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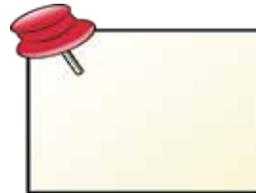


March 2018

# Sierra Electric Cooperative Board Appoints Committee on Nominations

In accordance with the by-Laws, and to provide candidates for consideration for the position of Board Trustee at SEC's Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed certain individuals to serve on the Committee on Nominations as follows:

Committee on Nominations	Phone
Darla Ham (District 1)	575-740-2678
Debby Bell (District 2)	575-740-0641
Johnny Weisenhunt (District 3)	575-743-1629



The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Hot Springs High School Gymnasium located on New School Road, off Date Street. At this meeting, elections will be held for three positions on the Board of Trustees for Sierra Electric Cooperative. Registration for this meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

The following are the incumbents that are up for re-election:

District 1:	Judy Smith
District 2:	Tom Stroup
District 3:	George Biel

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees and would like your name placed in consideration for nomination, please contact a member on the Committee on Nominations no later than Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Please refer to Sierra Electric Cooperative by-Laws, Section 4.06: Nominations regarding the procedures for nominations.

The Board of Trustees has also appointed the Credentials and Election Committee to oversee the election process that will be conducted at the Annual Meeting:

#### Credentials and Election Committee

Mary Bates	(District 1)
Chris Auge	(District 2)
Dolores Ortega	(District 3)

## Tip of the Month

In spring and summer months, set your ceiling fans to turn in the counterclockwise direction. This will create a cool breeze. Remember: Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room.

## Time of Use Matters.

Did you know when you use electricity often matters as much as how much electricity you consume?

It's no surprise that electricity use fluctuates throughout the day based on consumer demand, and electric co-ops must be able to provide enough electricity to meet the energy demands of their members during times of highest energy use, also known as "on-peak hours." At Sierra Electric, during Mountain Standard Time, On-Peak hours are 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. To reduce peak energy demand and save money, Sierra Electric offers a time-of-use rate program to encourage electricity use during off-peak hours—when energy is less expensive to provide.

Using less on-peak power means lower costs for the Sierra Electric—and ultimately, lower rates for members.

Electric rates based on time of use offer members the ability to lower their electricity costs without reducing the amount of electricity used. By performing some of your daily chores, like running the dishwasher or doing laundry during off-peak hours, you can save on your utility bill. In a similar vein, plug electronic equipment, such as computers, printers, TVs and power tools into a power strip, then turn it off during peak hours.

You can also put technology to work for you. If you have a programmable thermostat, adjust the settings so your heating/cooling system syncs up with the off-peak rate periods. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps, water heaters and other appliances in the same way.

Saving energy can be simple. Remember, by shifting your energy use to off-peak times, you have the power to save on your monthly energy bill.

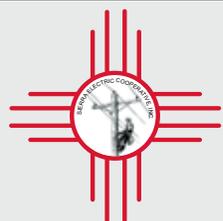
Daylight Savings Time begins March 11. Members who are on our Time of Use rate schedule, please note that the On-Peak hours will be 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### Board of Trustees

John Bokich	President	Elephant Butte	District 2
Darryl Sullivan	Vice President	Monticello	District 3
Oscar Lee Wood	Secretary	Elephant Butte	District 2
George Biel	Treasurer	Monticello	District 3
Dennis Franklin	Trustee	Williamsburg	District 1
Tami Garrett	Trustee	Las Palomas	District 3
Charles McMath	Trustee	Elephant Butte	District 2
Judy Smith	Trustee	Caballo	District 1
Thomas Stroup	Trustee	Elephant Butte	District 2

### Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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