

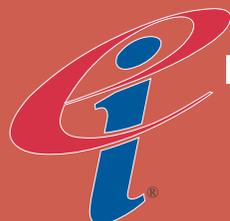
EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

ANNUAL MEETING  
PROGRAM AND  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2018



*WE'RE ALWAYS ON FOR YOU!*

Thursday, June 7, 2018  
Paxton-Buckley-Loda  
Junior/Senior High School



Eastern Illini  
Electric  
Cooperative

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Stay for the door prizes!**  
*There will be a drawing of ten \$100 bills at the conclusion of the business meeting!*

**3 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

## ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION



**\$25 BILL CREDIT** (member registration required)

**ANTIQUÉ TRUCK DISPLAY**

**BUCKET TRUCK DEMONSTRATIONS**

**BOUNCE HOUSE**

**INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**

**MARVIN LEE BAND**

**MINIATURE GOLF**

**PETTING ZOO**

**SEMINARS** (page 3)

**3 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

## DINNER BY NIEMERG'S CATERING

**SNACKS AND ICE CREAM IN THE COURTYARD**

**7 P.M.**

## BUSINESS MEETING



**CALL TO ORDER**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**QUORUM DETERMINATION**

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**DOOR PRIZES** (Ten \$100 bills)

# SEMINAR SCHEDULE

EACH SEMINAR SESSION WILL BE OFFERED  
AT 4 P.M., 5 P.M., AND 6 P.M.

**TOPIC:** CONSERVATION POLICE AND  
THE PRIVATE LAND OWNER

**SPEAKER:** **MATT VIVERITO AND HANK,**  
CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICER  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**LOCATION:** ROOM 604



**TOPIC:** TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR  
FELLING AND CUTTING TREES

**SPEAKER:** **DON GERDES,** EIEC FORESTRY AND  
RIGHT-OF-WAY SPECIALIST

**LOCATION:** ROOM 605



**TOPIC:** SUCCULENTS WITH STYLE: GROWING  
SASSY SUCCULENTS IN CONTAINERS

**SPEAKER:** **MARY DICKINSON,** MASTER GARDENER  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

**LOCATION:** ROOM 608



**TOPIC:** GIVING YOU THE TOOLS TO  
ACHIEVE THE AMERICAN DREAM

**SPEAKER:** **ROBERT BAREN,** STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

**LOCATION:** ROOM 609

*Stop by and search the unclaimed property database.*



**TOPIC:** THE INS AND OUTS OF CAPITAL CREDITS

*We will show a short video and offer a brief overview about capital credits. There will be plenty of time to address your individual questions.*

**SPEAKER:** **GAYLE FORD,** EIEC ACCOUNTANT

**LOCATION:** ROOM 610



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Harold Loy**

District 1

*Beaverville  
26 years of service*



**Kevin Moore**

District 5

*Rossville  
4 years of service*



**Brad Ludwig  
Secretary/Treasurer**

District 6

*Fithian  
33 years of service*



**Tom Schlatter  
Chairman**

District 2

*Chatsworth  
12 years of service*



**Steve Gordon**

District 7

*Rantoul  
2 years of service*



**Steve Meenen  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**

District 3

*Melvin  
12 years of service*



**Chad Larimore**

District 8

*Bement  
2 years of service*



**Bruce Ristow**

District 4

*Cissna Park  
12 years of service*



**Jay Hageman  
Vice Chairman**

District 9

*Fairmount  
19 years of service*

# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The 2018 Credentials Committee met at the office of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative in Paxton on Thursday, April 12, 2018 to determine the eligibility of candidates who had filed nominating petitions for the June 7, 2018 director election. Directors will be elected in Directorate Districts 3, 4 and 6. Attending the meeting were Herb Aden of Newman, Dale Gillette of Chatsworth, Roy Johnson of Penfield, Terry Kaeb of Hoopeston and Mark Waldbeser of Loda. In accordance with the cooperative's bylaws, the Board of Directors appoints members of the Credentials Committee to serve a 1-year term. Herb Aden was selected as chairman of the committee.

