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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your hot water pipes. Doing so can reduce heat loss, allow you to lower the temperature setting and save an additional 3 to 4 percent per year on water heating.

Source: energy.gov



Annual Meeting

Save the Date - April 28, 2018

LREC Accepting Board Member Nominations

Record rainfall kept LREC from meeting last year's 2017 annual meeting quorum requirements. For the first time in the history of the co-op, LREC was unable to reach quorum requirements. LREC bylaws require 5 percent of the members present in person to constitute a quorum.

The meeting was adjourned with no official action taken. Actions listed on the agenda for the 2017 annual meeting have been rescheduled on the agenda for the 2018 annual meeting. By LREC bylaws, the two board members whose terms were to expire remained seated and must run this year for the remaining two years of those three-year terms. The 2018 meeting will include elections for these two trustee positions with terms ending in April 2020, and also for the two trustee positions with terms ending in April 2021. **The candidates must choose the group they are running for. They can choose the two positions with the terms expiring in 2020 or the two positions with the terms expiring in 2021. No candidate can run for both groups.**

LREC members will be asked to vote for four trustees at the cooperative's annual meeting of the membership, Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Hulbert Public Schools in Hulbert, Oklahoma.

Any member in good standing may submit nominations by petition provided by the cooperative. These forms will be available at the Hulbert office between February 27, 2018, and March 23, 2018. Each nominating petition must include 15 or more member signatures.

Certain minimal qualifications are required by basic law and the cooperative's bylaws for one to be eligible for election or appointed to and to serve on the cooperative's board of trustees.

It is the ultimate legal responsibility of the board to ensure that these requirements are met and complied with. If the board should determine that an incumbent, nominee, or potential appointee lacks or has lost any of the necessary legal qualifications, it is the duty of the board to remove such incumbent or to declare such nominee or potential appointee ineligible for election, whichever may be the case.

By adopting, publishing and appropriately disseminating this policy and the attached related affirmation form, it is the board's respectful hope that trustee incumbents, nominees, or potential appointees will not only be fully apprised of these requirements but mindful of their importance in deciding whether to continue or commence service on the board.

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Director of Marketing Retires after 42 Years

Stanley Young has been a staple amongst the co-op and involved in several community projects, respected by many co-op employees at LREC and sister co-ops across the state. He started at LREC in 1972 as a lineman and digger truck operator.

“I have worked several significant storms with the co-op. My first week I started on a Tuesday, was assigned to a line crew, then an ice storm moved across our service territory and I worked nonstop until Saturday, I have had joyful and challenging times,” said Stanley.

In 1978, Stanley moved to staking engineer, mapping assistant, and engineering programmer. He held this position for 11 years and helped to develop the electric mapping system, before moving to safety and economic development for LREC from 1989 - 1990. Stanley took a short period away from the co-op but found himself back at LREC as Director of Marketing which he held from 1992 to January 2018.

“I have seen the co-op modernize and work to help the members with bleeding edge technology,” said Stanley.

Stanley will join his wife Judy in retirement. They will soon move into their new home on Lake Tenkiller. They plan on visiting grandchildren and traveling more now that Stanley is retired.

“Stanley has been great, and will be truly missed; we could give him any project, and he would help. Stanley was involved in several of our programs at the co-op, from rebates, energy audits, capital credit refunds, satellite internet to now our Fiber-to-the-Home project. He would always be there ready to work, during electric outages prepared to replace fuses on our lines if needed. It was tough to see him retire,” said Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO.



Stanley Young

Brenda Skaggs Tahlequah Cashier Retires after 18 Years



Brenda Skaggs

Brenda Skaggs' charm and personality has greeted many members who have visited the Tahlequah branch office inside Wal-Mart.

Brenda recently retired from LREC after 18 years of service. She started at the co-op in 1999 where she has worked as a cashier and clerk.

“I have enjoyed my years at LREC and will miss so many of the members and employees I have grown to know. I have witnessed LREC's advancement with prepaid

meters and many new services with the fiber network,” said Brenda.

Brenda plans to move to Shawnee, Oklahoma, and be closer to her children and grandbabies and enjoy her retirement years with her family.

Brenda will be missed here at LREC, and we wish her a great retirement.



LREC Bylaws and eligibility qualifications to run for the Board

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Policy Content

I. General Legal Requirements

Basic law provides that a person to be eligible for election or appointment to, and to serve on, the cooperative's board shall, among other things:

- A. Be obedient to the cooperative by adhering to all applicable requirements of law, the cooperative's articles and bylaws, and the cooperative's duly made decisions;
- B. Be loyal to the cooperative, acting at all times in good faith for its best interests;
- C. Be unaffected by any continuing and substantial personal interest that is in conflict with the best interests of the cooperative;
- D. Be possessed of the minimal knowledge and skills necessary to manage the affairs of the cooperative;
- E. And be willing to devote such time and effort to his or her duties as a trustee as may be necessary to manage the cooperative's business and affairs.

