



**Central Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative**
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By Mike Wade,
President & CEO

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 23, to attend our 81st annual meeting of the membership at the Iola-Scandinavia High School in Iola, WI. As you remember, last year's annual meeting was originally scheduled for a Saturday, but it was cancelled due to heavy snow. The rescheduled annual meeting was held during the week in the early evening and we will be trying that format again this year. The meeting will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about your cooperative and the programs we offer. Come join us for an informative meeting.

The cooperative will be presenting proposed bylaw revisions to the membership at this year's annual meeting. The proposed revisions will focus on the director election and include a modernization and clarification of the existing

language. In particular, the ability for the membership to nominate a director by petition has been clarified, and the signature requirement has been reduced from a minimum of 50 signatures to 20. This change will ease the burden for those members wishing to obtain candidacy using the petition method. More information about the proposed bylaw revisions can be found in this edition of the *WECN* magazine. If you have any questions regarding the proposed revisions, please contact our office.

Special thanks go out to the Nominations Committee for their work in interviewing candidates for our board of directors. The care you took to interview candidates shows your commitment to the cooperative. In addition, the cooperative appreciates that you discuss and approve the rules that we follow at each year's annual meeting of the membership. You provide a great service to our

cooperative and we thank you for the time you give on our behalf.

I know each of you has a busy schedule, but I hope that you will make time to come to our annual meeting in April. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH



Tree Planting Season is Coming!

Be sure to select the right location and have all underground utilities located prior to digging, and look overhead for power lines. Call Diggers Hotline at 1-800-242-8511 at last three days before digging.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative was held at the headquarters in Rosholt at 8 a.m. on December 27, 2018. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda, minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting, new and terminated memberships, and the monthly safety and compliance report were approved.

Action Items

- Monthly Financial Statements and Reports were approved. Finance Committee reviewed checks written and the board and CEO expenses.
- The board reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Bylaw Amendment for board approval.
- The board approved the write-off of uncollectable debt from 2017.
- The board agreed to continue investing in ATC as part of the first capital all of 2019.
- The board selected the directors and employee to serve on the WECA member committees in 2019.
- The board approved all directors to attend the WECA

Education and Lobby Days set for March 26–27, 2019 in Madison.

- The board approved Arla Block to fill the vacancy in Sub-District 1(b) on the Member Advisory Group (MAG). The remaining vacancy in Sub-District 3(b) will be filled next month.
- The board reviewed information provided on brushing/trimming quotes for 2019. Further information will be gathered and presented at the January meeting.
- The board reviewed the proposed 2019 budget in detail and approved as presented.

Operations and Engineering – The Swamp Road Overhead/Underground Conversion will be completed by the end of December. Replacement of the rejected poles from the inspection will begin in mid-January.

Accounting and Finance – Reviewed the reports submitted.

Member Services – Toys-For-Tots was a huge success, helping approximately 1,000 children this year, an increase of about 200 from last year.

President and CEO – The purchase of Mid-Wisconsin DBS will be finalized in the next couple of days.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.



CWEC ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2019



**Iola-Scandinavia High School
540 S Jackson Street, Iola, WI**

Join Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, for our 81st Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Iola-Scandinavia High School in Iola.

**Registration: Begins at 5:15 p.m. – *Light snacks and refreshments*
Business Meeting: 6 p.m.**

President & CEO Mike Wade and Board Chairman Anthony Buss, Jr. will keynote the meeting's business session, which begins at 6 p.m. During the business session, members will have the opportunity to hear how their co-op is faring financially, learn details about various services offered by their member-owned power supplier, and receive updates on state and federal regulatory issues of importance to electric co-ops. An election of two board positions will be held.

As a member-owner of an electric

cooperative, you can voice your opinions at the annual meeting, observing the annual meeting rules. This is an advantage cooperatives have over the investor-owned utilities, whose customers have no say in the management of the company and cannot vote for their board of directors.

Prizes will be given to all in attendance. In addition to many door prizes, one lucky member will have a chance to win a grand prize consisting of an electric grill. For all of the drawings, winners need to be present.