The committee reviewed the qualifications of Joel Hastings of Loda, District 3; Steve Meenen of Melvin, District 3; Bruce Ristow of Cissna Park, District 4 and Brad Ludwig of Fithian, District 6 who had each filed nominating petitions. No other candidates filed petitions. After reviewing the petitions, affidavits, and qualifications of the candidates, the Credentials Committee determined that all candidates are eligible to serve as directors of the cooperative. There being no other business to come before the committee, upon a motion made by Mark Waldbeser, seconded by Dale Gillette and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

# DIRECTOR ELECTION

EIEC's Board of Directors is made up of co-op member/owners. They are tasked with setting the policies and guidelines that Eastern Illini's management team then carries out. Each year, three of the nine positions on the board are up for election. Board terms are for three years.

## Directorate District 3

### Joel Hastings, Loda Candidate



Joel Hastings is General Manager of Operations at Nexstep Commercial Products. He oversees manufacturing and distribution for O-Cedar products. Hastings has over 30 years of business experience in transportation, distribution and warehousing. He has worked for SuperValu Distribution

Center, ACE Building Center, CX Roberson and Prairie Farms Dairy.

Hastings is a member of the Paxton First United Methodist Church and served on the Pastor Parish Board. He also served on the SuperValu Credit Union Board.

Hastings is a graduate of McKendree University. He is the son of Dave and Judy Hastings of Paxton and the brother of Cliff Hastings. Hastings, and his wife, Mary, reside near Loda in Ford County. They have two daughters. Asti is a senior at McKendree University and Jolee is a sophomore at PBL High School.

## Directorate District 4

### Bruce Ristow, Cissna Park Incumbent



Bruce Ristow was elected as a director of EIEC in 2006. He received the NRECA Credentialed Certification in 2008 and Board Leadership Certification in 2017.

Ristow cares about his neighbors and his community and wants to do all he can in decision making to provide the best electrical service to EIEC

members while being fiscally responsible.

He is active in his church as Sunday school teacher and has served on the board of Eastern FBFM and 30 years as Fountain Creek Township trustee and clerk.

Ristow farms and is a DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred seed sales representative. He and his wife, Pam, reside near Cissna Park in Iroquois County.

## Directorate District 3

### Steve Meenen, Melvin Incumbent



Steve Meenen has served on the EIEC Board of Directors since 2006. He is currently District 3 Director and serves as assistant secretary/treasurer. He received NRECA Credentialed Certification in 2008. He sees serving EIEC members as a privilege.

He has served on multiple EIEC committees including executive, audit and finance, land use and facilities, and policy, regulation, member and public relations. These experiences have given him a solid background to help implement decisions for EIEC.

Meenen believes cooperatives are one of the best ways to do business. He believes in the philosophy of servant leadership for the common good of the whole. He sees giving back to his community as a way to enrich his life and to help build better organizations. Meenen is a farmer, a DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred seed sales representative and a highway commissioner in Wall Township. He resides near Melvin in Ford County, with his wife, Kimberly and sons, Mitchell and Spencer.

## Directorate District 6

### Brad Ludwig, Fithian Incumbent



Bradley J. Ludwig was elected as a director of Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative in 1985 and has served EIEC as chairman, vice chairman and is currently serving as secretary/treasurer. Ludwig has received the NRECA Credentialed Certification, NRECA Board Leadership Certificate, and the NRECA Director Gold Certificate. Ludwig also serves

as Director for Prairie Power, Inc. and is finance committee chairman. Ludwig's goal is to keep rates reasonably priced while providing excellent electric service to members. He takes his fiduciary duty very seriously.

Much like his commitment to EIEC, Ludwig values the opportunity to belong to organizations where he can impact the community and people associated with it. He is a farm owner/operator and an insurance agent. He and his wife, Sally, reside near Collison in Vermilion County.

# BOARD CHAIRMAN AND CEO REPORT

On behalf of Eastern Illini's Board of Directors and employees, we would like to welcome you to the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members!

Thank you for attending your annual meeting. We hope you enjoy the day with your family, take advantage of the activities and food, and learn a little more about how EIEC is much different than other utilities.

