

Illinois Country Living

AMPLIFY

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT COOPERATION SAFETY EDUCATION COMMUNITY YOUR VOICE

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice of this year's Annual Meeting of the Members is being given to the membership by method of this July Illinois Country Living magazine. The 87th Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10 at our headquarters facility at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill. Gates will open, registration, and food service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Boxed hot dog dinners & drinks will be provided to all in attendance, and \$20 bill credits will be issued to each registered member (credit will be applied to August bills, one per membership). The business meeting will take place onstage outdoors inside our truck storage bays. Consumer-members will have the choice to join the meeting near the stage, or by listening to the radio broadcast in their vehicle on-site. The director election will take place during the meeting. Scholarship winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the meeting, followed by \$3,000 in prizes for those present.

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

Annual Meeting Scholarships

- ▶ The applicant must be a consumer-member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA), or is the dependent of a consumer-member of the Cooperative who is in good standing, and must have been a consumer-member for one year prior to July 10, 2025.
- ▶ 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 2025 term.
- ▶ Application must be completed and signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent of the consumer-member). Proof of college registration for Fall 2025 must be included with application. Verification of enrollment could include a payment installment, copy of school schedule or equivalent proof.
- ▶ Application and proof of enrollment must be returned to EECA by July 3, 2025. Applications will be accepted by mail, fax, email or by dropping off in our lobby or after-hours dropbox.
- ▶ Prior annual meeting scholarship applicants are eligible. Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible.
- ▶ The Annual Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Applicants must be registered before 6 p.m. to be in the drawing. Scholarship drawings will take place live following the business meeting. Attendance for student and parent/legal guardian (if a dependent) is mandatory, no exceptions. Scholarship funds will be addressed and sent directly to scholarship winners in the mail.

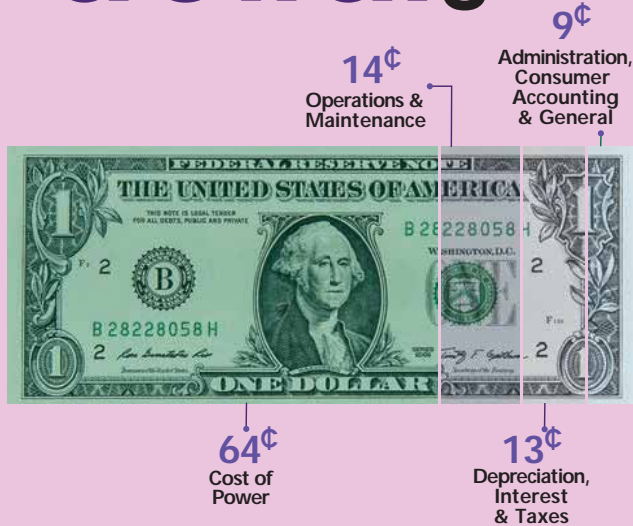


2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

From L to R, front row: Sarah Hartke, Reagan Fager, Jala Bradley, Taylor Kurtz, Josie Wettig. From L to R, back row: Josie Kattenbraker, Ryan Finke, Caden Robinson, Kylie Martin, Ellie Searby.

.....

Where does your dollar go?



2024 Statement of Earnings

Operating Revenue	\$46,225,323
Cost of Power	\$28,296,666
Operations & Maintenance	\$6,225,891
Depreciation, Interest and All Other	\$10,006,375
Total Cost of Electric Service	\$44,528,932
Operating Margins	\$1,696,391
Non-operating Margins	\$93,706
Total EECA Margins	\$1,790,097
Total SIPC Capital Credits	\$1,111,188
Other Capital Credit Allocations	\$157,195
Total Capital Credits	\$3,058,480

Board of Director Elections

The 2nd Principle of the Rochdale Principles — democratic member control — states, “Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Those serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary, cooperative members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.”

You may ask, what does a director do? Not only do board members attend monthly board meetings (board meetings are typically the last Tuesday of each month at the Cooperative headquarters), but they are involved in mitigating risk, setting rates, understanding power supply, strategic planning, financial decision making, promoting the cooperative business model, gaining insights on political and environmental impacts, among many other responsibilities.

Voting in the cooperative board election is one of the things that make EECA a cooperative. Board candidates are co-op owners, like you! When elected, board members serve three-year terms and seat a board of nine (9) directors. Each year at our annual meeting, the membership elects three (3) member-owners to represent them on the board. We can't do it without you, so vote!

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the headquarters office to nominate directors to be elected at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Members. There was one nomination filed by petition, Bill Sasso of Carbondale, who met the criteria and will be placed on the director election ballot.

