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Annual Meeting in a Time of Pandemic

by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

As I write this article, Pennsylvania is in the process of “reopening.” I place reopening in quotation marks because the green designation can be a little misleading. Because of the extreme restrictions imposed during the state’s Red Phase, coupled with the pent-up frustration of those of us under those restrictions, many of us are seeing green as go without restriction. And, like a college freshman with very strict parents, some of us are going further than may be prudent. The Green Phase of the state’s reopening plan comes with some restrictions and guidelines that are intended to allow us to lead our lives and do business — while still protecting us from a resurgence of the virus while we do so.

At Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) we have integrated these guidelines and compliance

requirements into our day-to-day activities with our primary goal being to maintain a healthy and available workforce to address any emergency that might arise. As these restrictions have changed, we have been able to do more and more of the work necessary to serve the needs of our membership, while maintaining our primary goal.

One of the notable restrictions that remains in the Green Phase is that large gatherings of more than 250 people are prohibited. This restriction, coupled with our desire to do all that we can to keep our membership safe, has led us to decide to make changes to our Annual Meeting of the Members for 2020. CEC has regretfully decided to cancel its traditional annual meeting and member appreciation event at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center in Emlenton. However, the director election and a nonpublic,

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annual business meeting will still take place.

Your official 2020 Central Electric Cooperative Ballot has been expanded to allow for member participation within the respective areas of the normal business meeting. The results from this ballot will be pronounced at the nonpublic, annual business meeting on Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at CEC's headquarters in Parker.

In addition to providing the opportunity to vote for the two contested director positions, the ballot will provide the ability to make a motion to approve the minutes and financial statements from 2019 (copies of these items will be enclosed with your ballot). You will then be able to vote to approve those motions.

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Matt Boshaw, CEO & General Manager

In an effort to remain impartial in the election process, CEC staff does not participate with the handling of ballots, counting of ballots, or certification of the election results. The additions to the ballot will not change this fact. Staff will only be provided information regarding those members making the motions and that information will be isolated from members' respective choices for the board positions. The integrity of our election process is of paramount importance to us and it is for that reason that, despite the significant changes to the event, the election process remains unchanged.

Members can vote by mail, online, or in person up to the time of the beginning of the nonpublic, annual business meeting. For more information on the different ways to vote, please either reference your ballot or visit CEC's website.

CEC has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and continues to prioritize the health and safety of members, staff, and potential event participants. Uncertainty regarding potential restrictions and local, state, and national orders, recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization, all influenced CEC's decisions regarding this annual event and business meeting.

Please stay safe and know that CEC will continue to operate and provide the highest-quality service possible for you, the members we serve. COVID-19 may necessitate changes in how we interact, but it will not change what we do.

It is my hope that 2021 will see a return to the traditional format of our Annual Meeting of the Members — a recognition and celebration of what makes us a cooperative, the members. Thank you for your continued patronage and support of your cooperative.

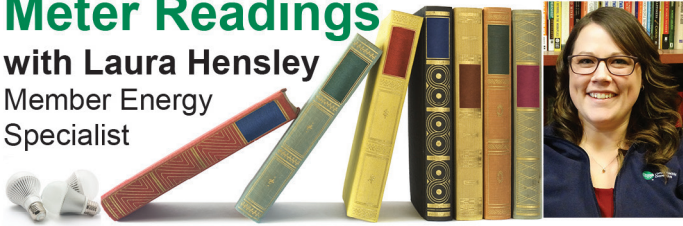
**When you hear a
Peak Alert
reduce electric use.
Help us help you save!**

Visit www.central.coop for more information.

Meter Readings

with Laura Hensley

Member Energy Specialist



Many members cool their homes with room air conditioners. If you find yourself in the market for a room a/c unit, keep the following in mind:

- Size the unit for the space you are cooling. A unit that is too small will run more than necessary and a unit that is too large will have trouble removing humidity, leaving the space damp. Determine square footage and look online for an a/c BTU calculator.
- Look for units with timers, easy-to-clean filters, and variable speed technology.
- For more energy savings, check out “smart”

Room Air Conditioners

options to control the unit remotely, schedule temperature settings, and get feedback.
- Look for an EnergyStar logo and learn more at www.EnergyStar.gov/roomac.

WHAT SIZE AIR CONDITIONER DO I NEED?

Room (sq. ft.)	Capacity (BTU's)
100 - 150	5,000
150 - 250	6,000
250 - 300	7,000
300 - 350	8,000
350 - 400	9,000
400 - 450	10,000
- Add 4,000 BTU if the unit is in a kitchen.	
- Add 10% capacity for very sunny rooms.	



The Safety Linke



Don't be a stranger, to electrical danger.

Ultraviolet Rays Safety



Manager of Safety & Loss Control

Dylan Linke

One of the most important things to remember when planning to be outside in the summer is how to protect yourself from ultraviolet (UV) rays.

We need sunshine. It helps with our body's production of Vitamin D and has been tied to other physical and mental health benefits. However, overexposure to the sun can lead to a variety of health risks. You may be surprised about some of the specific dangers of sun exposure and how you can protect yourself.

There are two main types of UV light; UVA and UVB. UVB is what gives you sunburn and is responsible for some types of skin cancers. UVA

rays are the ones that can make the skin leathery and wrinkly in appearance and these can also contribute to certain skin cancers. (An easy way to remember: “A” is for aging and “B” is for burning.)

