



Cooperative Hosts 20th Annual Meeting of the Members

by Steve Rau, Board president

THE 20TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of East-Central Iowa REC was held on June 18.

This year's meeting was well attended by an estimated 141 members plus guests.

Don Shonka (District 21) ran unopposed and will serve a three-year term, Jim Barz (District 24) was elected to a three-year term, and Ryan Kress (District 27) was re-elected to serve another three-year term.

Following the meeting, Bill's Pizza and Smokehouse out of Independence provided hamburgers, 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 Ryan Kress, assistant secretary/treasurer.

Members attending the Annual Meeting received food bags courtesy of East-Central Iowa REC and Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, Quaker Oats, and PepsiCo. Roger Uthoff, treasurer of Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, and a Navy vet, thanked ECI REC for their support, and then asked the veterans in attendance to stand, it was a humbling moment as those remaining seated applauded the men and women who had served their country. Left over food bags were donated to the local food pantry. Door prizes included several gift cards. 