



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Departments

Member Service..... Option 3
Engineering..... Option 4
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Operations..... Option 6

**After-Hours Outage and
Emergencies: 541-536-2165
or 800-752-5935**

OFFICE HOURS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Leland Smith, Sunriver

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Bud Kendall, La Pine

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

STAFF

General Manager

Dave Schneider

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

The Oregon Legislature returns this month for a long-haul session that likely will not end until late June. Midstate Electric Cooperative will be actively involved working with other electric cooperatives through our statewide organization—the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association—to remind lawmakers about the importance of affordable and reliable electricity.

Initial review of this year's legislative session shows a number of proposed bills that could dramatically raise the price of electricity for Northwest consumers. As the session progresses, we may need to call on our political grassroots advocates—ORECA-Action—to band together in a collective voice to affect the political process.

If you have not become a grassroots member in support of Oregon cooperative values to promote common-sense solutions in keeping our electricity affordable and reliable, join us today. You will receive notifications and prewritten messages you can forward to your elected officials.

There are three ways you can become a grassroots advocate. Go to www.mse.coop and click on the ORECA-Action Grassroots button on the upper right of the home page, call 541-536-2126 option 5, or email your name and address to marketing@mse.coop. Together we can make a difference!

Board Districts up for Election

There will be an election for board of director positions to oversee the cooperative's operation at MEC's 2019 annual

membership meeting Saturday, May 11. Petitions for board districts 3 (Crescent), 4 (Gilchrist) and 6 (La Pine) must be on file on or before Tuesday, March 12.

Candidates to represent those districts may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative who reside in that district. Detailed descriptions are on page 8. Petitions for the three positions are available at MEC's headquarters facility.

Safety Reminder

Winter weather increases the chance of downed power lines. If you see a downed line, keep yourself and others away.

- Do not try to help by moving downed wires or cutting trees off power lines. Rubber boots, gloves or a long stick WILL NOT protect you from electric shock.
- If a line is blocking the entrance to your driveway, do not drive over it.
- Call 911, then report the situation to MEC immediately at 800-752-5935.

MEC's Scholarship Program

MEC's 2019 scholarship application is available at www.mse.coop. The final deadline for submitting the application and all required materials is Monday, May 6. Call 541-536-2126 option 5 for more information.

Payment Options

MEC offers a number of payment options for our members' convenience. We now accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express cards. See page 25 for more details.

General Manager Dave Schneider