

OFFICIAL NOTICE

EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

June 6, 2019

Paxton-Buckley-Loda Junior/Senior High School
Paxton, Illinois

Registration: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Business meeting: 7 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the 32nd Annual Meeting of Members of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 7 p.m., at the Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School/Junior High School, 700 West Orleans Street, Paxton, Illinois. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and action will be taken on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors and President/CEO.
2. The election of four directors (one each from Directorate Districts 1, 7, 8 and 9). In connection with the election of directors, the following candidates have been nominated by petitions: Robert Warmbir, Clifton, District 1; Tyler Finegan, Ashkum, District 1; Steve Gordon, Rantoul, District 7; Chad Larimore, Bement, District 8; Theodore Hartke, Sidney, District 9; Lauri Quick, Tolono, District 9.
3. To consider and act upon bylaw amendments as recommended by the Board of Directors, a summary of which is furnished with this notice.
4. To consider and transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

Bradley J. Ludwig
Secretary/Treasurer

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\$25 Bill Credit for Attending Annual Meeting

Members who register and attend the annual meeting will receive a \$25 bill credit.

Churches & Businesses

To receive the \$25 attendance credit at the annual meeting, any person representing a business or other organization (*non-residential*) must present a letter from the proper officials of that entity (*preferably on company letterhead*) designating that person as the official representative.

Board of Directors Election Candidates

Directorate District 1 Candidate, Robert Warmbir



Robert J. Warmbir is an accredited farm manager and real estate broker for Hertz Farm Management in Kankakee. He is involved in the purchase and sale of agricultural property, securing inputs, marketing grain, and

procuring tenants. Warmbir has been a member of EIEC since 2014.

He is a 2013 graduate of the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business and Management. He grew up on an 1,800-acre grain and livestock farm in Iroquois County. Warmbir is involved with many local organizations including Kankakee County Farm Bureau Young Leaders program. Warmbir is also a member of the American Society of Farm Managers.

Warmbir describes himself as driven and goal oriented.

Directorate District 1 Candidate, Tyler Finegan



Tyler R. Finegan and his wife, Britni, reside in Ashkum and are the parents of Anderson and Elliott. Finegan is a corn and soybean farmer in Iroquois County. He is a fourth generation farmer who works with his parents and brother on their

family farm. He's a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Finegan is a 2004 graduate of Clifton Central High School. He continued his education at Kankakee Community College earning an associate degree in 2006. He graduated from Western Illinois University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Finegan was a standout basketball player while a Comet at Clifton Central High School. He brought his winning tradition and notable resume to the basketball court and has been the Comet's coach for nine years.

Directorate District 7 Incumbent, Steve Gordon



Steve Gordon has been an EIEC member since 1982. He was elected to the board of directors in 2016. Gordon has farmed in Champaign County and in southern Illinois for more than 48 years. He is a member of the Illinois Corn Growers

Association. Gordon is also involved in the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge. He is also a strong supporter of St. Malachy Catholic School in Rantoul and The High School of St. Thomas More in Champaign.

Gordon is a graduate of St. Malachy Catholic School and Rantoul High School. He continued his education at Parkland College.

In addition to farming, Gordon has business acumen as he has started and sold several businesses over the years. Gordon, and his wife, Becky, reside in rural Rantoul. They are the parents of Kacie and Devon.

Directorate District 8 Incumbent, Chad Larimore



Chad Larimore has been an EIEC member since 2009.

He was elected to the board of directors in 2016. During his tenure on the board, he has served on various committees, attended many

educational courses on board operations, and met many individuals in the energy industry. He believes his background in family farming aligns well with Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative's values. Larimore's engineering and business background bring another perspective to the board.

While raising a young family, Larimore looks towards the future, by keeping an open mind about new technologies while still maintaining a financial responsibility to the membership. His ultimate goal is to keep the lights on for EIEC members in a safe and reliable manner.

Directorate District 9 Candidate, Theodore Hartke



Theodore P. Hartke was born and raised on a livestock farm in Teutopolis, IL.

He is a graduate of Teutopolis High School and continued his education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, earning a

bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Hartke has 21 years' experience as an engineer and surveyor - 14 years as a licensed engineer and 15 years as a licensed Illinois Land Surveyor. As a business owner, Hartke has experience in personnel management, financial management, and responsible decision making. Hartke has been involved in many organizations, including the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor's Association, FFA and 4-H.

