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Our primary mission is to provide high-quality, reliable electric service at a reasonable cost to our members, improve their quality of life through new technologies and services, be a visible and active member of the community and serve our members with respect, courtesy and responsiveness.

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POWER ASSOCIATION IS
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER



IT'S A MATTER OF COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES: PART 2

BY KEVIN BRANDON INTERIM CEO



KEVIN BRANDON

For many of us, this is a time of year for reflection, and at the top of my list of things I'm grateful for is our wonderful community. I know I speak for all Southeast Colorado Power Association employees when I say we are thankful to be in such an incredible place. We are fortunate to live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to this community that much stronger.

In last month's column, you may recall that we touched on the first three cooperative principles. This month, I want to tell you about the remaining four principles. The cooperative principles are essential to the co-op business model and benefit all members of the co-op.

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

The fourth principal, **autonomy and independence**, means the co-op operates in an autonomous way that is solely directed and guided by its members, reflecting the values and needs of our local community. The co-op is not being influenced by leaders or shareholders several states away. Instead, the co-op is led by the local members it serves.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The fifth principle, **education and training**, focuses on enhancing the knowledge of co-op employees and board members, which enables them to contribute to the development of the co-op.

By investing in continuous learning for our employees and board members, our co-op is certainly making a commitment to individual professional and personal growth, but the commitment extends even further to the future of the co-op and the high quality of service our members expect and deserve. It's a win-win situation.

We also strive to inform you, our member-owners, and the public about the mission and operations of the co-op. In fact, that's why you receive this magazine every

month — so we can share the latest co-op news and updates, as well as energy efficiency and safety tips.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperation among cooperatives is the sixth principle and it fosters the way co-ops work together to address bigger challenges. While this principle applies to all types of cooperatives, it is especially relevant in the energy industry. In our case, we put this principle in action after major storms and disasters that cause widespread power outages. When this happens, we call on nearby co-ops to come to our aid and assist with restoration efforts — and we, of course, extend the same help to them when they need us. I can't think of a better example of cooperation among cooperatives.

In addition, because we are part of the national electric co-op network, we can connect and collaborate with other electric co-ops to tackle industry-related challenges, like cybersecurity and an ever-changing energy landscape.

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

The seventh principle, **concern for community**, is essential to who we are as cooperatives. We serve our community not only by being an essential service, but also by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in this community; it's our home too.

I think you'll find most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in the community. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

We at Southeast Colorado Power Association are thankful for your membership. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE PARTICIPANTS



▲ Haley Scofield, Otero, Market Goats
5th Place Lightweight



▲ Corbin Jagers, Bent, Market Goats
4th Place Lightweight



▲ Cassidy Jagers, Bent, Market Beef
4th Place Heifer



▲ Maggie Chase, Bent, Market Beef
3rd Place Steer



▲ Kaley Pieper, Otero, Market Hogs
Champion Lightweight Cross



▲ Denton Willbanks, Bent, Market Hogs
Champion Mediumweight Cross



▲ Roree Willbanks, Bent, Market Hogs
1st Place Lightweight Cross

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BYLAWS REVISION

ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS

SECTION 3 – Qualifications

“No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director of the Cooperative who:”

Added: (e) Fails to annually complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Certification and Disclosure form.

RATIONALE: Subsection (e) ensures that conflicts of interest are regularly reviewed for loyal governance by Directors and updates bylaws to comply with changes in state law.

ARTICLE IV – DIRECTORS

SECTION 4 – Nominations

Changed: A nomination for Director on the Board of Directors shall be made by a written petition signed by at least fifteen members within that district and filed with the Board of Directors no later than **forty-five sixty days** prior to the date

of the election. Any petition or nomination so filed shall designate the name of the nominee and the **term** district for which nominated. The name of a nominee shall appear on the ballot if the nominating petition is in apparent conformity with the section as determined by the Secretary of the Board. Any petition for nomination shall be signed by at least 15 individual members of the Association having memberships located within the district for which the person is nominated.

RATIONALE: Updates election timelines to comply with changes in state law and clarifies the language of required information for director nominations.

REVISIONS WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5, 2021.

The Board of Directors welcomes any questions or comments regarding these revisions by emailing bylawsrevision@secpa.com, visiting www.secpa.com/bylawsrevision or calling 719-363-1432.



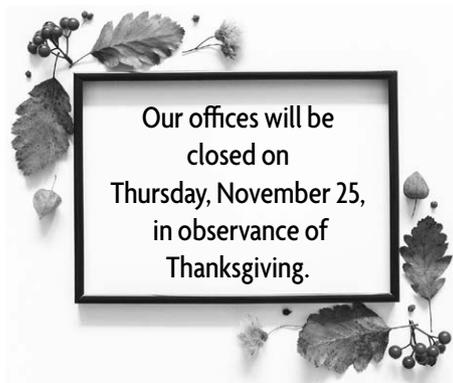
**You're Invited to
Southeast Colorado Power
Association's
ANNUAL MEETING on
Thursday, April 28, 2022.**

Cash prizes given away throughout the meeting.

Please join us at the Minnick Building, Baca County Fairgrounds, Springfield, CO 81050

BOARD DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Registration – 5 p.m.
Dinner – 6 p.m.
Meeting – 6:45 p.m.



