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## Official Notice of 2014 Annual Meeting



**T**he 2014 Annual Meeting of Members will be held Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the American Legion Hall in Steeleville, Ill. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Registration will open at 4:30 p.m. and cooperative members who register will receive a \$20 electric credit. Registration will be in the Legion's main entrance on the east side of the building.

Members should register upon arriving (please bring the registration card below to assist with registration) and then move to the small hall for food and refreshments. When finished eating, members are urged to move to the meeting hall for entertainment and to provide room for other members wishing to eat.

During the meeting, members will hear reports on the condition of the cooperative and elect three directors followed by a random drawing for five \$1000 scholarships. A children's program will be offered in the bowling alley during the business session.

**Win an iPad!**

Any member who signs up for paperless billing between June 1 and the Annual Meeting on July 24 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a free iPad 2 with 16GB of memory.

*Registration Card. Cut out and bring to the meeting as your official registration.*

## An Invitation from the Board of Directors

On behalf of the board of directors of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, I wish to extend a personal invitation to each of our members to attend the annual meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at the Steeleville American Legion Hall. This is your opportunity to participate in the operation of your cooperative. There will be a short business meeting to conduct necessary business affairs of the cooperative.

Please enter through the main (east) entrance of the Legion. Please register to receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill and then move into the Legion's small hall where you will find the food. Once again, we've decided to provide air-conditioned dining indoors to escape July's heat. Hot dogs, chips and other sundries will be available 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Registration will be in the main entrance of the Legion Hall. There will be three lines for members to register at. Please bring the registration card on the cover of this Illinois Country Living magazine to assist with registration. Every member registering will receive a \$20 credit on their electric bill for attending the Annual Meeting. Registration will open at 4:30 p.m. All members registered by 7:00 p.m. will be included in the drawings.

Due to the success of our scholarship program, it has been expanded to five, \$1000 scholarships selected by random drawing. The scholarship recipient must be a member of the cooperative or a dependent of a member. Applications for the drawing must be returned to one of our offices by July 11. The only other requirement is that the individuals must be present to win. Previous recipients are not eligible. Applications and all details can be found on the [www.eeca.coop](http://www.eeca.coop) website under the News and Events tab.

We will also be drawing to give away an Apple iPad 2 with WiFi. All members who sign up for paperless billing between June 1 and the Annual Meeting will be entered in the drawing. Paperless billing is just one way you can help us keep costs down at the Cooperative.

There will be a display this year on how we use technology to make communicating with us easier, and your life better. Cooperative employees will be there to show you how you can use your cell or smart phone to send a text message to report an outage. They will even assist you in signing up for this free service.

The employees will also be able to show you how to navigate around SmartHub, our web based portal for member access to their electric account. SmartHub allows members to view and modify account information, monitor and analyze their electric usage, or to make payment with credit, debit or electronic checks from a savings or checking account. The employees can even

assist you with signing up for paperless billing and enter you into the drawing for the Apple iPad 2.

At the close of the meeting, we will draw for three (3), \$100 attendance prizes. You must be registered by 7:00 p.m. to be entered in the drawing.

I would like to encourage our younger members with families to attend this year's Annual Meeting. We will have a youth program available during the meeting in the Legion bowling alley. There will be bowling, a movie and other items to entertain our youngest members while Mom and Dad attend the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is a great time to visit with friends, neighbors and acquaintances while learning more about your electric cooperative and the services it provides its members. Come join us on July 24.

Kevin Liefer  
President of the Board

### Official notice 76th annual meeting JULY 24, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

#### Meeting Agenda

1. Credential Committee Report. The Committee will report on the number of members present and determination of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the Annual Meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver(s) of notice of the meeting as the case may be.
3. Reading of the minutes of the 75th Annual Meeting and action to approve the minutes.
4. Presentation of reports from the Secretary-Treasurer, President and Executive Vice President and consideration of necessary action thereon.
5. Election of three board members.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Ken Jarrett, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association

## Program and Events

- 4:40 p.m.**     **REGISTRATION OPENS**  
 (Legion main entrance on east side)  
*-\$20 Electric Bill credit for each registered member*
- Food serving opens in Legion small hall**  
*-Hot dogs, chips, soda*
- 5:00 p.m.**     **Entertainment (Legion large hall)**  
*-Jim and Tim Beattie and Randy Preston*  
*-Ice cream bars and kettlecorn*
- 6:45 p.m.**     **Youth Program (Legion Bowling Alley)**
- 7:00 p.m.**     **Meeting begins**  
 Reports, drawing for five scholarships, Apple iPad, and three \$100 bills.

## Entertainment

They always say “If it isn’t broken, don’t fix it”. That statement reflects the choice of entertainment for this year’s Annual Meeting.

Jim and Tim Beattie and Randy Preston will once again take the stage in the large hall to provide musical entertainment before the Annual Meeting. The three-some have been entertaining folks from southern Illinois for many years.

In case you didn’t know, Jim was a former employee of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, retiring as a line crew foreman in 1991 after thirty-four years of employment. Jim started with the cooperative in the engineering department.

