



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays and holidays

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

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Board meets the fourth Monday
of each month at the co-op office.

STAFF

General Manager

Dave Schneider

Operations/Engineering Manager

Steve Hess

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

I would like to express my gratitude for your membership in Midstate Electric Cooperative. Because of your connection to the co-op, we are able to make our community a better place.

I generally use this space to provide updates on new projects and developments, and to report on the progress of ongoing initiatives so that all of our members know of our priorities, progress and challenges. However, during this season of giving thanks, I think it's equally important to let you and other members know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is Concern for Community. While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

We partner with local groups such as Mid-Oregon Credit Union for Operation Round Up projects and other programs. We work closely with our local schools to provide electrical safety demonstrations, award college scholarships and provide career days. MEC also participates in the annual Youth Tour, where we take some of our community's finest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week to experience democracy in action.

Ultimately, the community benefits from these programs because of you. You empower the co-op through your membership and support of these programs.

When you attend co-op events, alert us to problems and provide suggestions, you help us improve operations and thereby better serve our members.

Because we are locally governed by

members of our community, we get a firsthand perspective on community priorities, enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as economic development and equipment and technology upgrades.



We are thankful our co-op board members take time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed directors who serve the co-op's interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the many acts of kindness our line-workers and other employees receive when working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your understanding when we are working to restore power during challenging situations.

MEC was established 67 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The co-op is a reflection of our community and its evolving needs.

Together, let's continue making it a better place. We can't do it without you.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Our office will be closed for the holiday. In case of an outage or electrical emergency, call (800) 752-5935.

**Dave Schneider
General Manager**

**Your 2019 member calendar is included
in this issue of Ruralite.**