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Four Board Positions Up for Election at Annual Membership Meeting

Cooperative members will vote for four Board of Directors' positions this year at the Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting takes place on Saturday, April 23 in the gymnasium on the campus of Fort Sumner High School, with remote two-way conferencing locations at Clayton, Logan and Santa Rosa High Schools. Members choosing not to travel to Fort Sumner for the meeting can participate by registering and voting at one of the remote locations. 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.

The four positions up for election in 2022 are:

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 Harral of Encino.

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

The first is to be recommended by a nominating committee. Nominating committees are appointed by the Board not less than 30 and no more than 70 days before the Annual Membership Meeting. The committees are charged with submitting a list of eligible candidates for the positions slated for election. The committees' recommendations must be completed and posted at least 20 days before the Annual Meeting, and there must be at least one eligible candidate for each position.

The second method is to be nominated by petition signed by at least 15 Cooperative members in good standing. Petitions must be received in the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis by 5:00 p.m. MDT on Monday, April 4, 2022 to be placed on the official ballot.

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

Each registered member at the Annual Meeting will receive a gift (all locations) and be eligible for door prizes (all locations). Lunch will be served at the Fort Sumner location only. Questions or comments concerning the Annual Membership Meeting should be directed to Plateau, PO Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947, 1.877.752.8328 or 1.575.389.5100.

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February Board Meeting Highlights

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

- The Board approved the applications of 61 new members to the Cooperative.
- The Board members that participated in the NTCA RTime conference shared the information they learned at the conference.
- The Board recognized and thanked Shirley Carter for 25 years of service as a Board Member.
- The nominating committees were named for the upcoming Board election.

POSITION 8 DISTRICTS 6-7-8

Leroy Montoya (Chair)
Barbara Copeland
Courtney Mitchell
Tanya Skaggs, (Alt)

POSITION 10 DISTRICTS 9-10-11

David R. Salazar (Chair)
Billy Sanchez
Daniel Garcia

POSITION 9 DISTRICTS 9-10-11

Yvette Griego (Chair)
Diane Lucero
Mary Angie Moncayo
Mary Lou Maestas (Alt)

POSITION 12 DISTRICT 12

Shad H. Cox (Chair)
Jude Gallegos
Francisco “Frank” Aragon
Mike Harvey (Alt)

A construction status report was presented to the Board:

- Certain projects were completed in the Corona, Vaughn, El Valle, White Lakes, Santa Rosa and San Jon areas.

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

Membership Meeting Voting Affidavit Available

Members registering at the Annual Membership Meeting in April on behalf of a partnership, organization, church, trust, corporation, governmental agency or limited liability company must present documentation at registration denoting such. For convenience, a blank form is available at <http://www.plateautel.com/company/publications/>. The form must be signed and can be delivered by the appointed individual at the time of registration at the Annual Meeting. No person may vote more than one time or receive more than one ballot. For more information, call 1.575.389.5100 or 1.877.752.8328.



The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. Learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program by visiting fcc.gov/ACP.

USDA ReConnect Grant Update

The USDA's Rural Utility Service (RUS) announced in May 2020 that Plateau had been awarded a \$19.2 million ReConnect grant. Since the announcement of the award, the Cooperative has been diligently working through environmental clearances, acquiring permits and supply chain issues. Some of those necessary elements have occurred and the beginning of actual construction will commence this month. Grady will be the first area to be built, with Ranchvale, Pleasant Hill and South Clovis following in that order. As additional exchanges receive the required permissions, they will be scheduled for construction. This grant will fund high-capacity fiber to the premises (FTTP) broadband infrastructure project to serve households in the Cooperative area without sufficient access to broadband. Once complete, over 92% of members of the Cooperative will have access to broadband service.

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Monthly Survey Winners

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

- The Pit, Fort Sumner NM
- Jason Morris, Clovis, NM
- R&D Service Center, Clovis, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

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Mark Your Calendar

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.

March 20 — **Spring Vernal Equinox** — The spring vernal equinox occurs when the tilt of the Earth's axis is inclined neither away from nor towards the Sun. The center of the Sun being in the same plane as the Earth's equator makes day and night equal length.

March 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.

April 1 — **April Fools' Day** — A popular day celebrated throughout the world where people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other.

April 2 & 3 — **Home, Garden and Lifestyle show.** — Presented by the Home Builders Association of Eastern New Mexico, this event lasts two days and takes place at the Curry County Events Center in Clovis. For more information, call 1.575.762.4342 or visit <http://www.clovishomeandgarden.com>.

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 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.

