



Report to the Membership Alaska Power Association

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NRECA

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

NRECA's Mission

To promote, support and protect the community and business interests of electric cooperatives.

To power communities and empower members to improve the quality of their lives.

Alaska Delegates who Voted at the 2018 NRECA Annual Meeting

- Daniel Furlong, Alaska Electric & Energy Cooperative
- Crystal Enkvist, Alaska Power Association
- Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- Ben Frantz, Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative
- Susan Reeves, Chugach Electric Association
- John Sloan, Golden Valley Electric Association
- Ed Oberts, Homer Electric Association
- Linda Freed, Kodiak Electric Association
- Martin Shroyer, Kotzebue Electric Association
- Peter Burchell, Matanuska Electric Association

NRECA Board Meetings

- February/March – the Sunday before the Annual Meeting
- Late April – 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
 - Chair
- International Committee
- Coordinating Committee
 - Chairs/vice chairs of all committees
 - Meet for a day semi-annually at regular NRECA board meetings

BTS Value to Co-ops

- Distribution Optimization
- Data analysis/market research
- Cybersecurity
- Electric Vehicle program support
- SUNDA Project
- Wyoming Integrated Test Center
- Engineering education programs
- 1 in 3 co-ops is involved in a BTS project
- 1 in 10 is involved in several BTS projects

NRECA's Global Commitment

NRECA International working on projects across the world

- National Electrification Strategy Development
 - Colombia, Malawi, Uganda
- Geospatial Planning
 - Uganda, Colombia and Ethiopia
- Construction Oversight
 - Bangladesh and Liberia
- Establishing and Supporting Rural Utilities
 - Guatemala, Liberia and Haiti



142 kW Solar Diesel in Totota Liberia

Region 9 Standing Committee Members

- Legislative
 - Kevin Short, California
 - Mark Hayden, Montana
- Regulatory
 - Dave Schneider, Oregon
 - Clay MacArthur, Utah
- Management, Employment, Community
 - Ben Frantz, Alaska (term expires in 2018)
 - Dan Brooks, Washington
- 2018 Alaska Region 9 Committee Members
 - Resolutions: John Sloan, GVEA
 - Nominations: Crystal Enkvist, APA

National Resolutions Committee

Officers of the three Standing Committees + Appointees to represent all regions. Met June 22, 2018 in Arlington VA

- Three new resolutions
 - Support of Electric Vehicle policies
 - Amending IRS vehicle fringe reporting for co-op employees
 - Western Area Power Administration Transmission Infrastructure program
- Proposed new resolution
 - Petition for reconsideration of EPA Endangerment Finding for Greenhouse Gases
 - Forwarded to Regionals with the committee's recommendation against adoption

Amendments Proposed

- Amendments to several resolutions
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Distributed energy resources
 - Wholesale market design
 - Developing consumer-centric business models
 - Stranded assets and economic impacts
 - Merging 4 resolutions on RUS
 - Merging 3 resolutions on cooperative business model

2019 Retirement Security Plan

- RS Base Rate to increase 1.0% (individual co-ops may see higher or lower rate if their average age changes)
- 2019 billing rates distributed this month
- 8 month billing will continue in 2019
- PIRC – Personal Investment and Retirement Consulting – heavily used and highly recommended

2019 Group Insurance Plans

- Less than 75 employees: premiums for medical and Rx renewals will increase 0%-8%
- 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%
- Individual co-op renewal rates distributed in mid-August 2018

Enhanced Alaska Travel Benefit

- \$5,000 annual benefit per covered individual
 - No limit to the number of trips
- Subject to deductible and co-pay requirements
- Must be accompanied by legitimate medical claim
 - In or out of network
- Covers all forms of transportation
 - Air, ferry, automobile, train
 - Includes baggage charges and change fees
- Travel within Alaska or Outside
- Parent or guardian with minor child covered

Governance Report Released

- Joint NRECA/CFC effort
- 20 members – directors, CEOs and attorneys
- All regions represented
- Report issued January 2018
- Not prescriptive “recommended practices”
- Resource to facilitate discussion, not as a set of mandates
- Boards advised to develop their own criteria based upon local criteria and needs



Governance Taskforce Key Areas

- Director nomination procedures
- Director election processes
- Director meetings procedures
- Director compensation
- Informing Members about director elections, etc.
- Board composition, term limits, filling vacancies
- Director qualifications
- Roles and responsibilities of the board
- Members attending board meetings
- And much more...

Coming in 2018

Alaska Technology Day

- Late October 2018 in Anchorage
 - Two day workshop
 - Venue tbd
- Day 1 – Cyber Security Workshop funded by USDOE
- Day 2 – Experts from CRN, EPRI, USDOE
- May be passing the hat for modest costs
 - In order to offer free registration

NRECA Recent Issues

- Clay Koplin appointed to USDOE advisory committee
- “Commitment to Zero Contacts” safety program
- Protecting RUS Cushion of Credit program
- Launched Community Storage initiative
- Rural Broadband continues to be a top priority
- New video launched: The Value of Electricity
- Established new HR Professional Community
- Positioning co-ops as the trusted energy resource
- **No Dues Increase in 2019**

Thank You!

**It is 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**