As a member-owned cooperative, we are dedicated to providing you – our members – with reliable electricity and excellent service. Our employees live in this area, just like you, and we are dedicated to improving the quality of life in rural east central Illinois. We would like to provide a few highlights from the past year:

## **SAFETY**

Our driving and continual focus for the cooperative is the safety of our employees, our members, and the general public. The commitment to safety is reflected in the support of our Board of Directors, management, and our employees. The main portion of our safety goal each year is to experience zero lost time incidents. We did not achieve that goal in 2017. For 2018, our safety goal is to experience zero lost time incidents and we are committed to achieving that goal.

## **MEMBER SATISFACTION**

EIEC employees and Directors take pride in providing the service level our members deserve and expect. Each October, we survey each of you. This survey typically covers topics such as member service, employee professionalism, rates, programs, and reliability. We also include questions to calculate an American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) score, which tracks your overall view of EIEC numerically.

In 2017, our overall survey results were very good, and we again received an ACSI score of 89 (out of 100)! This score places us in the top 10 percent of cooperatives across the nation. We are proud of the level of service that we provide you, and we are constantly looking for ways to improve.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2017 was a good financial year for your cooperative. Operating margins totaled slightly above \$1.4 million, with total operating revenues of \$34.7 million. These margins are in addition to \$0.65 million prepayment made to our power supplier at year end to reduce 2018 wholesale power supply costs. Equity for the year ended at 47.2% which is slightly above our benchmark target. Our debt service coverage metric exceeded our lender's requirements. These two factors allow us to optimize our borrowing costs.

## **MARGINS AND CAPITAL CREDITS**

Each year, we review our revenue collected compared to our expenses in providing electric service to you. This difference is similar to profit, but for a not-for-profit cooperative it is referred to as operating margins. The margins try to balance internally generated operating cash (dollars we collect from your monthly electric bills) with capital provided from long-term borrowings (loans). These margins are then allocated as capital credits to be returned to you at a future date. Our Board of Directors have set a goal of returning margins back to our member/owners on a 25-year cycle. We anticipate reaching this goal in 2020.

In 2017, we retired nearly \$1.6 million in capital credits to members who received electric service in 1986, 1987, and 1988. For 2018, we are budgeting a retirement of over \$1.6 million for the years of 1988, 1989, and 1990. This return of your equity, or prior investment in EIEC, is one of the unique benefits of membership in a local, not-for-profit cooperative.

## **RATES**

EIEC has not had a distribution rate adjustment since April 2013. There is no increase budgeted in our distribution rate for 2018. Our projections for total revenue needs the next few years is also stable, barring any catastrophic events. However, we do pass along any increases from our wholesale power provider as necessary, in the power cost adjustment portion of our billing. Our wholesale power costs reflect the capacity, energy, and transmission portions of electricity pricing delivered to the EIEC metering points. In 2018, we have initiated a cost of service study. This study will help determine our future total revenue requirements, along with reviewing the fairness of the allocation of costs to our members in the various rate classes.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

As the technology around us continues to change rapidly, we are always on the lookout for technology that will allow us to better serve you. Our online and smart phone account portal – SmartHub – continues to evolve. SmartHub lets you easily and conveniently pay your bill, view your electric use history, report an outage, and more. You can sign up for your FREE SmartHub account by visiting our website at [www.eiec.coop](http://www.eiec.coop).

# BOARD CHAIRMAN AND CEO REPORT

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## **POWER SUPPLY**

About 60 percent of our power is provided by the Prairie State Generating Campus coal-fired power plant, located in Washington County, Illinois. Our wholesale power provider, Prairie Power Inc. (PPI), owns 130 MW of this facility, along with various other natural gas fired generation units. On the renewable front, PPI has two solar panel arrays and a portion of wind energy provided by the Pioneer Trail wind farm near Paxton. PPI also contracts for power supply in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) market. PPI is continually monitoring existing and future market trends in balancing the decision of owning or contracting for future generation resources, to provide you with supply diversity and a stable long-term portfolio.

## **RELIABILITY**

Our distribution system performed well this year, resulting in an available reliability of 99.98 percent (excluding major storms and transmission supply outages). Even with the inclusion of major storm events and transmission supplier outages, our available reliability was 99.96 percent. We continue to monitor and upgrade our system to maintain the high level of service you've come to expect.

