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All you need to know about EnerStar's upcoming Annual Meeting of Members

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

EnerStar's Annual Meeting of Members is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16.

The meeting is an excellent opportunity to take part in the business of your electric cooperative. There are seven cooperative principles that guide us, and the second one is "Democratic Member-Owner Control." This principle is what gives you as a co-op member the privilege of attending the annual meeting and participating in the director elections.

A co-op director is a member just like you. He or she represents your district and is your voice in the cooperative. Please read on to learn more about voting in the upcoming election.

ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

EnerStar's service territory is divided into three Voting Districts, each sized to contain an approximate equal number of members. Each of the three Voting Districts contains three Representative "Director" Districts, for a total of nine Director Districts. Each year, one Director District from each of the three Voting Districts elects a director to a three-year term. This year, Director Districts 3, 6 and 8 are open for election.

MAILING OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE

The official notice booklet contains all the materials you need

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Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



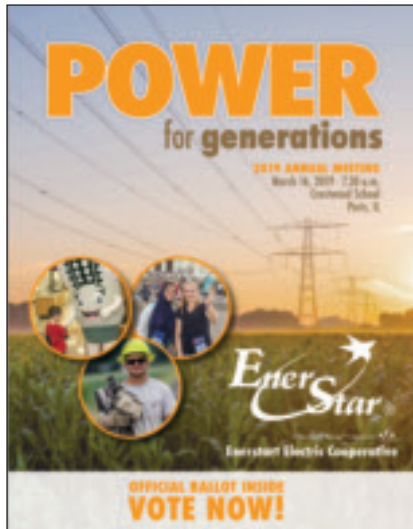
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019

Member Breakfast 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Member Registration 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Meeting Begins 9:30 a.m.

**CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
15601 US HWY 150 • PARIS, IL**

to participate in the director elections. It is sent to every active membership via first-class mail in mid-February.



CONTENTS OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE BOOKLET

Included in the booklet you will find the following: notice of the meeting, voting instructions, a ballot for your representative district along with a return mailing envelope, and director candidate profiles.

Notice of the Meeting (inside front cover of the booklet): This is the official announcement of the meeting as required by our bylaws. The notice includes the meeting date, time and location.

Voting Instructions and Ballot (back cover of the booklet): Members should carefully read the voting instructions to ensure their ballot is completed correctly. The ballot will be located in the bottom right hand corner and will need torn out along the perforations. This ballot will be returned in the ballot envelope.

Return mailing ballot envelope (inside back cover in the booklet spine): For the convenience of our

members, a ballot return envelope will be stamped and self-addressed to the attention of the Election Inspectors. Important: Members are required to sign the back of the return envelope where indicated. This certification verifies that the member personally voted the enclosed ballot. If the account is a shared membership, only one member is required to certify the ballot.

Proposed Bylaw Considerations

Enclosed in the official notice are proposed bylaw changes that will be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting.

If you have questions regarding your membership or the upcoming meeting, please give us a call at 800-635-4145. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting!

VOTING

3 year terms
3 Voting Districts

A	B	C
1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

Voting Districts A, B, and C each contain three Representative Districts in shades of red, green, and blue, respectively.

- ✓ **Voting District A -**
Representative District 3
Currently served by Dale English, Paris
- ✓ **Voting District B -**
Representative District 6
Currently served by Jeff Murphy, Marshall
- ✓ **Voting District C -**
Representative District 8
Currently served by Tom Jones, Marshall

When you receive your booklet:

Read and follow the voting instructions, and return your ballot in the envelope provided.

It may be mailed or hand-delivered to the EnerStar office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019. Ballots received in the mail or in the office after that date

will be null and void. Ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Crestwood School, Paris, IL.

Please do not use the Ballot Return Envelope for any purpose other than the return of your ballots.

If you vote on behalf of more than

one membership, each set of ballots must be returned in a separate Ballot Envelope and certified separately.

The ballots will be counted by the Election Inspectors and the election results announced at the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2019.

Voting qualifications: who can vote

Because there are certain rules regarding voting procedures for the Annual Meeting of Members, it is important to remind members of their voting rights and responsibilities. The following points explain who can and cannot vote in the annual director election. By knowing these points, you can be assured your vote counts at the meeting.

★ If only one person signed the original membership application, then only that person is allowed



to vote. This is known as a Single Membership. With this membership, only one name is printed on the billing statement.

★ If two people signed the membership application, then one of them may cast the vote for that membership. This is known as a Shared Membership. Both names are printed on the billing statement.

★ If you pay your landlord for the electrical usage at a location and the landlord's name is on the bill,

you are not able to vote for that location. The membership belongs to the landlord, who would vote the membership.

★ If you have power of attorney for a member, you may vote that membership as long as the POA form is on file at the cooperative office.

If you have any further questions regarding your membership status, please contact the EnerStar office at 800-635-4145 during normal business hours. We will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding your account.

Feeling
Lucky?

High school seniors are eligible to enter
EnerStar Electric Cooperative's
Luck of the Draw Scholarship
at the co-op's Annual Meeting on March 16!

See page 13 for full details.

YOU HAVE THE POWER



NOW AVAILABLE!

PowerShift WholeHouse

Receive a bill credit of \$150 per residential account for participating

- No installation charge
- Up to 10 controls during the months of June, July, August and September
- Controls last no more than 4 hours per event

You have the power with PowerShift

The time of day that our members use power changes how much that power costs our electric cooperative. It's the law of supply and demand: When everybody's using electricity, it costs more and puts a bigger strain on the electric system.

But PowerShift accounts help the co-op by shifting some of their energy use to times when it's less expensive. And in return, these accounts earn bill credits for participating.

The program is simple. EnerStar installs a control switch on your central air conditioner unit, electric water heater, or fixed pool pump. When demand for electricity is up, our power supplier will control the load. Most people don't even notice the difference.

Members wanting to make a significant impact for the co-op and maximize their bill credit can sign up for PowerShift WholeHouse. With this program, members allow us to interrupt power to their meter during a few electric peak periods from June 1 to September 30 so the cooperative can avoid paying expensive demand charges when wholesale rates are their highest. Interruptions typically occur in the afternoon on hot summer days and will not last longer than 4 hours nor will they run later than 7:00 pm. No interruptions occur on holidays or weekends. There can be up to 10 interruptions, but for the past few years interruptions have been minimal.

Call EnerStar at 800-635-4145 to learn more or to sign up for PowerShift!

POWERSHIFT CREDITS AVAILABLE

Wholehouse	\$150	Fixed Pool Pumps.....	\$45
Central Air Conditioners.....	\$45	Electric Water Heaters.....	\$27

Now is a great time to sign up for budget billing



Members wanting to eliminate the fluctuations of their monthly electric bills are encouraged to sign up for EnerStar's Budget Billing program!

Accounts with at least 12 months of consumption history and with account balances paid in full are eligible.

- Monthly budget bills are reevaluated in April, August and December based on the account's consumption history. If necessary, the monthly amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- There is no "catch up" month. When reevaluating the account, any under-collected amounts and overpaid amounts are "rolled over" into the next 12 months.
- Monthly budget bills must be paid before the disconnect date. If payment is not received, the account will be removed from the budget plan.
- If an account is removed from budget billing for any reason, any balance on the account is due immediately.

Think you might be interested in EnerStar's Budget Billing program? If so contact a Member Accounts Representative at 1-800-635-4145 or via email at billing@enerstar.com.