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Fort Sumner to Host 2022 Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

The Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, subject to change based on public health orders, in the gymnasium on the campus of Fort Sumner High School, with remote two-way video conferencing locations at Clayton, Logan and Santa Rosa High Schools.

Member registration begins 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, vote on proposed by-law changes, election of Board of Directors, presentation of the 2022 Education Foundation scholarship winners and any other business brought before the Cooperative membership.



2021 Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

Applications for the 2022 Education Foundation Scholarship Program must be postmarked NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2022 to be considered. Go to www.plateautel.com/scholarship/ for details and applications.

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January Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met in person and by video conference on January 27. Highlights of that meeting follow:

- The Board approved the applications of 74 new members to the Cooperative.

A construction status report was presented to the Board:

- Certain projects were completed in the Anton Chico, Vaughn, El Valle and Mosquero areas.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 24 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

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Monthly Survey Winners

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

- Leroy Cravens, Encino NM
- Marcus Brown, Roswell, NM
- RA Hospitality LLC, Las Vegas, NM
- Robert Ciolli, Tucumcari, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

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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 30 and 70 days before the Annual Membership Meeting. The duty of the committees is to submit a list of eligible candidates for the Board positions 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 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. The petition must be submitted at least 20 days before the Annual Membership Meeting in order to have the name of the candidate placed on the official ballot. Petitions must be received at Plateau's business office at 7111 North Prince, Clovis, NM before 5:00 p.m. MDT, **Monday, April 4, 2022.**

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 an 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."

For complete qualifications of Board members, access the Cooperative's Bylaws at <https://www.plateautel.com/docs/publications/bylaws2016.pdf>

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Mark Your Calendar

February 24 — Board of Directors Meeting — The Cooperative's Board of Directors meet in regular session at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

February 25 — Deadline to Submit FRS Scholarship Applications — Applications must be submitted by this day to be considered. Visit <https://www.plateautel.com/scholarship> to apply.

February 28 — Deadline to Submit Education Foundation Scholarship Applications — Applications for Memorial, Banner, Committed to Excellence and Tom M. Phelps Scholarships must be postmarked by this day to be considered. Applications are available at <https://www.plateautel.com/scholarship>, or by contacting Plateau, Education Foundation Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947, phone 1.575.389.4387 toll free 1.877.752.8328 ext. 4387, or email scholarships@plateautel.com.

March 13 — Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight.

"Spring forward, fall back" is one of the sayings used to remember which way to set your watch. Set your clock forward one hour in the spring when DST starts (= lose 1 hour) and back one hour when DST ends in the fall (= gain 1 hour).

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day is a holiday that remembers one of Ireland's patron saints, St. Patrick, and recognizes Irish and Irish American culture.

April 4 — Deadline to Submit Board of Directors Petitions — Petitions for the Cooperative's Board of Directors election must be received in the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis by 5:00 p.m. (MDT) this day to be eligible.

April 23 — Annual Membership Meeting — Annual meeting of the Cooperative members held in the Fort Sumner High School Gymnasium. For more information, call 1.877.752.8328.