This marks the third time Jim has provided musical entertainment for the members of the Cooperative. His first time was in 1963 at the Cooperative’s 25th Anniversary meeting and the second time was last year at our 75th Anniversary.

## 2014 Annual Meeting Scholarship

Five Egyptian Electric Cooperative vocational school or college-bound students will walk away from the 76th Annual Meeting of Egyptian Electric Cooperative on July 24, as very happy individuals.

The Cooperative will be giving five \$1,000 scholarships to members, or dependents of a member, that attend the Annual Meeting and have completed and returned the Scholarship Application by July 11. The selections will be made by drawing during the Annual Meeting.

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative, or is the dependent of a member of the Cooperative who is in good standing, and must have been a member for one year prior to July, 1, 2014.
- All applications must be signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent) and returned to the Cooperative by 4 p.m. July 11. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The applicant, or if a dependent of a member, and the parent or legal guardian must attend the Cooperative’s Annual Meeting on July 24, 2014 at the Steeleville American Legion. The applicant and parent/legal guardian (if a dependent) must be present at the time of the drawing.
- All applicants must check in at the registration table before 7 p.m. the evening of the Annual Meeting.

- The applicant must be enrolled, or have applied for enrollment, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational school for the fall 2014 term.
- The scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient upon verification of enrollment.
- Prior recipients of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting Scholarships are not eligible to receive a second scholarship.

Applications are available by contacting an Egyptian Electric Cooperative office or downloaded from our Web site, [www.eeca.coop](http://www.eeca.coop) and clicking the scholarship link in the News and Events tab.



# Minutes of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, in compliance with the by-laws of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, met in Steeleville, Illinois, in the office of the Cooperative, on May 13, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., to nominate candidates for the office of Director of the Cooperative to serve for a three-year term and to be voted upon by the membership of the Cooperative at its Annual Meeting to be held on July 24, 2014, at the Steeleville American Legion Hall.

Attorney William Broom opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the Nominating Committee is to nominate candidates for the office of Director of the Cooperative, and that the terms of Mr. Larry Ebers, Mr. Gilbert Kroening and Mr. Steven Prest were expiring this year.

A roll call of the members of the Nominating Committee was taken and all members were present. Attorney Broom stated that the first order of

business would be to select a chairman and a secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Stuart Langrehr was duly selected as chairman of the committee, and Attorney William Broom was selected as secretary of the meeting.

The minutes were approved by all members present. The chairman instructed the committee that three or more nominations could be made by the committee and placed on the ballot. Following a discussion on this, it was unanimously agreed to nominate three candidates.

Mr. Dwayne Mulholland nominated Mr. Steve Prest, Mr. John Helmers nominated Mr. Larry Ebers, and Mr. Don Gobert nominated Mr. Gilbert Kroening for the office of director of the Cooperative. Motion was made that nominations be closed and that the three be nominated by acclamation and that their names be placed on the ballot to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting of the members on July 24, 2014.

The motion was made by Mr. Richard Fager and seconded by Mr. Kenneth Young and unanimously carried.

The Nominating committee discussed the possibility that the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors would establish and combine a Credentials Committee with the Nominating Committee. In the event of this occurring the Chairman of the Nominating Committee would also be the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

There being no further business, motion was duly made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Stuart J. Langrehr, Chairman, Ken Hollmann, Dan Gobert, John Helmers, Roger S. Morgenstern, Ken Young, Richard M. Fager, Dwayne Mulholland, Russell Biggs

## Director Candidates



**Gilbert Kroening**, Carbondale, has been a Board member for thirteen years. He has served as treasurer, Vice President

and President of the board. He has completed training courses to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has obtained Board Leadership Certification.

Gil and his wife, Jean, have been married for 55 years and have three children and four granddaughters.

Gil is retired from the College of Agriculture at SIUC. He was a Professor in Animal Science and held several administrative positions in the college, including Dean of the College of Agriculture and as Director of International Agriculture.

His goal is to provide leadership that will enable the cooperative to provide reliable and affordable electric power.



**Larry Ebers**, Steeleville, has served on the Board of Director's for seven years. He has completed training courses to become

a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has obtained Board Leadership Certification.

Larry and his wife, Bonnie, have been married for 29 years and are life-long residents of Randolph County.

Larry has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois and is a Vietnam veteran. He is the owner and operator of a grain farm operation and is also been a seed dealer.

Larry considers it a privilege to serve as a Board member. His goal in doing so is to be able to provide dependable electrical service to the members at the lowest possible cost.



**Steve Prest**, Coulterville, has served on the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Board for 16 months. He has completed four of the

five required courses towards becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Steve and his wife Carol have been married for 35 years and have a son and daughter.

Steve has a Master's Degree in Plant and Soil Science from SIU Carbondale and has worked in the Agricultural Industry for 39 years currently with Bockhorn Ag as a crop consultant.

Steve has learned a lot in his short time on the board, and looks forward to contributing positive direction to the Cooperative in the coming years to keep it a strong, reliable supplier of electricity for our area.