Members of the 2025 Nominating Committee are:

- ▶ Matt Crain (Carbondale)
- ▶ Richard Fager (Murphysboro)
- ▶ Wes Fritsche (Marissa)
- ▶ Kenneth Hollmann (Gorham)
- ▶ Royce Hoops (Chester)
- ▶ Stuart Langrehr (Chair, Evansville)
- ▶ Jefferson Lindsey (Carbondale)
- ▶ Donald Stallman (Chester)
- ▶ Cynthia Winter (Pinckneyville)

The Nominating Committee nominated the following members, for director seats, to serve a three-year term beginning in 2025:

- ▶ Kevin Liefer, Red Bud
- ▶ Ken Jarrett, Jacob
- ▶ Kevin Bame, Murphysboro

Board Candidate Profiles



Kevin Liefer, Red Bud, is a graduate of Belleville Area College with an Associate of Arts degree. After managing Red Bud Equipment for 10 years, he joined his parents farming full-time. He spends his days farming near Red Bud with his sons. Kevin joined the board in April 1987 and has served as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. He received his National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate in 2005, his Board Leadership Certification in 2008, and has also obtained his Director Gold Certification. Kevin has represented EECA for over 30 years at the Illinois Cooperative's Workers Comp Group in Springfield and holds a seat on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) board at Lake of Egypt south of Marion. Kevin is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud. He and his wife Kathy have four children, Kirk, Kent, Kara, and Kristopher and 12 grandchildren.



Ken Jarrett, Jacob, is a life-long resident of rural southern Illinois and member of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. He graduated from Gorham High School and has served as the Fountain Bluff Township Supervisor since 1975. After 34 years, he retired from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative in 2001. He joined the EECA board of directors in 2009. Since then, Ken has served every seat as an officer, earning his NRECA CCD Certificate, his Board Leadership Certification, and Director Gold status. He currently serves on the SIPC board of directors. Ken, and his wife Diana, are members of the Christ Lutheran Church in Jacob. They have four children, Brad, Jason, Corey, and Jennifer, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Kevin Bame, Murphysboro, joined the Egyptian Electric Cooperative board of directors in 2019 and currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer. He has earned his NRECA CCD, Board Leadership, and Director Gold certifications. Kevin has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration. He earned his CPA designation in 1982. Kevin retired from SIU Carbondale in 2017 as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. He serves on the boards of directors for the SIU Foundation and the SIU Systems Initiatives. Kevin is also a member of the finance committee for Southern Illinois Healthcare. He is a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale, where he serves as Treasurer. Kevin and his wife, Lyn, have been married 45 years and have two children and four grandchildren.



Bill Sasso, Carbondale, moved to Carbondale in 1999 to serve as Minister of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, where he and his family joined Egyptian Electric Cooperative at that time. Before ministry, he was a software engineering project manager for Andersen Consulting, taught at New York University, and worked in retail sales. Bill has significant experience in leading not-for-profit organizations in times of change, including guiding the reorganization of three geographical units of the Unitarian Universalist Association into a larger one serving 13 states. As an active member of the Carbondale community, Bill is committed to maintaining the Cooperative's ability to provide reliable, cost-effective, safe electricity, while exploring responsible and practical ways to take advantage of renewable energy opportunities.

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 2024 Annual Meeting and action to approve the minutes.
- 4. ELECTION** of three (3) board members.

- 5. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS** from the Board Secretary-Treasurer, Board President, and the Executive Vice President/General Manager and consideration of necessary action thereon.
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Kevin Bame

Kevin Bame, Secretary-Treasurer
EECA Board of Directors



Voting Authorization for Organizations

For Churches, Schools, and Other Public & Business Accounts

EECA requires a Letter of Authorization for all organization accounts, such as churches, schools, hospitals, etc., registering at the Annual Meeting of the Members. This can be done one of two ways: by completing this form or bringing an actual authorization letter.

To the right is the form that can be brought in place of a letter. Please note, all information needed in your letter is also required on this Letter of Authorization form and is to be brought to the Annual Meeting. The Letter of Authorization will also be available on our website under Annual Meeting.

Authorization letters must be on the organization's letterhead and include:

- 1. Organization name and address**, as it appears on the monthly billing statement.
- 2. Current Date**
- 3. The EECA Account Number**
- 4. The name of the Authorized Representative** that will attend the meeting and will be asked to sign the letter upon presentation at registration.
- 5. Title and signature** of the Office of the Organization, or name on organization's billing statement, who is designating the Authorized Representative to register on their behalf.

Letter of Authorization

Account Number (Required): _____

Name of Organization: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of authorized representative who will be presenting this document at the time of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of registration and/or voting on behalf of the organization named above:

Signature of officer granting authorization to the above named representative

Date: _____ Title: _____

By signing this form, I am authorizing the said name of authorized representative to register this organization at the Annual Meeting with my permission.

**Bring this form with you to the Annual Meeting.
Please do not mail to our office.**