



Rock Energy Holds 2026 Annual Meeting

Long-time Board Member Marian Trescher Retires

Rock Energy Cooperative held its 90th Annual Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Janesville Conference Center (Holiday Inn Express) in Janesville, WI. Just over 380 people were in attendance, representing 177 co-op members.

During the meeting, 2026 Rock Energy director elections were announced for districts 7 and 8. Presiding over the elections was attorney Jessica Shrestha. Directors elected are as follows:

- **Derik Roth – District 7 (re-elected)**
- **Ron Richards – District 8 (re-elected)**



Derik Roth



Ron Richards

Calling the meeting to order and providing opening remarks was Board Chair Barbara Miller, followed by an address from Rock Energy CEO Shane Larson. Miller also provided the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, and Chairman’s Report.



Above, Rock Energy Board Chair, Barbara Miller, addresses members at the 90th Rock Energy Annual Meeting.

At this year’s annual meeting, it was announced to members that long-time board member Marian Trescher has retired from her board position.

"From a board standpoint, tonight is bittersweet," said Miller. "We will say goodbye and thanks to long-time board member Marian Trescher, who is retiring after tonight’s meeting."

In honor of Trescher’s long-time affiliation with the co-op and outstanding performance as a board member, she was presented with a retirement gift of an old-style meter that was converted into a lamp.

Trescher first became involved with Rock Energy through her husband, Howard. During his 43 years as a director, Marian was always by his side, handling schedules and taking notes at meetings. When Howard passed away in 2004, Marian was elected to fill his seat, a position she has held ever since. In 2011, she was elected board secretary. She has received many certifications and also served on the Federated Youth Foundation Board and WECA Education Committee. In the 1960’s, when Howard served on the board, Marian started and organized the “cooperative queen” program for the co-op. In the early 70’s, Rock Energy’s queen went on to win the cooperative queen title at both the state and national level as “Miss Rural Electrification.” Marian served as her chaperone, traveling with her to speaking engagements and events across the country.

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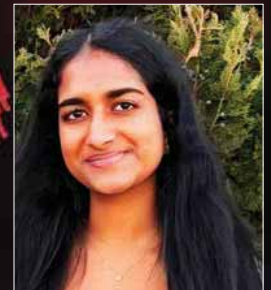
2026 Rock Energy Scholarship Winners



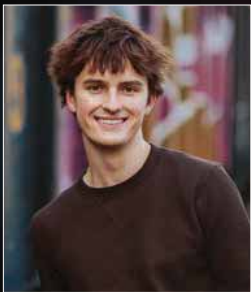
Ally Beeman
HS: Parkview (WI)
College: Blackhawk Technical College
Major: Nursing



Aiden Steinke
HS: Milton (WI)
College: UW-Platteville
Major: Civil Engineering



**Anushree Karunamurthy
Premanand**
HS: Hononegah (IL)
College: Univ. of Illinois
Urbana Champaign
Major: Bioengineering



Andrew Chambers
HS: Hononegah (IL)
College: Iowa State
Major: Mechanical Engineering



Beverly Brewer
HS: Clinton (WI)
College: Southwest Tech
Major: Animal Science



Avery Eastman
HS: Parker (WI)
College: Ripon College
Major: Exercise Science



Brooke Franklin
HS: Hononegah (IL)
College: Michigan State
Major: Psychology



Joseph Collins
HS: Clinton (WI)
College: UW-Platteville
Major: Animal Science



Grayson Hanna-Downey
HS: Milton (WI)
College: Beloit College
Major: Finance/Economics



Harper Powell
 HS: Hononegah (IL)
 College: North Carolina-
 Wilmington
 Major: Biology



Isabella Leitner
 HS: Hononegah (IL)
 College: Univ. of Iowa
 Major: Physical Therapy



Isaiah Kupkowski
 HS: South Beloit (IL)
 College: UW-Madison
 Major: Biology



Jayden Mosley
 HS: Beloit Turner (WI)
 College: UW-Platteville
 Major: Construction
 Management



Kaelee DeRemer
 HS: Milton (WI)
 College: UW-Platteville
 Major: Animal Science &
 Ag Business



