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# Manager's Message

**Dear Member,**

The 2021 Oregon Legislature is underway. MEC is actively working with other electric cooperatives through our state organization—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, several bills will be considered that could considerably 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 solutions in keeping electricity affordable and reliable, now is the time. Join us today!

There are three ways you can join. Go to [www.mse.coop](http://www.mse.coop) and click on the ORECA-Action Grassroots button on the upper right of the homepage, call 541-536-2126 option 5 or visit [www.ORECA-Action.org](http://www.ORECA-Action.org) to register. Thank you for your support.

**Operation Round Up**

MEC is committed to improving the lives of our members. We do this mainly by providing safe, reliable and affordable energy services.

As a cooperative, MEC follows a set of seven principles. One of these principles is Concern for Community, which means that while we focus on the needs of our members, we also strive to improve the

communities we serve. In this spirit, we offer Operation Round Up.

You can support worthwhile projects in MEC's service area by rounding up your monthly electric bill to the next whole dollar. Every penny donated stays local, and is used to support charitable causes and nonprofit community services and programs.

Call 541-536-2126 option 3 to sign up. Single donations can be made by mailing a check to Operation Round Up, P.O. Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739



**MEC's 69th Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting is Saturday, May 8, 2021. Detailed information about the meeting will be mailed to members in April.

We will continue to closely monitor recommendations and requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oregon State Health Authority and County Health Services prior to mailing the information. The status of the annual meeting will be announced at the time of the mailing.

**MEC's Scholarship Program**

MEC's 2021 scholarship application is available at [www.mse.coop](http://www.mse.coop). The deadline for submitting all required materials is Monday, May 10. For more information, call 541-536-2126 option 5.

**Dave Schneider**  
**General Manager**