Power from PPI is delivered through the Ameren 69 kV transmission system. Annually, nearly one-third of our member's average outage time is a result of outages on the Ameren system that impact EIEC power substations. We have been discussing this issue with Ameren to jointly seek means to improve their service and reliability. We recently signed an agreement that allows EIEC personnel to operative selective Ameren line switches during outage situations.

## **CHALLENGES**

Rural areas in general are experiencing population decline and a lack of adequate job opportunities, along with inadequate Internet access. The EIEC territory experiences similar trends, which leads to flat or minimal energy sales growth. We continue to actively monitor the State of Illinois' renewable incentives, primarily for wind and solar. The final rules for this program should be completed during 2018.

A large increase in member-owned solar could present significant challenges to our current business model and rate structure. All members share in the cost of cooperative assets and annual expenses. Any loss of revenue resulting from member owned generation (such as solar) must be re-allocated and recovered from the total membership.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Most of the recent additions in energy sales in our territory has been driven from existing member expansions of grain, livestock, and other agricultural related businesses. We continue to work with our member/owners to optimize the value they receive from electricity.

Cooperatives are not just in the business of selling energy and providing service, but also in the business of improving the quality of life for our members. There is still a potential for a large industrial load to materialize in our system in the Tuscola area. We expect a decision on this project's viability in 2018.

We are in our 81st year operating a successful electric distribution cooperative, and we appreciate the confidence that you have placed in us and our employees to represent your interests. We hope you've enjoyed this brief recap of our 2017 performance. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



**Tom Schlatter**  
Board Chairman



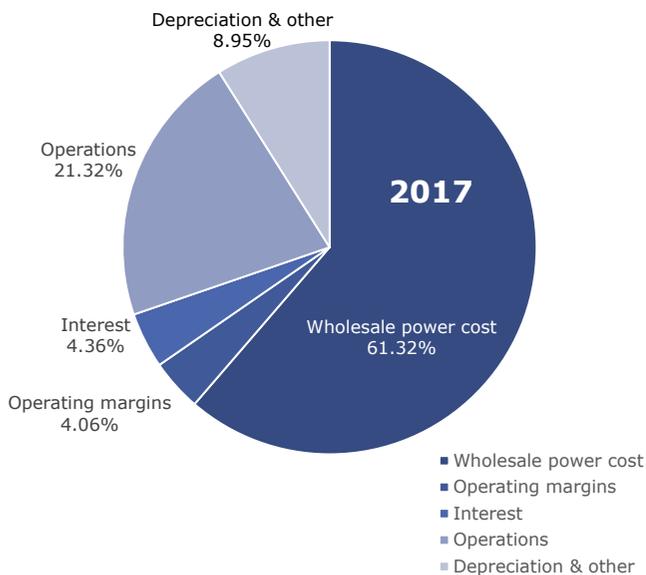
**Bob Hunzinger**  
President/CEO

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The enclosed financial information represents the Cooperative's operation for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015. These reports were taken directly from the Cooperative's books and records which have been audited by the auditing firm of Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP in 2017 and Olsen Thielen & Co., LTD in 2016 and 2015. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants sets the standards and scope of the audits.

## BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2017

ASSETS	2017	2016	2015
<b>UTILITY PLANT</b>			
Cost of electric plant	\$104,965,182	\$102,426,069	\$98,592,187
Less: accumulated depreciation	43,827,121	41,892,375	39,995,883
Net Utility Plant	\$61,138,061	\$60,533,694	\$58,596,304
<b>CURRENT &amp; OTHER ASSETS</b>			
Cash-general	\$468,175	\$601,479	\$582,648
Investments	18,531,729	18,265,490	18,396,789
Accounts receivable, net	3,101,600	2,541,860	2,281,731
Materials and supplies	498,128	605,829	710,208
Prepaid and other assets	1,029,132	811,008	779,410
Total Assets	\$84,766,825	\$83,359,360	\$81,347,090
<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Membership fees & other equities	\$3,799,702	\$3,245,137	\$3,051,516
Patronage capital	30,382,552	29,128,966	27,957,019
Operating margins	1,405,822	1,406,670	1,443,814
Non-operating margins	4,410,856	4,415,272	4,303,343
Long-term debt	\$33,050,959	\$35,069,651	\$36,576,918
<b>CURRENT &amp; OTHER LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$3,884,387	\$3,367,918	\$3,058,952
Notes payable - Line of Credit	2,455,434	1,408,151	-
Consumers' deposits & prepayments	468,710	471,660	478,850
Other non-current liabilities	4,908,403	4,845,935	4,476,678
Total Members' Equity and Liability	\$84,766,825	\$83,359,360	\$81,347,090



