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Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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:

Happy New Year! The year 2018, from a calendar perspective, is behind us. The calendar year is the fiscal and operating year for Midstate Electric Cooperative. Staff will be busy closing out 2018 during the coming weeks.

As we jump into preparations for 2019, your board of directors has chosen Saturday, May 11, as the date for the MEC annual membership meeting. Please make a note of it on your calendar. You will receive formal notification of the time and location of the meeting well in advance.

Districts 3 (Crescent), 4 (Gilchrist) and 6 (La Pine) are up for election this year. 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. Petitions for the three positions may be obtained at MEC's headquarters facility and must be filed with the secretary on or before Tuesday, March 12.

For information about qualifications and duties of directors, call 541-536-2126 option 5. For detailed descriptions of districts 3, 4 and 6, see page 8.

Sophomores and Juniors: Last Call

It is time to submit your applications for the 2019 Washington, D.C., Youth Tour, June 13-20. More than 1,800 students from across America take part in the Youth Tour experience, and so can you.

This all-expenses-paid trip gives students the opportunity to watch history come alive as they explore museums, memorials and monuments with students

from their state. Students also have the chance to meet their U.S. representatives and senators.

High school sophomores and juniors whose parents are MEC members are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is January 31. Call 541-536-2126 option 5 for information.

Oregon Legislature Returns to Salem

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

If this legislative session is like the last, a number of bills will be considered that could dramatically raise the price of electricity and jeopardize our cooperative values. 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 electricity affordable and reliable, don't wait. Join us today! There are three ways you can join our grassroots program. 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. Thank you for your support.

General Manager Dave Schneider