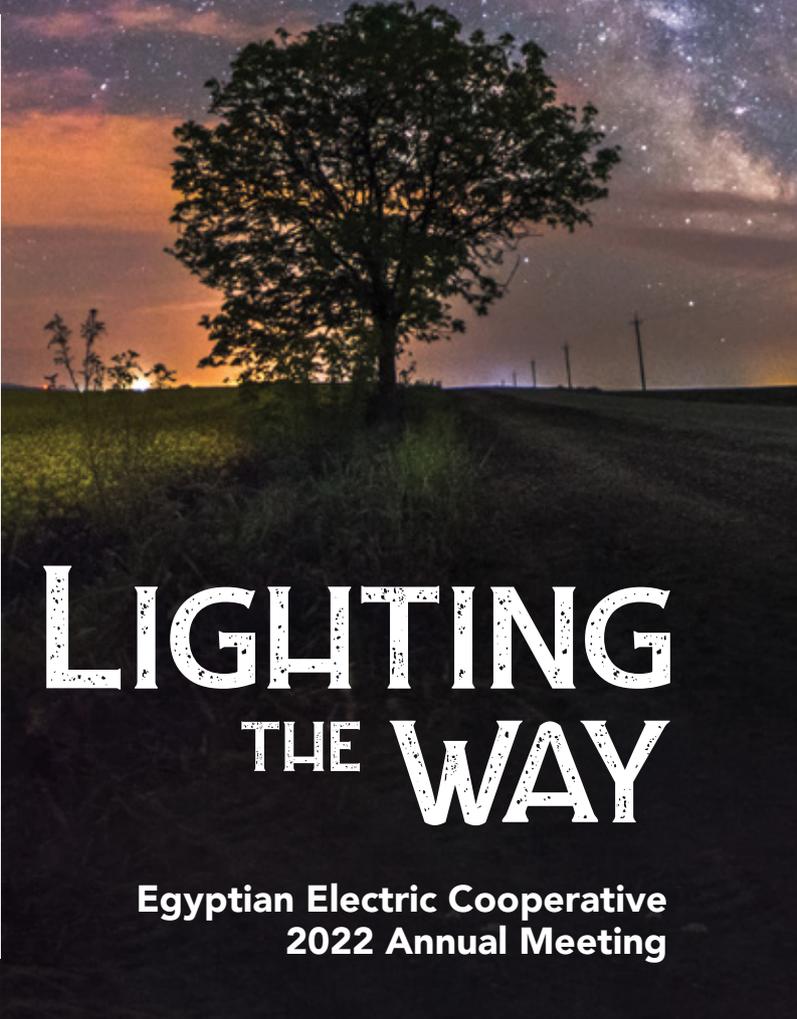


Illinois Country Living

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice of the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members is being given to the membership by method of this July Illinois Country Living magazine. The Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 at our headquarters facility at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill. Gates will open, registration, and food service will begin at 4:30 p.m., drive-thru style. 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).

The business meeting will take place on-stage outdoors within our truck bays. Consumer-members will have the choice to join the meeting in person near the stage, or by listening to the radio broadcast in their vehicle in on-site parking. Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no children's program during the business meeting this year. We will conduct attendance prizes throughout the evening, and scholarship winners will be drawn following the business meeting. **27-14-0008** A secondary drawing opportunity will be conducted on Friday, July 15, for anyone who signs up for Operation Round-Up the night of, including all previously registered Operation Round-Up participants, for a chance to win a \$100 cash prize.



LIGHTING THE WAY

**Egyptian Electric Cooperative
2022 Annual Meeting**

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

Annual Meeting Scholarships

Ten - \$1,000 Scholarships to be awarded by drawing at Annual Meeting

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA) 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 14, 2022.
- 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 2022 term.
- Application must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent). Proof of college registration for Fall 2022 should be included with application.
- Verification of enrollment could include a payment installment, copy of school schedule, or equivalent proof. If proof of college registration is not provided with the application, winners will have until July 25, 2022, to produce verification of enrollment or scholarship award will be passed on to alternate recipient.
- Applications and proof of enrollment must be returned to EECA by 4 p.m., July 5, 2022. Applications will be accepted by mail, fax, email or by dropping off in our after-hours dropbox.
- Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible. Prior annual meeting scholarship applicants are eligible.