## HOW YOUR ELECTRIC DOLLAR WAS SPENT

	2017	2016	2015
Wholesale power cost	61.32%	59.33%	60.24%
Operations	21.32%	22.68%	21.84%
Depreciation & other	8.95%	8.91%	8.54%
Interest	4.36%	4.86%	5.11%
Operating margins	4.06%	4.22%	4.27%

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE for the year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015
Total operating revenue	\$34,656,490	\$33,346,076	\$33,800,521
Operating Expenses:			
Cost of power	\$21,251,200	\$19,784,606	\$20,362,091
Operations and maintenance expenses	3,816,614	4,110,107	3,980,108
Consumer accounts expense	687,037	663,382	680,488
Customer service and information expense	645,101	659,956	651,192
Administrative and general expense	2,108,208	2,059,694	2,010,440
Depreciation	3,100,068	2,969,286	2,885,270
Interest expense	1,511,004	1,621,685	1,727,027
Other deductions	131,436	70,690	60,090
Total operating expense	\$33,250,668	\$31,939,406	\$32,356,706
Operating margins (loss)	\$1,405,822	\$1,406,670	\$1,443,815
Non-operating margins (loss)	\$1,578,022	\$1,588,603	\$1,514,531
Income or (loss) from equity investments	25,525	19,359	(18,497)
Net margins (loss) for the year	\$3,009,369	\$3,014,632	\$2,939,849

## OPERATING STATISTICS

Operating Statistics	2017	2016	2015
Total kWh purchased	254,553,654	259,085,868	255,342,023
Total kWh sold	233,910,415	238,870,083	234,948,109
Average number consumers served	13,581	13,501	13,510
Average kWh usage per month per consumer	1,435	1,474	1,449
Average revenue per kWh sold to consumers	\$0.1482	\$0.1396	\$0.1439
Average cost per kWh purchased	\$0.083	\$0.076	\$0.080

# 2017 MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes of Eastern Illini's Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Members, June 8, 2017

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of Members of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at Paxton-Buckley-Loda Junior/Senior High School, 700 W. Orleans Street, Paxton, Illinois on Thursday, June 8, 2017 and called to order at 3 p.m.; then recessed, with the business portion of the meeting convened at 7 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Thomas Schlatter, who presided and acted as Chairman. Secretary of the Board, Bradley J. Ludwig, acted as Secretary of the meeting and kept the minutes thereof.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Brian Ronna led the membership in the National Anthem. Bob Dickey led the membership in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Steve Meenen delivered the invocation.

### QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairman Schlatter announced that the registration staff had informed him that there were 962 member/owners present in person or by proxy, and that the attendance being in excess of 100 member/owners, as required by the bylaws to constitute a quorum, the Chairman announced that a quorum was in attendance, and he declared the meeting to be duly constituted to transact business.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Director Hageman introduced the current Cooperative board of directors and current employees, retired directors and employees. He also introduced representatives of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, the Cooperative's state association and Prairie Power, Inc. (PPI), the Cooperative's generation and transmission cooperative.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Director Hageman then recognized State Representative Thomas Bennett, Senator Scott Bennett and State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, who was represented by Paul Faraci. He then thanked all of the member/owners of the Cooperative for their attendance at the meeting.

### READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROOF OF MAILING

Chairman Schlatter indicated that Secretary Bradley J. Ludwig had certified the Official Notice of the meeting and the Affidavit of Mailing of said Notice. The Chairman directed the Secretary to annex to the minutes of this meeting a copy of the Notice together with the Affidavit of Mailing by the Board Secretary.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of Members held June 9, 2016, as printed in the 2017 Annual Report/Annual Meeting program and distributed to all member/owners, were presented for consideration. Member/owner Robert Apperson made a motion that the rules be suspended; that the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 9, 2016 be waived; and that the minutes be approved as presented in the official Annual Report of this meeting. His motion was seconded by member/owner Joe Palen and unanimously approved.

