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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative

Saturday April 23, 2022	Fort Sumner High School Gymnasium 1001 Sumner Ave, Fort Sumner, NM
Two-way Interactive Conferencing Locations • Clayton High School Cafeteria, 323 S. 5th St., Clayton, NM • Logan High School ITV Classroom, 301 N. 2nd St., Logan, NM • Santa Rosa High School Auditorium, 717 3rd St., Santa Rosa, NM	Registration and Refreshments 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM MDT- all locations. <i>Note: Members must complete registration by 10:00 AM MDT to participate in the business meeting or to vote in elections.</i>
Business Meeting and Elections 10:00 AM to noon MDT. <i>The conferencing system will be terminated at the conclusion of the business agenda.</i>	Door Prizes Approximately 11:00 AM MDT, all locations. Luncheon Noon, Fort Sumner High School Cafeteria. <i>Lunch provided at Fort Sumner location only.</i>
Meeting and Agenda Items 1. Reports of officers and committees. 2. Election of Board of Directors. 3. Any and all other business that may come before the membership or any adjournment thereof.	

Remember to Bring Your Annual Report

* For the purpose of voting eligibility, an active Cooperative member is defined as a person, business or organization that purchases retail communication services within the Cooperative's service area. Retail communication services purchased in the following areas will generally qualify as Cooperative memberships — 279 (House), 355 (Fort Sumner), 357 (Grady), 372 (Weber City), 374 (Clayton), 389 (Pleasant Hill), 421 (El Valle), 422 (White Lakes), 423 (Bingham), 427 (Anton Chico), 456 (Bellview), 458 (Ragland), 472 (Santa Rosa), 481 (Farwell, TX), 485 (Roy), 487 (Logan), 575 (East Glenrio, TX), 576 (San Jon), 584 (Vaughn), 633 (Nara Visa), 641 (Trementina), 673 (Mosquero), 683 (South Clovis), 849 (Corona), 868 (Conchas Dam) or 985 (Ranchvale). Subscriptions to Plateau services outside these areas do not qualify. Retail communication services generally include landline telephone and/or broadband internet.

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Board of Directors Election

The following qualified members are nominated by petition or by committee pursuant to the Bylaws and will be presented for election at the Annual Membership Meeting:

Position 8 District 6,7,8

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Clayton, Nara Visa, Roy	Shirley Carter 624 Maple Clayton, NM 88415-2904 575.374.9761

Position 9 District 9,10,11

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Anton Chico, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Mosquero, Santa Rosa, Trementina, White Lakes	Mabel Fores 436 Baca Ave Santa Rosa, NM 88435-2442 575.472.5326

Position 10 District 9,10,11

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Anton Chico, Conchas Dam, El Valle, Mosquero, Santa Rosa, Trementina, White Lakes	Milo Aragon PO Box 251 Ribera, NM 87560-0251 575.421.2227

Position 12 District 12

<u>Exchanges</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Bingham, Corona, Vaughn	Leland Harral HC 61 Box 41 Encino, NM 88321-9701 575.584.2674

Dated April 5, 2022



Powhatan Carter, III
Board of Directors,
Secretary-Treasurer

For more Annual Meeting information see: <https://www.plateautel.com/company/publications>

March Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met in person and by video conference on March 24. Highlights of that meeting follow:

- The Board approved the applications of 59 new members to the Cooperative.
- The Board approved two Public Safety Grants:
 - o Village of Fort Sumner Ambulance for \$4,946.38 for the purchase of EMS training and training-related equipment;
 - o City of Santa Rosa Ambulance for \$2,500.00 for advanced certification training.

