



Members Enjoy Successful 19th Annual Meeting

by Steve Rau, Board president

THE 19TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of East-Central Iowa REC was held on June 19. This year's meeting was well attended by an estimated 163 members plus guests.

Jeff Elliott (District 11), Chris Sackett (District 12), Bill Frazier (District 15), and Steve Rau (District 26) were re-elected to serve three-year terms.

Following the meeting, representatives of the Buchanan County Pork Producers grilled pork burgers and Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse out of Independence provided side dishes and beverages. Joseph Weber of Brandon also served ice cream.

Finally, a Board reorganization meeting followed. Re-elected to offices were Steve Rau, president; Burt Byers, vice president; Jim Alberts, secretary/treasurer; and elected to office was Ryan Kress, assistant secretary/treasurer.

Members attending the Annual Meeting received an East-Central Iowa REC insulated grocery bag upon registering. Door prizes included several gift cards.

2013 Youth Tour winners Rachel Wheelock of Independence and Ben Hyland of Vinton brought a display and other memorabilia from the D.C. trip and were present to visit with members at the Annual Meeting. Each year East-Central Iowa REC awards two high school juniors with a free six-day tour of Washington, D.C., along with 1,500 students from across the United States, sponsored by Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives.

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YOUR BOARD

Board District 11 - Jeff Elliott

Board District 12 - Chris Sackett

Board District 13 - Allen Albers

Board District 15 - Bill Frazier

Board District 17 - Burt S. Byers

(2014/2015 Vice President)

Board District 21 - Don Shonka

Board District 23 - Jim V. Alberts

(2014/2015 Secretary/Treasurer)

Board District 24 - Lloyd Bathen

Board District 26 - Steve Rau

(2014/2015 President)

Board District 27 - Ryan Kress

(2014/2015 Asst. Secretary/Treasurer)

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Board Election Results From the Annual Meeting



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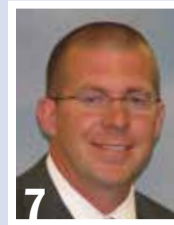
Re-elected to serve three-year terms: (1) Jeff Elliott, District 11; (2) Chris Sackett, District 12; (3) Bill Frazier, District 15; and (4) Steve Rau, District 26.



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Re-elected to offices: (4) Steve Rau, president; (5) Burt Byers, vice president; (6) Jim Alberts, secretary/treasurer. Elected to office was (7) Ryan Kress, assistant secretary/treasurer.

CEO Marlow Speaks to Members at Annual Meeting

a Cooperative Difference report

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE, ECI REC's CEO Steve Marlow welcomed members and covered topics ranging from the Cooperative's finances to new environmental regulations. East-Central Iowa REChad another successful year serving member-consumers, and here are a few highlights:

- Kilowatt-hour sales were 2.4% over budget and 8% over 2012. Margins continue to be strong enough to meet short and long-term financial goals.
- Upgrades to ECI REC's system continue, with over 500 miles of line rebuilt in the last 7 years and 10 substations upgraded or rebuilt over the last 4 years. The new lines and substation upgrades, along with aggressive line maintenance activities, are proving to be successful investments, resulting in fewer outages and more reliable service. The average outage times in 2013 were the lowest in several years.
- Interest in distributed generation systems such as wind turbines, solar power, and diesel generators continues to increase among ECI REC members. Your Cooperative is committed to environmental responsibility, and distributed generation is one component that can yield benefits.
- Because members with distributed generation systems still rely on ECI REC's infrastructure and systems, the Board is carefully evaluating the current rate structure, including the facility charge, to ensure all members are paying their fair share and are not subsidizing or being subsidized by other members.
- ECI REC is encouraging members to contact the Environmental Protection Agency regarding new proposed rules limiting the carbon dioxide emissions of new coal- and natural gas-based power plants. The stringent limits on CO2 emissions from coal plants in particular mean the administration is reversing course: ditching the "all-of-the-above" energy strategy for an "all-but-one" approach that bans new coal plants. History has proven we need a variety of power-generating sources to keep the lights on. 

ANNUAL MEETING PRIZE WINNERS

Grand Prize \$100 Bill Winner
Russell Kreutner, Vinton

Gift Card Winners

\$50 Fareway gift card

Dortha Sundquist, Independence
Ricky Davis, Marengo
Walter Bruce, Shellsburg
John Leibold, Jesup
Joanne Bane, Waterloo
Robert Schwab, Belle Plaine
Maude Hilleshiem, Vinton
Troy Krug, Vinton

\$50 Walmart gift card

Joe Weber, Brandon
Sara Smith, Stanley
William Luebbers, Independence
Robert Hassler, Jesup
Mary Andrews, Independence
Lyle Eschweiler, Independence
Carl Evans, Vinton
John Ryherd, Fairbank

\$100 energy credit winners for mail-in ballot

District 1, Benton area - Larry Koster, Blairstown
District 2, Buchanan area - John Vande Vorde, Stanley