Help Fill Our Local Food Pantry Shelves

CWEC will be kicking off their food pantry drive at the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Bring three or more non-perishable food items that are not expired, and you will receive a FREE LED Bulb. (limit of three bulbs per family)

Your generous donation helps fill the shelves of food pantries in our service area.

If you cannot make it to the annual meeting, we will be collecting food pantry donations at our office, located at 10401 Lystul Road, Rosholt, throughout the year, and you will still receive the free LED bulb.

For more information call 715-677-2211.



ELECTRIC UTILITY WORKER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

CWEC is proud and excited to offer a \$1,000 Electric Utility Worker Scholarship. Traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply. Applicants need not be a member of the co-op, but preference will be given to CWEC members.

Scholarship applications and guidelines are available online at www.cwecoop.com (Member Services tab), by calling 1-800-377-2932, or by email at brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com.

The deadline for returning completed applications is Friday, May 3, 2019. Students can mail the completed scholarship application to the address below, or drop it off in person at the CWEC office located at 10401 Lystul Road, Rosholt. Scholarship winners will be chosen shortly after the deadline.

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Attn: Electric Utility Scholarship
P.O. Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473

If you have any questions please call Brenda Mazemke at 800-377-2932.



BYLAW CHANGE TO BE VOTED ON AT ANNUAL MEETING

An item of business at the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at the Iola-Scandinavia High School Auditorium are proposed bylaw changes. These changes clarify and modernize the section of the bylaws that describe the director districts, nomination procedure, and the election process for the board of directors. The current language is outdated and does not adequately answer many of the questions that are often raised regarding the nomination and election process. In an attempt to better define these processes, the cooperative is proposing modifying this area of the bylaws.

Your board of directors and legal counsel have reviewed the bylaw amendments and are recommending their approval. Bylaw changes affecting the election of the board of directors must be approved by the membership. A vote on the bylaw amendments will be taken at the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

If you have questions regarding the proposed amendments, please feel free to contact our office. For a copy of the proposed bylaw amendments, please refer to our website at www.cwecoop.com or contact our office at 800-377-292 and a copy will be mailed to you.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Once again, scholarships will be available to college, vocational, and technical school bound students through the CWEC Operation Round Up program. Both traditional and nontraditional students are encouraged to apply. To be eligible, either the student or parents must have their primary residence located on CWEC lines and participate in Operation Round Up. Applications are available from your high school guidance counselor, online at www.cwecoop.com (Member Services tab), by contacting Brenda Mazemke at 715-677-2211, or by email at brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com.

Since the CWEC scholarship program began in 2005 we have provided more than \$220,000 in scholarships to area students. Giving back to the community is one of the cooperative principles; furthering the education of our members is another.

The deadline for returning completed applications is Monday, April 1, 2019. Please mail your completed scholarship application to the address below, or drop it off in person at the CWEC office located at 10401 Lystul Road, Rosholt.

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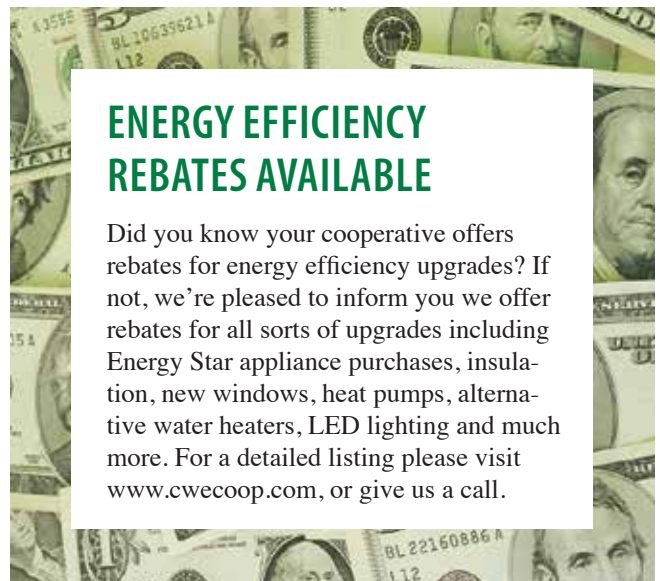
Attn: Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473