UV light can be harmful to the skin as many of us know who have been badly sunburned. However, it can also be very bad for our eyes. Eye structures such as the cornea, retina, and lens are damaged from UV radiation, so protecting your eyes with sunglasses is also vital.

Please be safe as you are out enjoying the summertime weather. Don't forget a good pair of UV-rated sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen!

2020 Annual Meeting Notice

Safety is the culture of CEC. In an effort to protect one another from contracting and spreading COVID-19, CEC has regretfully decided to cancel their traditional annual meeting and member appreciation event at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center in Emlenton. However, the director election and a nonpublic, annual business meeting will still take place.

You will still receive a director election ballot in July. However, this ballot has been expanded to allow for member participation within the respective areas of the normal business meeting. The results from this ballot will be pronounced at the nonpublic, annual business meeting on Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at CEC's headquarters in Parker. Detailed directions on completing the ballot and how to vote can be found on the ballot. Additionally, if you have any questions you'd like

addressed at the annual business meeting please share them with CEC either by completing the form below or visiting CEC's website.

Out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of the cooperative members, CEC has decided to hold the annual business meeting without the physical presence of the membership and is accommodating members' participation with an expanded ballot. After the meeting, the results will be posted to CEC's website. A recording of the meeting will also be available for members to view.

For additional information on the director election or nonpublic, annual business meeting, please visit the annual meeting page of CEC's website.

We hope to see you all at Whitehall Camp & Conference Center in 2021.

Submit a Question to be Addressed at the Nonpublic, Annual Business Meeting

Name: _____

CEC Account Number: _____

Question: _____

If you need more space, please submit through www.central.coop or include additional sheets.

Vote for Our Photo Contest!

Vote for the top five photos in our Photo Contest at www.central.coop. Online only voting will take place from June 17 to July 31. Voting for the three winning photos begins on Aug. 5 and ends Oct. 16. Members without the Internet will be able to vote through the September issue of this newsletter.

A big thank you and good luck to everyone who entered this year's contest!

Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors

Butler County



Kenneth Durrett, Incumbent Nominee, Butler

Mr. Durrett has been a CEC member since 1996 and currently serves on the Board of Directors as Vice President. He has over 30 years of business experience having held senior level finance and executive positions with a number of companies.

Mr. Durrett is currently working with small to midsize businesses as a financial consultant. He is a Certified Public Accountant.



Timothy Lindey, Slippery Rock

Mr. Lindey has been a CEC member since 2012. He has spent 24 years with Spang Power Electronics in various operational roles and currently serves as President. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from Grove City College and a MBA from Duquesne University.

Mr. Lindey resides in Slippery Rock with his wife M.J.. They have six children and five grandchildren.



Joseph Reed, Butler

Mr. Reed, an Army veteran, has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in technology management. He is retired from the Travelers Insurance Company after 36 years and was most recently Vice President of Information Technology for Business Insurance.

Mr. Reed is a member of the Western PA Conservancy and Clarion University Career and Professional Development Advisory Council.

Clarion County



Richard Weaver, Incumbent Nominee, Knox

Mr. Weaver has served on CEC's Board of Directors since 1988. He is CEC's representative on the Allegheny Electric Cooperative board and has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate.

Mr. Weaver has owned Weaver Excavating for 43 years and has been married to his lovely wife Ruth Ann for 42 years. He attends Grace Church and has two beautiful daughters and six grandkids.



Barney Knorr, Fern

Mr. Knorr, an Air Force veteran, has been a CEC member since 1979. He has volunteered as Autumn Leaf Festival chairman, president of the Clarion Area Chamber and Clarion Rotary Club, and with Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps. He is best known locally as the former director of the Clarion County Career Center and former Keystone School District superintendent.

Mr. Knorr is also a trustee of Grace E.C. Church.

**More information
on candidates
is available at
www.central.coop.**

**Look for your official
ballot in the mail.**

Recipe of the Month

Baked Pineapple

Ingredients:

- 20 ounce can crushed pineapple with juice
- 6 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten

Mix all ingredients together and place in a greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Dot with 1 tablespoon butter. Bake uncovered for 60 minutes at 325 degrees. Serve hot.

*Thank you to Dennis Knott
for submitting this recipe!*

CEC Management Team

Matthew P. Boshaw
CEO & General Manager

Chester Conti
Director of Finance and
Accounting/CFO

Christopher W. Kossman
Director of Information Technology

Stephanie Deal
Director of Human Resources

Fred E. Terwilliger
Assistant General Manager/COO

Lisa A. Hoover
Director of Member Services

Read Power Lines and Win!

Last Issue's Winner:

Clayton Blausler of Oil City

Last Issue's E-Winner:

Richard DiBiase of Boyers

Read Power Lines for a chance to win a \$25 credit on your monthly electric bill by completing and returning the quiz below. You can also have a chance at another \$25 bill credit by submitting a quiz online at www.central.coop.

If you don't have access to the Internet, indicate that on the quiz and we'll also enter you in the online drawing. Just complete and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment.

1. True or False: CEC has canceled their traditional annual meeting event at Whitehall.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: Sizing your room air conditioner for the space you are cooling is unimportant.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: If you make a motion on the 2020 ballot, that information will be isolated from your choices for the board positions.

Answer: _____

How are we doing? (no wrong answer)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Acct. #: _____



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