A construction status report was presented to the Board:

- Certain projects were completed in the Anton Chico, Santa Rosa, El Valle, Logan and San Jon areas.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 28 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

Board of Directors

Pow Carter PO Box 516 Fort Sumner, NM 88119-0516 575.355.2998	Shirley Carter 624 Maple Clayton, NM 88415-2904 575.374.9761	Mabel Flores 436 Baca Ave Santa Rosa, NM 88435-2442 575.472.5326	Leland Harral HC 61 Box 41 Encino, NM 88321-9701 575.584.2674	Michael Montoya PO Box 205 Roy, NM 87743-0205 575.485.2270	James Cordova P.O. Box 457 Santa Rosa, NM 88435-0457 575.472.3986	Larry Wallin PO Box 355 Logan, NM 88426-0355 575.487.2616
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Proposed Amendments to the 2016 Bylaws of the Cooperative

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 4. **Conversion of Membership.**

- (a) A membership may be converted to a joint membership upon the request of the holder thereof and the agreement by such holder and their spouse to comply with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board. ~~The outstanding membership certificate shall be surrendered, and shall be reissued by the Cooperative in such manner as shall indicate the changed membership status.~~
- (a) Upon the death of either spouse who is a party to the joint membership, such membership shall be held solely by the survivor, ~~provided The outstanding membership shall be surrendered and shall be reissued in such manner as shall indicate the changed membership status, provided, however,~~ that the estate of the deceased shall not be released from any debts due the Cooperative.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 3. Notice of Members' Meeting. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the *members'* meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be mailed or *e-mailed* ~~delivered~~ not less than ten (10) days nor more than *thirty twenty* (30) ~~(20)~~ days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting. ~~to each member.~~ If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

SECTION 4. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than ~~forty-five~~ *thirty* (45) ~~(30)~~ days nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, a committee on nominations from each director ~~position~~ *district* within which a vacancy then exists, consisting of not more than three (3) members. ~~who shall, if feasible, be selected from different exchanges so as to ensure equitable presentation.~~ No member of the Board may serve on such a committee. This committee, keeping in mind the principal of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations which shall include a candidate for each Board position to be filled by the election. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing, with a notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Board members to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committees on nominations and by petition when received *thirty twenty* (30) ~~(20)~~ days before the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations by petition at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committees is posted. Nominations made by petition ~~on a form provided by the Board,~~ if any, received at least *thirty* (30) ~~twenty~~ (20) days before the meeting shall be included on the official ballot. No member may nominate more than one (1) candidate per director position. All nominations by petition shall be signed by fifteen (15) or more members all in good standing with the Cooperative. *No nominations may otherwise be made at the meeting.*

ARTICLE XIII FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SECTION 3. Deposits. All funds of the Cooperative, except petty cash, shall be deposited to the credit of the Cooperative in such financial institutions as the Board may select. ~~or shall be invested in securities issued by, or in securities unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or any state thereof.~~

SECTION 4. ~~Change in Rates.~~ Written notice shall be given to the Administrator of RUS of the United States of America not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which any proposed change in the monthly rates charged by the Cooperative for communication services become effective.

ARTICLE XIV MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 4. Accounting Systems and Reports. The Board shall cause to be established and maintained a complete accounting system which, among other things, and subject to applicable laws and rules as well as regulations of any regulatory body, shall conform to such accounting system as may be designated by the ~~Administrator of RUS of the United States of America~~ *Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")*. The Board shall also, after the close of each fiscal year, cause to be made a full and complete audit of the accounts, books and financial condition of the Cooperative as of the end of such fiscal year. A summary of such audit reports shall be presented ~~submitted~~ to members at the next following annual meeting.

This abbreviated list of changes includes those considered to be substantive. There are additional changes that correct verbiage, grammar or punctuation. All Bylaw changes can be viewed at <https://www.plateautel.com/compamy/publications> or a printed copy may be requested by calling 1-877-752-8328 x4370.



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Mark Your Calendar

April 17 — Easter Sunday — Christian holy day and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion at Calvary as described in the New Testament.

April 18 — Income Tax Day — Federal Income Tax returns must be completed and postmarked by this day.

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.

April 28 — Cooperative 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.

May 1 — May Day — A holiday rich in folklore, celebrating the return of spring. Spring festivals, parades and maypoles are important traditions on this day.

May 5 — Cinco de Mayo — Contrary to widespread popular belief, Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican army's unlikely victory over the larger, more skilled French forces at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 9 — Mother's Day — Mother's Day is not a federal holiday but it's a day to celebrate motherhood and show appreciation for mothers, including grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers and other mother figures.

Monthly Survey Winners

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

- J. Cox, Logan, NM
- Shelly Radford, Stratford, TX
- Vincent Lardner, Los Lunas, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