Hartke and his wife, Jessica, reside in rural Sidney. They are the parents of Phillip, Sophia, and Gabriel (deceased).

Directorate District 9 Incumbent, Lauri Quick



Lauri Quick has been an EIEC member since 2008. She was appointed to the board of directors in November 2018.

Since becoming a director, Quick has attended certification

courses and other events to expand her knowledge of the electric industry in order to best serve all the EIEC members. Quick is currently employed in the Office of Advancement for the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, where she obtained a master's degree. On campus, she mentors international students and regularly participates in the Campus and Community Day of Service. Quick is an avid supporter of Illini athletics. She is an active member of the First Christian Church in Urbana. Quick and her husband, David, reside outside of Tolono. They are the parents of Justin and Megan and have three granddaughters.

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Sample Ballot & Bylaw Amendments

SAMPLE BALLOT EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE JUNE 6, 2019 - PAXTON, IL

The term of office for each director shall be three (3) years.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black or blue ink or No. 2 pencil only.
- Erase changes completely.
- Fill circles completely.
- Make no stray marks on this form.

Directorate District 1

Vote for ONE (1)

☐ Robert Warmbir, Candidate

☐ Tyler Finegan, Candidate

Directorate District 7

Vote for ONE (1)

☐ Steve Gordon, Incumbent

Directorate District 8

Vote for ONE (1)

☐ Chad Larimore, Incumbent

Directorate District 9

Vote for ONE (1)

☐ Theodore Hartke, Candidate

☐ Lauri Quick, Incumbent

EIEC Bylaws

Vote for ONE (1)

☐ YES, I approve the revised Bylaws.

☐ NO, I do not approve the revised Bylaws.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments to be voted upon at the 2019 Annual Meeting on June 6, 2019.

The Board of Directors of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative is proposing several bylaw amendments at this year's annual meeting. The changes include:

Voting Options Prior to the Annual Meeting – Members will be able to vote in board member elections by mail or other methods allowed by state law. This change will allow members who can't attend the annual meeting an opportunity to still directly vote in the director election. (Article II, Section 2.5-6)

Uncontested Elections – There has been some confusion for members during board elections when there is only one candidate in a certain directorate district (an uncontested election). Instead of placing these names on the ballot, this change will clarify allowing members to elect directors running unopposed via voice vote during the annual meeting. (Article II, Section 2.5)

Proxy Ballots – By adding the ability for members to vote by mail (or other means) prior to the annual meeting, there will be no reason for members to vote by proxy. This change will remove the ability for members to vote by proxy ballot. (Article II, Section 2.6)

Ballot Position – Currently, the position of director candidates on the election ballot is determined by the drawing for the ballot position. This change will result in the position of director candidates on the election ballot being determined by the order in which candidates turn in their petition materials. If two candidates from the same directorate district turn in their materials at the same time, their position will still be determined by drawing. (Article III, Section 3.5)



Members of the 2019 Credentials Committee are left to right: Doug Anderson, Donovan; Leonard Boudreau, Donovan; Dave Boomgarden, Chatsworth; Marsha Klienmeyer, Comargo; and Michele Cohen, Ogden. After reviewing the bylaws, petitions, affidavits, and qualifications of the potential candidates, the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative 2019 Credentials Committee has determined that the 2019 candidates are eligible to serve as directors of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative.

