

★ Illinois Electric Cooperative ★ *Annual Meeting 2025*

Members of the Board of Directors

Thomas D. Meehan, III, President
Roodhouse. District 8.
Director since 1995.

Jenna Morrow, Vice President
New Canton. District 1.
Director since 2017.

Jim Freeman, Treasurer
Bluffs. District 3.
Director since 2012.

Kevin Brannan, Secretary
Eldred. District 10.
Director since 2001.

Julie Rhoads
Carrollton. District 11.
Director since 2007.

Luke Fraley
Hardin. District 5.
Director since 2015.

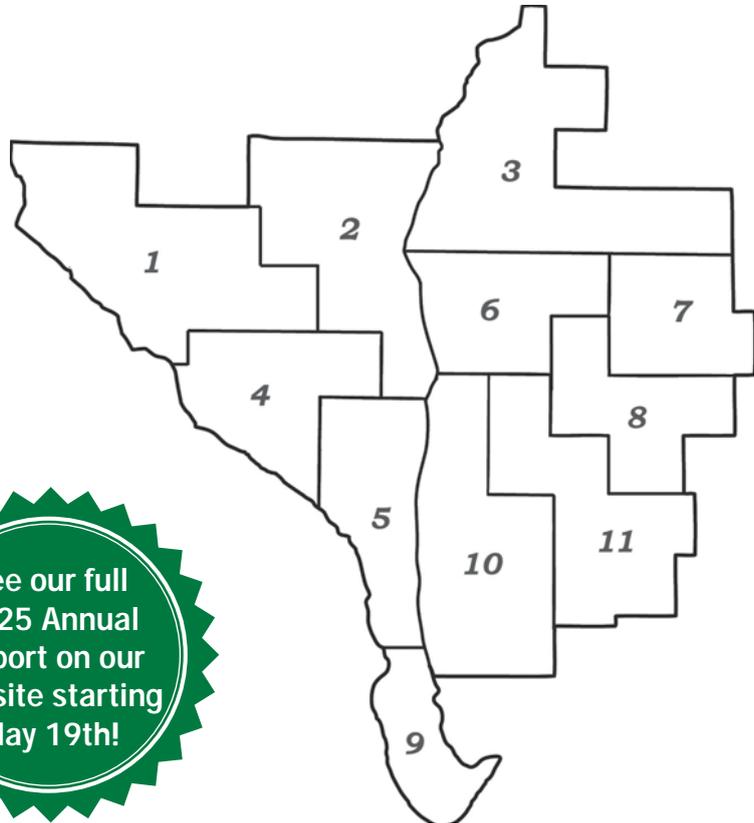
Pat Stendback
Pleasant Hill. District 4.
Director Since 2016.

Kevin Klein
Murrayville. District 7.
Director since 2017.

Bryan Hubbert
Winchester. District 6.
Director since 2018.

Kristine Bingham
Griggsville. District 2.
Director since 2019.

Patrick Simon
Golden Eagle. District 9.
Director since 2024.



Join us for our 2025 Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 14th at the Winchester Grade School! We'll be giving away four \$500 and twenty \$100 door prizes. You could also win one of eleven \$500 prizes for your favorite charity. Each member will receive a \$15 credit at our drive-through registration from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Working to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve since 1936.

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Announcement of the 2025 Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the members of Illinois Electric Cooperative will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Drive-through registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Winchester Grade School in Winchester, Illinois. The meeting will be held in the Winchester Grade School gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. Members will elect four directors and hear reports on the condition of their cooperative.

If you cannot attend in person, we urge you to send your proxy with a neighbor or a friend.

Kevin Brannan
Secretary

To The Membership:

We are excited to welcome you to the 89th Annual Meeting of the Members of Illinois Electric Cooperative. Throughout the year, we have the pleasure of seeing many of you at our office or out in the community, but this annual meeting offers a special opportunity for us to come together. Whether you have been a member for just a few years or decades, your participation is valued, and we encourage you to attend your cooperative's annual meeting.

Illinois Electric is more than a utility provider—we are a cooperative, meaning our members are also our owners. This unique model was established in 1936 when a group of farmers, much like you, formed the cooperative. Because no investor-owned utility was willing to serve rural areas, they applied for and received low-interest federal loans. They used this capital to build and begin operating their own electric system. These pioneers took control of their future, electing a Board of Directors and hiring employees to run daily operations. Today, that spirit of ownership remains unchanged—you are not just a customer; you are an integral part of Illinois Electric.

Your attendance at the annual meeting demonstrates your commitment to the cooperative and gives you a voice in its governance. Unlike investor-owned utilities regulated by government agencies, cooperatives are governed locally by their member-elected boards. This ensures that decisions are made with your best interests in mind. We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to be involved.

While the cooperative has evolved over the past 80+ years, our mission remains the same—to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service. We have made substantial investments in maintaining and improving our electrical infrastructure, replacing poles and conductors, and enhancing right-of-way maintenance. These efforts have significantly improved reliability and will continue to be a top priority.

In addition to electricity, we are proud to provide high-speed internet service to our members. Much like the early days of rural electrification, we recognized the need for reliable internet access in underserved areas. Since launching our service in 1993, we have expanded our fixed wireless network to over 80 broadcast points, serving thousands of members. We are also investing in fiber broadband, with an ongoing multi-year project in Calhoun County. Our goal is to provide fast, dependable internet access to as many members as possible, supporting education, telehealth, and remote employment opportunities. This initiative aligns with our mission to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated employees. From our linemen who respond 24/7, to our skilled internet technicians and exceptional office staff, our team works tirelessly to

ensure members receive the highest level of service. Their commitment and expertise make all the difference, and we are grateful to have such an outstanding group working for you.

I also want to thank our Board of Directors. Each Director puts in countless hours every month, attending meetings, taking continuing director education courses, serving on committees, and more. They make my life as board president much easier, and I thank them for their commitment to the cooperative. It's an honor to serve alongside each of them.

As the electric and telecommunications industries continue to evolve, Illinois Electric remains focused on adapting to change while maintaining our commitment to excellence. We will explore new technologies and opportunities to enhance the services we provide, always with the goal of improving the quality of life for our members.

Thank you for your continued support. Your participation in this annual meeting and your cooperative is greatly appreciated by your Board of Directors and our employees. We look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Thomas Meehan III
President



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met on February 7th, 2025, at the cooperative's office in Winchester. Prior to the meeting, the committee received the Bylaws and Policies pertaining to nominations, as well as bios for the incumbent directors.

The committee reviewed the cooperative's operational and financial status, its efforts in economic development, and the cooperative's strategic plan for the coming years.

The committee elected Mark Heffington as Chairperson. They then moved on to review the qualifications and educational achievements of the incumbent directors seeking nomination. They also examined the diversity of the current board.

Following a thorough review, the committee nominated Kristine Bingham as their candidate for Director representing District 2; Pat Stendback for Director representing District 4; Bryan Hubbert for Director representing District 6; and Thomas Meehan for Director representing District 8.

The election for these four positions will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Members on June 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Heffington, Chair, Batchtown
Arron Cook, Carrollton
Caleb Briscoe, Athensville
Maria Carmody, Hardin

Tim Friedel, Golden Eagle
Alan Brokaw, Pittsfield

Proxy

I, _____, a member of Illinois Electric
(please print)
Cooperative, do hereby appoint _____ to be my Proxy
(please print)
for all matters to come before the membership at the Annual Meeting of
Members to be held June 14, 2025.

Signature

Date

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.