



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

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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:

Most of us lead busy lives. We find ourselves multitasking, constantly checking phones and email to keep up with the demands of our lives. Thanks to technology, we can efficiently accomplish many tasks electronically and remotely.

With so many pressing obligations, we like to protect our spare time. Invitations to attend in-person meetings and gatherings are weighed carefully as we decide if our time and effort to attend is beneficial. The answer to the question "What's in it for me?" must be compelling.

You may think attending Midstate Electric Cooperative's annual meeting would be easy to lump into the "no benefit to me" category. I ask you to rethink that conclusion.

MEC exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our member/consumers. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of all members and to serve the long-term interests of our local communities. This is where you can help.

As a member of the community, you have a valuable perspective—and we invite you to share it with the co-op.

At the annual meeting, we will discuss challenges, the co-op's financial health and priorities for the coming years. The annual meeting is also the time to elect the board of directors who represent members of the co-op. Board members are local consumers, just like you.

MEC is one of the few local organizations that is uniquely positioned to bring together all members of the community. It is worth noting that the health of the co-op and the well-being of

the community are closely intertwined.

Perhaps you believe you have nothing to add to the discussion so there is no need to attend the annual meeting. However, every energy bill you pay to the co-op helps ensure better service and reliability for the whole community. Your dollars are reinvested locally into improvements that affect the reliability and affordability of your energy. We want to hear from you to better form our decisions as we plan for the future.

While MEC provides convenient electronic options for bill paying and communication, there is no substitute for in-person engagement. When members of our community come together for a common purpose, we improve the quality of life for all in our small corner of the world.

Mark your calendar for the annual meeting Saturday, May 11, at La Pine High School. Doors open at 10 a.m. Whether you have never attended, it has been awhile or you frequently attend our annual meeting, please plan to stop by. Our co-op family looks forward to visiting with you! A barbecue, health fair, high-voltage safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides, displays and door prizes will be provided.

May Is Electrical Safety Month

Safety remains a high priority at MEC. Educating employees about electrical safety is important, but it is just as important that the public understands how to live, work and play safely around electricity. See page 25 for electrical safety tips.

Dave Schneider
General Manager