Where does your dollar go?



2021 Statement of Earnings

Operating Revenue	\$40,834,646
Cost of Power	\$25,138,524
Operations & Maintenance	\$4,775,683
Depreciation, Interest and All Other	\$8,280,497
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$38,194,704
Operating Margins	\$38,194,704
Nonoperating Margins	\$100,605
Total EECA Margins	\$2,740,547
Total SIPC Capital Credits	\$1,095,876
Other Capital Credit Allocations	\$139,081
Total Capital Credits	\$3,975,504



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 of Director Elections

The 2nd Principle of the Rochdale Principles – democratic member control - states; “Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Those serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary, cooperative members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

You may ask, what does a Director do? Not only do board members attend monthly board meeting (board meetings are typically the last Tuesday of each month at the Cooperative headquarters), they are involved in mitigating risk, setting rates, understanding power supply, strategic planning, financial decision making, promoting the cooperative business model, gaining insights on political and environmental impacts, among others.

Voting in the cooperative board election is one of the things that make EECA a cooperative. Board candidates are co-op owners, like you! When elected, board members serve three-year terms and seat a board of nine (9) directors. Each year at our annual meeting, the membership elects three (3) member-owners to represent them on the board. We can't do it without you, so vote! **30-02-0003**

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the headquarters office to nominate directors to be elected at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Members. The nominating committee nominated the following

members, for director seats, to serve a three-year term beginning in 2022:

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

There were no nominations filed by petition during the 2022 director's

cycle by the May 16, 2022 due date. Members of the 2022 Nominating Committee are: Matt Crain, Richard Fager, Tony Goodin, Ken Hollmann, Stuart Langrehr (Chair), Cynthia Winter, Wes Fritsche, Steve Stallman, and Donald Stallman.

2022 Board Candidate Profiles



Kevin Bame, Murphysboro, was raised south of Ava and graduated from Trico High School in 1975. He is a licensed CPA and earned a

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration. Kevin retired from SIU Carbondale in 2017 as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. In retirement, he is associated with a local CPA firm on a part-time basis. Kevin joined the EECA board of directors in 2019. He has earned his National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD), Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and Director Gold status. Kevin serves on the SIU Foundation board of directors and the board of education for Murphysboro Community Unit District 186. He currently serves on the finance committee for Southern Illinois Healthcare. Kevin and his wife, Lyn, are members of Epiphany

Lutheran Church in Carbondale. They have two children, Alex of Murphysboro and Alyssa of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Kevin and Lyn have four grandchildren. **53-01-0004**



Ken Jarrett, Jacob, 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. After 34 years, he retired from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative in 2001. He joined the EECA board of directors in 2009. Since then, Ken has served every seat as an officer, earned his NRECA CCD Certificate, BLC, and Director Gold status. He currently serves on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) board of directors. 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, Red Bud, is a 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. He spends his days farming 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 CCD Certificate in 2005, his BLC in 2008, and has also obtained his Director Gold Certification. Kevin has represented EECA for 28 years at the Illinois Cooperative's Workers Comp Group in Springfield and holds a seat on the 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 12 grandchildren.

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 2021 Annual Meeting and action to approve the minutes.
4. **Election** of three (3) 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

Kevin Liefer, Secretary-Treasurer
EECA Board of Directors

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.
Please do not mail to our office.**

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2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Pursuant to notice, the 83rd annual membership meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association was held at the office of the Cooperative, located at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Illinois, on Thursday evening, July 15, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Paul Pyatt. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the invocation was given by Rev. Paul Hicks, board member and pastor of the Murdale Baptist Church of Carbondale.

Mr. Pyatt reported that a quorum was present prior to the start of the meeting. There were 320 registered members and 494 total attendees. A list of those members is attached to these minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Liefer 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 Lawrence Dietz. Motion carried. Mr. Liefer moved to dispense with the reading of the 2019 and the 2020 minutes and that they be approved as printed. Motion was seconded by Glenn Bryant. Motion carried.

Mr. Stuart Langrehr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee meeting, held on May 5, 2020, at which Rick Asaturian of Carbondale, Steve Prest of Coulterville, and Larry Ebers of Steeleville were officially nominated for the office of director for the ensuing three years. He also reported of the Nominating Committee meeting, held on May 4, 2021, at which Paul Pyatt of Pinckneyville, Paul Hicks of Carbondale, and Randall Campbell of Chester were officially nominated for the office of director for the ensuing three years.