**Giavannah Thipphayoth-
 Maiers**
 HS: Parker (WI)
 College: St. College of Florida,
 Manatee-Sarasota
 Major: Dental Hygiene



Lilly Musgrove
 HS: Milton (WI)
 College: UW-Green Bay
 Major: Nursing and Spanish



Lily Kettner
 HS: Milton (WI)
 College: UW-Whitewater
 Major: Physical Therapy



Parker Kutz
 HS: Clinton (WI)
 College: UW-Madison
 Major: Nutrition & Dietary
 Sciences



Ryan Knaack
 HS: Freeport (IL)
 College: UW-Stout
 Major: Industrial Product
 Design



Sydney Watson
 HS: Edgerton (WI)
 College: UW-Stevens Point
 Major: Undecided



Thomas Peters
 HS: Beloit Turner (WI)
 College: UW-Stevens Point
 Major: Social Studies /
 Community Sustainability



Angelyn Lopez-Velazquez
 HS: South Beloit (IL)
 College: Rock Valley
 Major: Forensics



Katelyn Pigott
 HS: Hononegah (IL)
 College: Colorado Christian
 Major: Pre-Medicine



Morgan Abate
 HS: South Beloit (IL)
 College: Univ. of Dubuque
 Major: Nursing



Natalie Harris
 HS: Evansville (WI)
 College: UW-Madison
 Major: Psychology

CEO ADDRESS

While addressing co-op members, Larson spoke about the storied co-op history and the significance of its 90th anniversary.

"A small group of incorporators back in 1936 signed our articles of incorporation and our first line was energized in 1937," said Larson.



Pictured above, Marian Trescher (left) receives a retirement recognition gift from Shane Larson, Rock Energy CEO.

"Once that happened, the co-op never had a day off. Every minute for the next 90 years was covered. Between 1937 and today, this co-op has been available for its membership and has survived depressions, recessions, pandemics, and every sort of weather."

Larson went on to talk about the co-op's core strength, its employees, and making sure the co-op provides the best service possible for its members, at all times.

"We spend a great deal of resources on vegetation management, pole replacement, animal protection, and system upgrades. And on the natural gas side, we continue to have very competitive rates and reliable service," said Larson. "We know that there's going to be some challenges ahead, but I'm very confident that we're going to be positioned very well to serve the members for the next 90 years and beyond."

BYLAWS CHANGES

There were also two changes to the Rock Energy Cooperative Bylaws approved, including:

Article III. Directors - the approval allows the co-op to have a minimum of seven districts.

Article IV. Meeting of Directors (Section 1) Regular Meetings - this approval allows the co-op to have no less than 9 board meetings annually.

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

As the evening dinner was served, the co-op's Education Committee members Bill Fischer and Barbara Miller recognized the 2026 scholarship winners on stage. Each of the scholarship winners addressed the member audience by stating their name, high school, college choice and future area of study. Twenty-one of the 25 scholarship winners were in attendance at the scholarship presentation (see pages 18B-18C for scholarship winner details).

The scholarships are awarded to high school graduating seniors that reside in our distribution area. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. Rock Energy has increased the number of scholarships awarded to 25, which is 10 more than years past when 15 scholarships were handed out.

Also announced during the scholarship presentation were second-year scholarship winners. Those students, going into their sophomore year of college next year, were not in attendance.



Pictured above, co-op members listen in during the CEO's address at the 2026 Rock Energy Annual Meeting.

Capital Credits Appear On June Statements

The Rock Energy board of directors recently authorized the retirement (bill credit) of capital credits to our current members; this credit will appear on the June statements. In addition, the board authorized the retirement to past members. Your June Rock Energy statement shows your beginning capital credit balance, the 2025 allocation, the 2025 retirement credit, and your ending capital credit balance. Around this time of year, eligible Rock Energy members are allocated a slice of the cooperative's margins based on how much energy they paid for during the previous year. As a member, you have a stake in Rock Energy with your capital credits. Your stake (capital credit balance) is shown on your June billing statement.

Shane Larson, CEO

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