NRECA’s Strategic Goals

- Telling Our Story
- Member Engagement
- Service Excellence

- Cooperative Communities
- Industry Leadership
- Next Generation Workforce
- Global Commitment
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Cross-Network Collaboration
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