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The Voice of New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives

The Digital Divide in Rural New Mexico

May 2016

75th Annual Membership Meeting Results

Sierra Electric held its 2016 Annual Membership Meeting April 4 in Truth or Consequences. A count of 284 members of Sierra Electric Cooperative registered and had the opportunity to listen to reports from the board of trustees, the general manager and Tri-State G&T CEO Mike McInnes. Members also participated in the trustee elections.

The results of the Election of Trustees are as follows:

- District 2: John Bokich
- District 2: Oscar Lee Wood
- District 3: Darryl Sullivan

The Hot Springs High School JROTC and National Honor Society served a great barbecue meal to those in attendance. Sierra Electric is grateful to the Hot Springs High School administration, educators, sponsors, and organizations that work so hard and do so much good in the community.

The JROTC presented the colors and Catherine Barela gave a moving performance of the National Anthem. We were grateful for the Invocation given by Father Don Hyatt of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

During the meeting, Jimmy Capps, SEC General Manager, presented an Employee Service Award to Jose Rios for five years of employment. Congratulations Jose and thank you for your service!

John Bokich, President of the Board of Trustees, introduced Sarah Faulkner and Logan Cummins as the recipients of the 2016 Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Sarah and Logan will attend the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., this summer. We wish them a safe and enjoyable experience! Mr. Bokich also recognized Felix Apodaca, he is the 2016 Youth Tour Leadership Council Representative for the state of New Mexico.

Thank you, the members, for your vote, voice and participation in making the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting a success.

Tip of the Month

Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Office Closing:
The Sierra Electric offices will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day.

Tips for Making the Most of Your Ceiling Fans:

FLIP THE SWITCH – In warm months, flip the switch so that the blades operate in a counter clockwise direction, effectively producing a “wind chill” effect. Fans make the air near them feel cooler than it actually is. In winter, move the switch so the fan blades rotate clockwise, creating a gentle updraft.

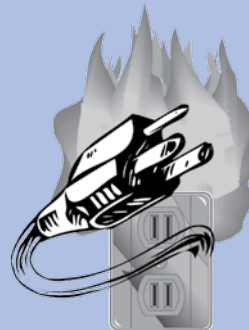
ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT – In the summer, when using a fan in conjunction with an air conditioner, or instead of it, you can turn your thermostat up three to five degrees without any reduction in comfort. This saves money since a fan is less costly to run than an air conditioner. In the winter, lower your thermostat’s set point by the same amount. Ceiling fans push the warm air from the ceiling back down toward the living space, which means the furnace won’t turn on as frequently.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIZE – Make sure your ceiling fan is the right size for the room.

TURN IT OFF – When the room is unoccupied, turn the fan off.

May is National Electrical Safety Month

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace. ESFI has designated May as National Electrical Safety Month. Visit esfi.org for a wealth of information on how to protect your home and family from electrical hazards.



Board of Trustees

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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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