2019 EMPOWERING EDUCATION GRANTS

40 teachers receive \$500 grants

| | School | Teacher | Title of Project |
|----|---|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Armstrong-Ellis Grade School | Patti Bohlen | Butterfly and Humming Bird Garden |
| 2 | Armstrong-Ellis Grade School | Kelsey Jones | SnapWords and Sensory Boxes |
| 3 | Arthur Grade School | Pam Evans | Renewable Energy |
| 4 | Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High | Shawn Davison | Credit Recovery Program |
| 5 | Bement High School | Andrew Brown | 3D Printing |
| 6 | Christ Lutheran High School, Buckley | Kari Stachura | Art Program |
| 7 | Cissna Park High School | Mark Portwood | Fine Arts Sound Equipment |
| 8 | Donovan Junior/Senior High School | Toni Ponton | Virtual Reality |
| 9 | Fisher Grade School | Kathy Brake | Kindness Counts |
| 10 | Fisher Grade School | Theresa Cox | Connecting to STEM |
| 11 | Gifford Grade School | Cecelia Vermillion | Positive Behavior Program |
| 12 | Hoopeston Area High School | Michele Kachmar | Learning Through Lit: Hispanic Novels |
| 13 | Iroquois West Elementary, Gilman | Christina Basham | READiculous |
| 14 | Iroquois West Upper Elementary, Thawville | Jill Murphy | Wonder with Coding |
| 15 | John Greer Grade School, Hoopeston | Sara Anderson | Ecosystems and Terrarium |
| 16 | Lincoln Trail Elementary, Mahomet | Lindsey Denault | Flexible Seating: Hokki Stools |
| 17 | Lincoln Trail Elementary, Mahomet | Ben Herriott | Virtual Field Trips |
| 18 | Ludlow Grade School | Melissa Buhr | Science, Technology, Engineering and Math |
| 19 | Mahomet Seymour Junior High School | Rachel Nodine | Tangible Math |
| 20 | Milford Grade School | Mitzi Fox | Stay Connected: Headphones and Earbuds |
| 21 | Monticello Middle School | Marissa Brewer | Problem Solving Breakout Boxes |
| 22 | Nash Middle School, Clifton | Beth Behrends | Reading Books and Flexible Seating |
| 23 | North Ward Elementary, Tuscola | Kristen Brown | 4 th Grade MakerSpace |
| 24 | PBL High School, Paxton | Brittany Canino | Fabric Cutting: Cricut Design |
| 25 | PBL High School, Paxton | Emily Wood | Calligraphy and Hand Lettering |
| 26 | Potomac Grade School | Jim Ochs | Mystery Science |
| 27 | Prairie Central Elementary | Carrie Small | Say Cheese! It's Time to Code |
| 28 | Prairie Central High School | Casey McCullough | Digital Drawing |
| 29 | Prairie Central Upper Elementary | Paula Bachtold | Renewable Energy: I am a Big Fan |
| 30 | Rantoul Township High School | Nick Cotter | Tractor Restoration |
| 31 | Ridgeview CUSD #1, Colfax | Lauren Schuler | MakerSpace |
| 32 | Salt Fork Junior High School, Sidell | Rosemary Puzey | Held for Ransom: Escape Room |
| 33 | St. Anne Community High School | Tammie Barclay | Spanish Marketplace |
| 34 | St. Anne Grade School | Heidi Munsterman | Salsa Grande: Hydroponic Tower |
| 35 | St. John's Lutheran School, Buckley | Rebekah Sanders | Design and Build: Enhancing Fine Motor Skills |
| 36 | St. Malachy Catholic School, Rantoul | Mallorie McMorris | Science, Tech, Religion, Engineering, Art, & Math |
| 37 | St. Paul's Lutheran School, Woodworth | Julia Aaron | Creating Art |
| 38 | Unity High School, Tolono | Jessica Burke | Career Research |
| 39 | Villa Grove CUSD #3 | Amber Schweighart | Canoeing/Camping/Hiking to Sugar Creek |
| 40 | Watseka Community High School | Erika Sterrenberg | Kankakee Community College Field Trip |



SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EIEC SERVICE TERRITORY

Funding Projects that Benefit Students



2019 EMPOWERING EDUCATION GRANTS



EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE - \$25 BILL CREDIT
2019 ANNUAL MEETING - DINNER
- DOOR PRIZES
- FUN FOR KIDS
- SEMINARS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- DIRECTOR VOTING
- BUSINESS MEETING

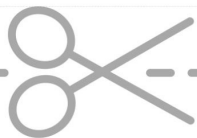
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BUSINESS MEETING: 7 P.M. - 8 P.M.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE PROXY

1. **Designate the EIEC member** to whom you are assigning your proxy vote.
Write that member's name where it says **INSERT NAME**.
2. **Date and sign** the proxy.
3. Print your **name and address**.
4. **Give the proxy to your designated member** to bring to the annual meeting.



PROXY

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EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

As a member of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, an Illinois Corporation, I,
the undersigned, hereby assign to member

INSERT NAME: _____

my proxy to vote in my stead at the 2019 Annual Meeting of members
to be held at the PBL Junior/Senior High School, Paxton, Illinois on
June 6, 2019. This proxy is unlimited as to matters on which it may be voted.

Date

Signature of member assigning proxy

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Under the bylaws, no member may vote as a proxy for more than three members and the presence of a member at the meeting revokes a proxy heretofore given. A proxy shall not be valid nor voted at any meeting of members unless it designates the name of the member to whom the proxy is assigned.