Scholarship winners must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average and full-time student equivalent during their first quarter or semester of college or vocational-technical school. Payment will be made upon completion of the first quarter or semester of college, vocational, or technical school and will be issued to the student. The recipient will need to provide the cooperative with a copy of his/her grades and proof of enrollment for second semester.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES AVAILABLE

Did you know your cooperative offers rebates for energy efficiency upgrades? If not, we're pleased to inform you we offer rebates for all sorts of upgrades including Energy Star appliance purchases, insulation, new windows, heat pumps, alternative water heaters, LED lighting and much more. For a detailed listing please visit www.cwecoop.com, or give us a call.





NUEKSE'S RECEIVES CWEC ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT

Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op awarded Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats a \$13,000 grant for energy efficiency upgrades to their current plant and energy efficient measures used at their new plant, which included LED lighting, insulation, energy efficient heating and cooling systems, and refrigeration. The grant was funded through the co-op's Public Benefits Program.

"It gives us great pleasure to present this grant to Nueske's," said Manager of Member Relations Brenda Mazemke. "We are very excited to support their efforts from a business and community standpoint."

Nueske's is a family-owned business located in Wittenberg. They have been producing premium-quality smoked meats for over eight decades. Their company store is open Monday through Saturday. For store hours and more information you can visit their website at www.nueskes.com.



"Thank you again for your constant support and all the time CWEC has devoted to our company," said Mary White, Nueske's CFO. "We are lucky to have CWEC as a partner."



Accepting the check from Brenda Mazemke, CWEC manager of member relations, and Mike Wade, CWEC president and CEO, are Nueske's CFO Mary White, Business Analysis Director Jeff Bushman, and President Glenn Gazzolo.

Mike Wade, President & CEO

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH & APRIL

St. Adalbert Parish Fish Fry Every Friday March 1 through April 12

4:–7:30 p.m. Fish \$10, shrimp \$10, combo \$10. Children's meals \$6. Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread, and one dessert. Coffee and milk included in the dining room. Domestic and craft beers and flavored malt beverages available. Large and weekly raffle. Take-out orders call 715-677-4519, Rosholt.

Zion Lutheran Church Spring Luncheon Sunday, April 28

11 a.m.–1 p.m., Tigerton. Call 715-535-2312 for more information.

Rural Health Initiative Dueling Pianos Fundraiser Thursday, April 11

7–9 p.m. Crystal Falls Banquet Hall, New London. Doors open at 5 p.m., cash bar. Heavy appetizers included until show time. Raffles, 50/50, and silent auction. Tickets: \$35 per person in advance (\$40 at the door). All sales final. Purchase advance tickets at www.wiruralhealth.org, New London Chamber office, or at Crystal Falls. For more information go to www.wiruralhealth.org or call Rhonda at 715-524-1488. Fundraiser for Waupaca & Outagamie Counties to benefit the Rural Health Initiative.



Walls of Wittenberg "Wine, Beer, & Cheese Gala", Art Show Opening Friday, April 26

7–10 p.m. \$25 per person tax deductible donation (advance). Fabulous food, winning wines and brewer-fresh beers will abound at this annual event. WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. For more information call 715-253-3525 or go to www.wallsofwittenberg.com.

Walls of Wittenberg Presents: "Artists' Free Play: VII" Spring Art Show April 27–May 12, Saturday and Sunday only

11 a.m.–3 p.m. Free. WOWSPACE: 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg. For more information and contest details call 715-253-3525 or go to www.wallsofwittenberg.com.

CWEC Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 23

5:15 p.m. registration. 6 p.m. business meeting. Iola-Scandinavia High School. For more information call 715-677-2211 or go to www.cwecoop.com.

CWEC Office will be closed Friday, April 19

Easter Sunday April 21



To submit your community events email brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com or call Brenda at 715-677-2211

The April Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News magazine will include your 2018 Annual Report.




Daylight Savings Time March 10, 2019

Remember to move your clock forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 19, 2019.



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