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### Plateau Names CEO

Due to the recent retirement of previous CEO David Robinson on October 31, 2022, the Plateau Board of Directors have conducted an extensive national search for the Company's next CEO, considering and interviewing multiple external and internal candidates for the position. The Board is pleased to announce that current employee, Launa B. Waller, has been selected as the Company's new CEO. With more than 27 years of service, Launa has held various positions, including Business Market Coordinator, Wholesale Services Product Manager, and most recently, Regulatory Manager. Mrs. Waller also serves as the current Vice President of the New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group, Vice-Chair of the New Mexico Universal Service Fund Advisory Board and is a member of both the Connect New Mexico Council and Guadalupe County Development Corporation Board.

Applications are available on our website at:  
[www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships](http://www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships)



**Scholarship  
Applications  
are Due by  
February 28**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

We will provide dependable area-wide communication and information services at the lowest price, consistent with sound economy and good management.



*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.

## January Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on January 26. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 52 new members to the Cooperative.
- A construction status was presented to the Board:
  - Projects were completed in the Clayton, Fort Sumner, Logan, Conchas, Anton Chico and South Clovis areas.
  - Multiple projects are currently under construction in Nara Visa, White Lakes, Corona and Vaughn.

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

# Board of Directors Nominating Procedures

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

1. A recommendation 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. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. MDT, Monday April 10, 2023.
2. 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 30 days before the Annual Membership Meeting 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, Thursday, March 30.

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:

- Is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative;
- 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 telecommunication facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural telephones;
- 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;
- Is an employee of the Cooperative; and
- Is related to an employee of the Cooperative as a close relative. For the purpose of this selection, 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, the Cooperative Bylaws can be viewed at: [www.plateautel.com/docs/publications/PlateauBylaws2022.pdf](http://www.plateautel.com/docs/publications/PlateauBylaws2022.pdf).

## Equipment Up for Auction

The following equipment will be included in the Ward Brothers auction, 1315 SR 209 in Clovis, NM on February 25:

- 1993 Case 580 super K - 2629.1 hours
- 1993 Case 580 super K - 1967.6 hours
- 1994 Ditch Witch trencher/plow combo - 2015.6 hours
- 1997 Ditch Witch trailer
- 1970 homemade welding trailer

For more information, call 575.762.2612 or email [wardbros@3lefties.com](mailto:wardbros@3lefties.com).

## Monthly Survey Winners

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

- Ronald Charlie Martin - Carrizozo, NM
- Lindolfo Ramirez - Los Lunas, NM
- Bobbe Kriz - Los Lunas, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.



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## Here's what's happening....

**February 14 – Valentine's Day** - A Day when loved ones express their affections for each other with flowers, candy or greeting cards and named after one or more early Christian martyrs named St. Valentine.

**February 20 – President's Day** – A Day to celebrate all U.S. presidents (past and present) specifically George Washington, the first President of the United States.

**February 28 – Plateau Educational Foundation Scholarships are Due** – Applications are available on the Plateau website: [www.plateautel.com/scholarships](http://www.plateautel.com/scholarships). For more information call 575.389.4387.

### **February 23 – Board of Directors Meeting**

The Cooperative's Board of Directors meet in regular session at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis.

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