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2022 Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

2023 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Clovis

The Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023 in the lecture hall on the campus of Clovis High School in Clovis, NM. Remote two-way video conferencing will be available at Clayton, Logan and Santa Rosa High Schools.

Member registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. MDT and promptly ends at 10:00 a.m. MDT with the start of the business meeting.

Regular agenda items include reports of officers and committees, election of Board of Directors, presentation of the 2023 Education Foundation Scholarship winners and any other business brought before the Cooperative membership.

This year, four positions are up for election to the Board of Directors:

Position #3 (Districts 3-13) – represents the Grady exchange – currently held by Jerry Sours of Grady.

Position #4 (Districts 4-5) – represents the Fort Sumner exchange – currently held by Pow Carter of Fort Sumner.

Position #5 (Districts 4-5) – represents the Fort Sumner exchange – currently held by Jim Lyssy of Fort Sumner.

Position #6 (Districts 6-7-8) – represents the Roy exchange – currently held by Michael Montoya of Roy.

Frequently asked questions regarding voting at the Annual Membership Meeting can be found at:
www.plateautel.com/doc/publications/FAQs.pdf



Board of Directors Nominating Procedures

A Cooperative member can become a candidate for election to the Board of Directors by two methods:

The first is to be recommended by a nominating committee. The current Board of Directors appoints nominating committees between 45 and 70 days before the Annual Membership Meeting. The duty of the committees is to submit an eligible candidate for each Board position slated for election. The nominating committees' recommendations must be completed and posted at least 20 days before the Annual Meeting. There must be at least one eligible candidate for each vacant Board position. **Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. MDT, Friday April 7, 2023.**

The second method is to be nominated by petition. A petition signed by at least 15 members of the Cooperative can qualify any member in good standing with the Cooperative. No member may nominate more than one (1) candidate per Director position. The petition must be submitted to the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis at least 30 days before the Annual Membership Meeting to have the name of the candidate placed on the official ballot. **Deadline for petitions is 5 p.m. MDT, Thursday, March 30, 2023.**

The 2023 Annual Membership Meeting occurs on Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors must meet the following requirements as quoted from the Cooperative's Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5:

"No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative;*
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling telecommunications service or supplies, or constructing or maintaining telecommunications facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural telephones;*
- (c) in the case of a director to be elected as the representative of a numbered director district, is not a resident of the area for which elected;*
- (d) is an employee of the Cooperative; and*
- (e) is related to any employee of the Cooperative as a close relative. For the purpose of this section, close relatives include grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing."*

Members should be aware of the Company's nepotism policy, *"It is the policy of Company to avoid actual, as well as perceived, favoritism.*

Consistent with the nepotism policy, the Cooperative would not prevent anyone from submitting a petition and running for a position on the ENMR Board of Directors. However, if elected, the seat would not be accepted by the Board unless the relative terminated his/her employment with the company. This policy specifically includes relatives as grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing, is long-standing and is not targeted against any one person or group.

Board of Directors

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2023 Nominating Committees

POSITION 4 DISTRICTS 4 & 5

Randel Mansell, Chair
Bill West
Jimmy Snipes
Lon Sultemeier, Alt.

POSITION 5 DISTRICTS 4 & 5

Richard Terrell, Chair
Mary Ann Cortese
May Kay Achen
Lee Koll, Alt.

POSITION 6 DISTRICTS 6-7-8

Tanya Skaggs, Chair
Melissa Gonzales
Danae Rigoni
June Mahoney, Alt.

POSITION 3 DISTRICTS 3 & 13

Brad Bryant, Chair
Todd Northcutt
Tom Mackechnie
Rita Hutchins, Alt.

Monthly Survey Winners

Customers receiving a \$25 credit in this month's survey drawing include:

- EKO dba C&J Traders - Moriarty, NM
- Alicia Greenwood - Artesia, NM
- Carol Nail - Roswell, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

February Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on February 23. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 55 new members to the Cooperative.
- The nominating committees for the 2023 Board of Directors were approved.
- An Innovation in Schools Education Grant for up to \$2,200 was approved for West Las Vegas Schools to purchase materials and equipment to establish a cooking curriculum and program.
- Two students were selected to participate in the FRS Youth Tour to Washington, DC.
- A construction report was presented to the Board:
 - Projects were completed in Logan and Anton Chico.
 - 16 projects are currently in construction.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 23 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis.

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