electricity available to them 99.9% of the time and that the Cooperative would continue to work hard to attempt to achieve 100% reliability. He discussed the ways that the Cooperative had modernized outage response to ensure all members maintain reliable electric service. He shared recent statistics showing a downward trend in both the number of outages that members experience and the total length of time a member is without electric service.

He finished his presentation by announcing there were no plans to adjust electric rates in 2020, but informed the membership that a rate adjustment may be needed in 2021 if outside forces continue to press on costs. He discussed that as the Cooperative moves toward different technologies for electric generation that the Cooperative would balance environmental stewardship, along with cost and system reliability when making long-term decisions. He explained that change to different technologies will happen over time.

It was suggested that members read Illinois Country Living to keep abreast of national, state, and local updates, as well as member topics. They should also visit our website, Facebook page and Twitter.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Board attorney Mr. Bill Broom introduced fellow Board attorney Ms. Casey Twomey. Ms. Twomey discussed two sets of proposed bylaw changes to the membership. One set of proposed changes covered a variety of topics and are attached to the minutes in a separate document. Ms. Twomey received a motion to accept bylaw change proposal number one by Don Stallman, seconded by Robert Hartmann.

Motion carried. The second proposed change was the addition of Dispute Resolution language to the bylaws, which is also attached in a separate document. Ms. Twomey received a motion to accept bylaw change proposal number two by Dwayne Mulholland, seconded by Allen Haake. Motion carried.

President Prest called to adjourn the business meeting at 7:15 p.m. and on a motion by Paul Hicks, seconded by Ester Craig, motion carried.

Following the business meeting, drawings from 72 applicants present for ten \$1,000 scholarships was held. Scholarship winners were Jessica Kattenbraker of Chester, Nick Camarato of Herrin, Ryan Chambers of Murphysboro, Taylor Hobbs of Murphysboro, Ellen Blechle of Chester, Melissa Crosby of Chester, Lynon Smith of Herrin, Grace Pense of Carbondale, Kate Daniels of Plum Creek Christian School, and Alyssa Hoops of Chester.

A \$250 drawing for signing up to use the Smarthumb app was awarded to Patty Johnson.

The drawing for attendance prizes concluded the meeting. The winner of the \$50 cash prize was Robert Ashbury. The winner of the rechargeable flashlight was Jeff Stegman. The winner of the \$50 cash prize was Delta Hull. The winner of the record player was Misty Wittington. Another winner of a \$50 cash prize was David Wedemeyer. The winner of the weather radio was Immanuel Lutheran Church. The winner of another \$50 cash prize was Allison Miller. The winner of the espresso machine was Neal Rodewald. The winner of the \$100 cash prize was Chris Middendorf. The winner of the coffee machine was David Kruse. The winner of the 50-inch TV was Scott Evans.

The member with the oldest account, Earl Welge, won the flower arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Pyatt, Secretary

JULY 16, 2020

In accordance with the Illinois Governor COVID-19 Executive Order Number 8, the 82nd annual membership meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association was cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Liefer, Secretary