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2024 Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

2025 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Clovis

The Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Civic Center 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 end at 10:00 a.m. MDT, with the start of the business meeting.

Regular agenda items include reports of officers and committees, election of the Board of Directors,

presentation of the 2025 Education Foundation scholarship winners, and any other business brought before the Cooperative membership.

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

Position #6 (Districts 6-7-8) – represents the Roy, Clayton, and Nara Visa exchanges – currently vacant.

Position #8 (Districts 6-7-8) – represents the Roy, Clayton, and Nara Visa exchanges – currently held by Shirley Carter.

Position #9 (Districts 9-10-11) – represents the White Lakes, El Valle, Anton Chico, Trementina, Mosquero, Conchas Dam, and Santa Rosa exchanges – currently held by Mabel Flores.

Position #10 (Districts 9-10-11) – represents the White Lakes, El Valle, Anton Chico, Trementina, Mosquero, Conchas Dam, and Santa Rosa exchanges – currently held by Milo Aragon.

Position #12 (District 12) – represents the Vaughn, Corona, and Bingham exchanges – currently held by Leland Harral.

Position #13 (District 3-13) – represents the Bellview, San Jon, Logan, and Grady exchanges – currently

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



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. **The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. MDT, Thursday, April 10, 2025.**

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. **The deadline for petitions is 5 p.m. MDT, Thursday, April 10, 2025.**

The 2025 Annual Membership Meeting occurs on Saturday, May 10, 2025, 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:

"Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected, and remain a Director of the Cooperative provided they:

(a) are natural persons who are themselves members and who reside in the geographic area from which they are elected;

(b) are not an employee of the Cooperative or in any material way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communication facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural communication services;

(c) are not a grandparent, parent, spouse, brother, sister, cohabitant, child, or grandchild by blood or by marriage of an employee of the Cooperative or any business owned by the Cooperative;

(d) are not a grandparent, parent, spouse, brother, sister, cohabitant, child, or grandchild by blood or by marriage of an incumbent director that is not up for re-election at that time; and

(e) have not been finally adjudged to be guilty of any felony, or any gross misdemeanor pertaining to a crime involving moral turpitude prior to or during service on the Board of Directors."

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, spouses, brother, sister, cohabitants, child, and grandchild, by blood or by marriage, is long-standing and is not targeted against any one person or group.

Plateau Vehicle Sealed Bid Auction

The Cooperative has used vehicles offered for sale by sealed bid to members and employees. The list can be found online at: www.plateautel.com/plateauauction. Vehicles are offered "as is" to the highest bidder with no warranty or liability. The Cooperative makes no representation of the vehicles' quality or condition and reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. A list of known issues will be in every vehicle. Employees cannot answer individual questions. Potential bidders may view these vehicles at Plateau, 7111 N. Prince St., Clovis, NM, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (MDT), Monday through Friday. Checking in at the Customer Care office and receiving an escort to where the vehicles are located is required before entering the campus.

Sealed bids must be received in the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, March 14, 2025. Bids must include the vehicle number, bidder's name, address, and phone number. Bids should be mailed to:

Plateau
Attention: Bobby Russell
PO Box 1947
Clovis, NM 88102-1947



February Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on February 27. Here are some highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 39 new members to the Cooperative.
- A construction report was presented to the Board:
 - 58 work orders were completed.
 - Projects were completed in Mosquero, Fort Sumner, and Trementina.
 - Numerous projects are currently in the construction phase.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 27 at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis.

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Monthly Survey Winners

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

- Robert Vigil - Ribera, NM
- Matthew Roehlke - Roswell, NM
- Marshall Financial Services - Dexter, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

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