II. Bylaw Requirements

Article IV, Section 3 of the cooperative's bylaws provides that a person, to be eligible to serve on the cooperative's Board, shall meet certain qualification requirements.

III. Procedures for Policy Implementation

This Policy shall be implemented as follows:

- A. It shall be timely explained each year in the cooperative's newsletter.
- B. Immediately after receipt of any nomination by petition, the cooperative shall furnish the nominee with a copy of the policy to ensure that he or she is qualified in accordance with it.

- C. The board, in filling any vacancies occurring on the board, shall ensure that an appointee is first fully apprised of this policy and is qualified in accordance with it.
- D. In any event, all individuals actually nominated or being considered for appointment as directors shall, prior to election or appointment, be requested to read this policy and, to then execute the affirmation form. If a potential appointee or nominee refuses to execute the affirmation form or qualifies his execution in any manner that the board considers being inimical to the best interests of the cooperative, the appointment shall be withheld or, as to the nominee, the board may inform the members of such fact prior to the election or disqualify the nominee, whichever it determines to do with the facts and circumstances existing.
- E. In any event, the board shall not allow voting on any nominee, or it shall refuse to seat any nominee elected, as the case may be, who is determined by it to be ineligible under this policy; and it shall remove from office any incumbent who is determined by it to have lost or never had eligibility under this policy.
- F. Timely every year prior to the annual meeting of the cooperative, each incumbent whose office is not up for election at the forthcoming annual member meeting shall be requested to review this policy and to execute or re-execute, as the case may be, the affirmation form.

Responsibility

The board shall be responsible for the enforcement of this policy 899807.

Eligibility qualifications (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3)

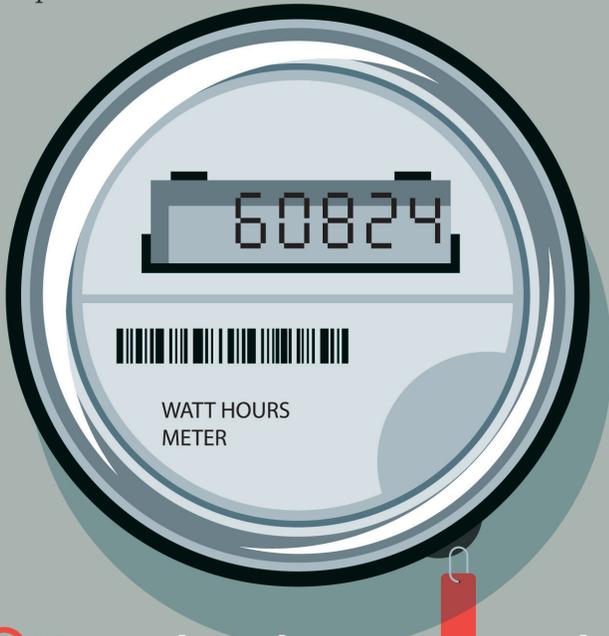
No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

- (a) has not continuously been, for at least one (1) year prior to his nomination, or who ceases after his election to be, a member in good standing of the cooperative, receiving service there at his primary residential abode; or
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative, or
- (c) has been employed by the cooperative within a five-year period from the date of employment termination, or
- (d) is a close relative of an employee or trustee of the cooperative, or
- (e) is the incumbent of or candidate for an elected public office in connection with which a salary or compensation in excess of \$100 is paid.

“Close relative” means a person who by blood or in law, including step, half, foster, and adoptive kin, is either spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece of the principal. Close relative shall also include more distant relatives who are members of the same household of an existing employee or trustee. The term “spouse” shall also mean persons who are living together in a conjugal relationship, even though not legally married.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.

LREC Employee Finishes Line Design and Staking Certification

LREC's Staking Technician, Jeff Kimble has completed a Line Design and Staking Certification Level Four training program. This training program is coordinated through Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) in Oklahoma



Jeff Kimble, Engineering Aide

City. The program provided significant training for electric utility operations and engineering personnel.

The training program is made up of four levels. Jeff Kimble recently completed his four-level training and passed the certification exams. The training and exam consists of safety procedures, using the scale, compass calculations, pole specifications, assembly numbering, NESC basics, ruling span, angle loads, anchor and guy loads and transformer and secondary sizing.

This training program is designed to educate and equip LREC's staking technicians to design electrical distribution facilities to adequately serve the members. The course leads to certification as a qualified staking technician. This is one way LREC is striving for excellent service, by having the most well-trained employees working for you, the members.

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The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

For more information, call 800-364-LREC or 918-772-2526

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.