### REPORT OF TREASURER

Chairman Schlatter informed the membership that the Treasurer's Report was contained in the official Annual Report and there would be no oral report describing the amounts and matters set forth therein. A financial summary was also incorporated in the Notice of the meeting and is also available online at the Cooperative's website. However, questions about the report could be asked.

The Treasurer's Report included operating statistics, the balance sheet for the years ending December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2016, respectively, consolidated statements of revenues, and expenses of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries for those years, as well as other information.

The balance sheet reflected the following information for 2016:

Net Utility Plant	\$ 60,533,694.00
Total Asset	\$ 83,359,360.00
Long Term Debt	\$ 35,069,651.00
Total Members' Equity & Liabilities	\$ 83,359,360.00

Thereafter, the financial reporting period was concluded and Chairman Schlatter entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by member/owner Rowe Blissard. The motion was seconded by member/owner Jon Goembel and upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

# 2017 MEETING MINUTES

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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chairman Schlatter stated that the condition of the Cooperative for the prior year was noted in a written Executive Report, included as part of the official Annual Report of the Meeting. In addition, that report was mailed to all member/owners. It was indicated that the executives would respond to questions from the floor after the conclusion of further meeting business.

Then, President/CEO Robert Hunzinger addressed the member/owners about a group of linemen who went to Bolivia to assist in providing electricity to a local community. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) was a sponsor of the program, and one of the Cooperative employees, Terry Riggins, participated in the trip. Paul Dow of AIEC developed a video presentation which the membership viewed. Mr. Riggins described in detail his experience and how it has changed his perspective. He thanked the Cooperative for the opportunity to participate in the program and construct the infrastructure allowing electricity to be brought to the Bolivian community. In addition, Mr. Dow spoke very favorably about Mr. Riggins and his efforts.



Mr. Hunzinger addressed the video regarding the Bolivia project and another cooperative video which presented a history of the cooperative. He thanked all of the employees for their efforts, including the focus on safety. In addition, he acknowledged Alan Schweighart, the retired Vice President of Operations and Engineering for his many years of service.

Mr. Hunzinger then addressed several operational matters, including the construction of three (3) new substations to improve reliability, a rebate to members, capital credits retirement, and community involvement in youth programs. He noted that the Cooperative has received a member/owner satisfaction score through ACSI of 89 on a scale of 100, which is very favorable.

Finally, Mr. Hunzinger presented the outlook for 2017, indicating that the weather is predicted to be mild, which will likely lead to lower kilowatt hour consumption. Rates will remain stable and renewable energy opportunities will continue to arise.

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Schlatter announced that the next item of business would be the election of Directors and called upon Attorney Guy Hall to conduct that election. Mr. Hall announced that all the candidates were identified in the Annual Report and thanked all those who participated and voted. He indicated that three (3) incumbent candidates were seeking re-election. The candidates were Directors Thomas Schlatter, Kevin Moore, and Jay Hageman. The Credentials Committee previously found all of the candidates to meet the qualifications for election, and their positions were not contested. A brief summary of the candidates' experience was included in the report. Mr. Hall noted that since there were no nominees other than those reviewed and approved by the Credentials Committee, the membership could waive the written ballot and elect the nominees who had filed petitions pursuant to Section 2.5 of the bylaws of the Cooperative. Mr. Hall then entertained a motion to waive the written ballot and elect the nominees approved by the Credentials Committee. Thereafter, there was a motion by member/owner Robert Apperson, which was duly seconded by member/owner Josh Ehmen to waive the written ballot and elect the nominees, Thomas Schlatter, Kevin Moore and Jay Hageman. The motion was carried by a voice vote, and the nominees were unanimously elected by the membership.

## QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Schlatter called for any questions or any unfinished business to be presented. There were no questions and no further business presented for consideration.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon a motion duly made by Jon Goembel, seconded by Dennis Mangers and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



# COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

1ST PRINCIPLE: VOLUNTARY & OPEN MEMBERSHIP

2ND PRINCIPLE: DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

3RD PRINCIPLE: MEMBER'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

4TH PRINCIPLE: AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

5TH PRINCIPLE: EDUCATION, TRAINING & INFORMATION

6TH PRINCIPLE: COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

7TH PRINCIPLE: CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