Attorney Elisha Sanders was called upon to conduct the election of directors. There were no nominations by petition for either the 2020 or the 2021 slate of directors. Due to the retirement of Mr. Larry Ebers in November of 2020, the Board of Directors filled the vacancy with Mary Jo Homan of Chester in April of 2021, thus revising the director candidates for the 2020 cycle. A motion was made by Gilbert Kroening, seconded by Mike Stern, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Rick Asaturian, Steve Prest, and Mary Jo Homan, as the 2020 directors for a three-year term. Motion carried. A motion was made by Donald Stallman, seconded by Pauline

Nehrkorn, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Paul Pyatt, Paul Hicks, and Randall Campbell, as the 2021 directors for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Liefer presented the Treasurer's report for 2020 and moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion was seconded by Tony Goodin. Motion carried.

President Pyatt welcomed everyone and reminded them that every registered member would receive a \$20 electric credit on their August bill. He shared with the membership that residential electric rates have been lowered by 3.4 percent since January 2020, and that the Board of Directors has retired \$1.8 million in Capital Credits since the 2019 Annual Meeting, with news that the Board of Directors had recently approved the retirement of \$1.4 million in Capital Credits for fall 2021. 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 83rd Annual Meeting of Members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Mr. Hermetz started by introducing the guests in attendance from the AIEC and thank local elected officials for being in attendance. He focused his report on three topics: safety, affordability, and the changing energy landscape.

Mr. Hermetz stressed the importance of safety, asking members to help keep employees safe when they are working along the roadways. He explained that the Cooperative was continuing to adapt to the pandemic and thanked members for their patience as we continue to deliver safe reliable electricity in these stressful times. He reminded members of the rates and capital credits that were discussed by President Pyatt. He described the recent billing format change to present members with a detailed bill that would be more transparent. He concluded his remarks on rates by disclosing that there was no rate increase planned for 2021, but nothing is guaranteed.

He finished his presentation by announcing they were no plans to adjust electric rates in 2022, but informed the membership that the Cooperative could start to feel upward pressure on costs due to inflation and the changing energy landscape. Mr. Hermetz discussed proposed energy legislation and recent changes

in residential solar programs. He asked members if they are concerned with the state energy legislation to contact legislators to voice their concerns.

In closing, Mr. Hermetz discussed the Operation Round Up program as discussed how members could participate.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Hermetz, along with Board attorney, Ms. Casey Twomey, discussed proposed bylaws changes to the membership. The changes were recommended to allow the Cooperative to conduct future business virtually, if needed, in the times of future limits on large gatherings, such as annual meetings. Changes to various sections were discussed. Mr. Hermetz also discussed changes to various section to more clearly define the difference between a Board member and an employee. Ms. Twomey received a motion to accept by-law changes by Rhonda Bodkin, seconded by Kenneth Knop. Motion carried.

President Pyatt called to adjourn the business meeting at 6:33 p.m., and on a motion by Lawrence Dietz, seconded by Howard Hicks, Motion carried.

Before the business meeting, drawings were held for attendance prizes. Winners announced at 5:15 p.m. of a gift bag containing a \$25 gift card, a shirt, and a hat were Suzanne Asaturian, Jerry Glasco, Brian Knapp, Dale Korando, and Howard Hicks. Winners announced at 5:45 p.m. were Betty Butcher, John Dollus, Jack Parr, and Leroy Jones.

Following the business meeting, the 2021 scholarship winners were announced. The winners were as follows: Madison Fleege, Kenneth Bunton, Kennedy Herrell, Shea Petrowske, Ashley Woolard, Emily Bauersachs, Matthew Koester, Samantha Rahlfs, Kylie Bunselmeyer, and Peyton Clendenin.

Upon completion of the scholarship announcements, the remaining attendance prize winners were announced. The winners of \$50 were as follows: Roy Fedderke, Floyd Allen, Gary Johnson, Ruth Robinson, Terri Goodin, Ronald Bauersachs, and Darin Prange. The winners of \$100 were as follows: Thomas Klausing, Darwin Dailey, Joseph Burrow, Marie Hornbostel, Steven Lee, and Mike Krisby.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Liefer
Secretary-Treasurer