



Report to the Membership Alaska Power Association

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NRECA

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

NRECA's Strategic Goals



Alaska Delegates who Voted at the 2016 NRECA Annual Meeting

- Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- Ben Frantz, Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative
- Rick Schikora, Golden Valley Electric Association
- Ron Acarregui, Kodiak Electric Association
- Harold Lambert, Kotzebue Electric Association

NRECA Board Meetings

- February/March – the Sunday before the Annual Meeting
- Early May – Spring meeting in Arlington – 3-4 days
- Late June – Summer meeting in Arlington – 5 days
- September/October – Regional meetings, board presence but no meetings other than a dinner
- December – Winter budget meeting in Arlington – 5 days

Committees that I serve on



Business and Technology
Strategies



International

Region 9 Standing Committee Members

- Legislative
 - Kevin Short, California
 - Dave Wheelihan, Montana
- Regulatory
 - Dave Schneider, Oregon
 - David Crabtree, Utah
- Management, Employment, Community
 - Ben Frantz, Alaska
 - Dan Brooks, Washington
- 2017 Alaska Region 9 Committee Members
 - Resolutions: Crystal Enkvist, APA
 - Nominations: Crystal Enkvist, APA

National Resolutions Committee

- Officers of the three Standing Committees + Appointees to represent all regions
- Two new resolutions
 - Broadband for Rural America
 - Promoting the benefits of end-use electrification
- Amendments to five resolutions
 - Federal Clean Air regulations
 - Greenhouse Gas emissions
 - Proper allocation of dam repair costs
 - Protection of federal dams
 - Opposition to the sale of PMAs

2018 Retirement Security Plan

- RS Base Rate to increase 2.5% (individual co-ops may see higher or lower rate if their average age changes)
- 2018 billing rates distributed last month
- 8 month billing will continue in 2018
- PIRC – Personal Investment and Retirement Consulting – heavily used and highly recommended

2018 Group Insurance Plans

- Less than 75 employees: premiums for medical and Rx renewals will increase 0%-6%
- 75+ employees: premiums for medical and Rx renewals will change based on each co-op's experience; Range: 0% to 10%
- Dental and vision premiums increase 2-3%
- Individual co-op renewal rates distributed in mid-August 2017
- 8% average increase in insurance cost over the last four years

New in 2017: Telemedicine from Teladoc

- Nationwide network of U.S. board-certified physicians licensed in the state from which the patient calls
 - Not available for calls originating in Arkansas
 - Responding physician licensed in patient's location
- Provide telephone and online video medical consults 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Choice of scheduled or as soon as possible consults
 - Average callback time is <30 minutes; if more than an hour, consult is free of charge
- Free for all participants except High Deductible Plans
 - \$40 for HD Plans until deductible is met, then free

Governance Taskforce Established

- Joint NRECA/CFC effort
- 20 members – directors, CEOs and attorneys
- All regions represented
- Includes Helena Jones, AVEC director
- First meeting at NRECA annual meeting
- Met in June and August
- Next meeting in November
- Report to be submitted by end of 2017



Governance Taskforce Scope

- Director nomination procedures
- Director election processes
- Director meetings procedures
- Director compensation
- Membership information about director elections, etc.
- Board composition, term limits, filling vacancies
- Director qualifications
- Roles and responsibilities of the board
- Other as determined by the taskforce

NRECA's Global Commitment

- **NRECA International working on projects across Africa.**
 - Uganda – Producing master electrification plans for the entire country
 - Kenya – Working on electrification strategy and developing national framework to help inform grid expansion decisions
 - Ethiopia – Completed feasibility studies for energy solutions for more than 120 isolated communities
 - Liberia – USAID approved NRECA International proposal to secure an alternate source of power for Mein River hydroelectric project

NRECA Recent Issues

- FEMA Procurement Toolkit
- ACRE membership year changed to calendar year
- Rural Broadband a top priority
- Preservation of key programs for co-ops
 - Defeated effort to privatize PMAs
 - Maintained RUS loan program and REDLEG program
 - Restored LIHEAP funding to \$3.4B
 - Maintained USAID and other overseas co-op aid funding
- Launched new two-week MIP program
- Positioning co-ops as the trusted energy resource
- Developing the next generation workforce

Thank You!

**It has been an incredible honor to represent
Alaska on the NRECA National Board**

You can be assured your voice is heard

**If you ever have any issues, needs or
concerns with NRECA, I am here to assist**