ACCEPTING PETITIONS FOR SECPA BOARD DIRECTOR POSITIONS

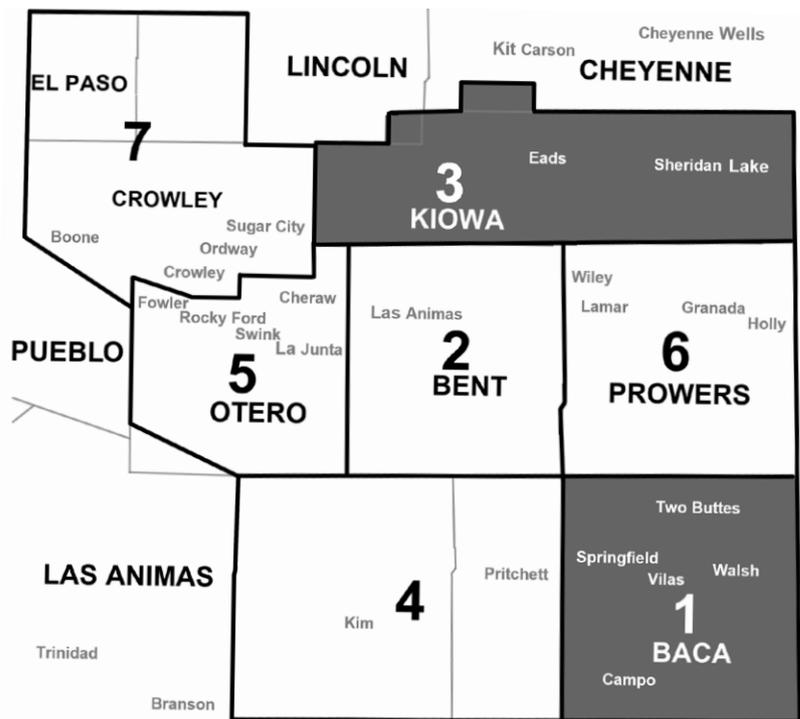
SECPA Board positions up for election in 2022 are District 1 — Eastern Baca County (incumbent Director is Truman Wright); and District 3 — Kiowa County (incumbent Director is Brad Buck). See map below.

These positions are for three-year terms, beginning April 2022 and ending March 2025.

To be eligible to be a Director: 1) a person must be a SECPA member and bona fide resident of the district he or she is to represent, 2) cannot be an employee or have been an employee of SECPA or its subsidiary within the preceding five (5) years, and 3) cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to SECPA.

Petitions must be signed by 15 bona fide members in the nominee's district and must be returned no later than 5 p.m., January 6, 2022. Petitions are available in all SECPA offices or on the website at <http://secpa.com/annual-meeting-elections>.

Return petitions to Debbie Howard at any SECPA office, or mailed to SECPA, ATTN: Debbie Howard, PO Box 521, La Junta, CO 81050. (WIN*Derek Wren, acct. #401860001)



YOU COULD BE A WINNER THIS MONTH

If you find your name in this issue as follows (WIN* your name, your account number), please contact Southeast Colorado Power Association at 719-384-2551 or 800-332-8634 to receive a credit on your next power bill.

Last month's winner was Bruce Nittler.

YOUTH TRIPS 2022

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

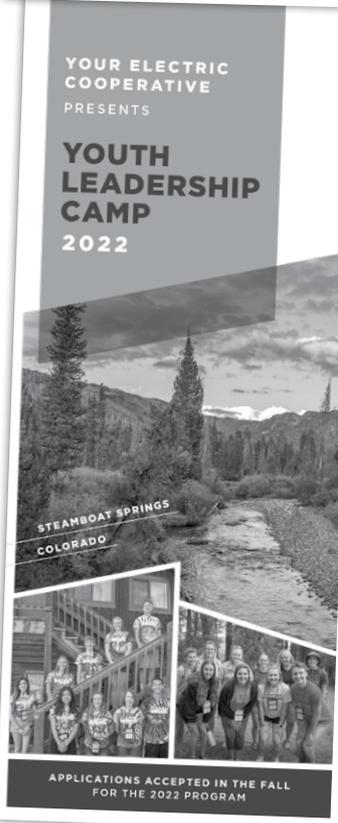
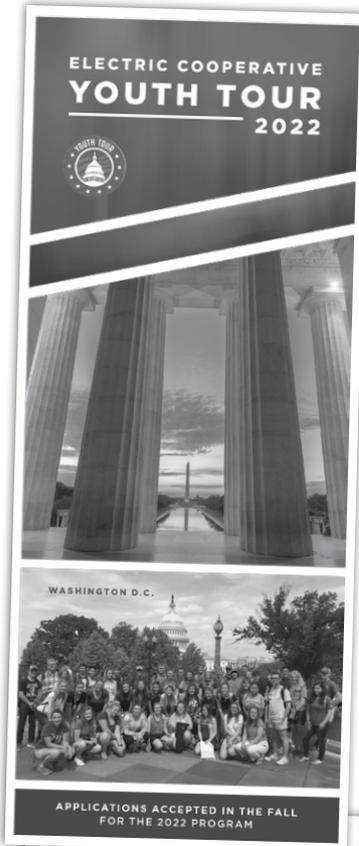
Win a Trip to Washington, D.C., or a Week at Leadership Camp at Glen Eden Resort!

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Washington D.C. Youth Tour is June 12-19, 2022. High school students who are 16 by June 1, AND whose families are Southeast Colorado Power Association members are eligible to apply to go on the trip.

The tour provides students with an eight-day adventure that offers in-depth exposure to the electric cooperative network while exploring our nation's capital. The selected youth's expenses, including airfare, lodging, meals and all tour admission fees, are paid by your local cooperative, Southeast Colorado Power. Activities during the trip include tours of the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, war memorials (Vietnam, Iwo Jima), Arlington National Cemetery, the National Archives, the White House and Smithsonian museums. Also planned are a Potomac River dinner and dance cruise; visits with Colorado's U.S. senators and representatives; an NRECA Town Hall meeting; and the chance to connect with other students from around the country.

If you're not chosen to attend the Washington, D.C., trip, you may be the recipient of a trip to Leadership Camp held at Glen Eden Resort, located just outside Steamboat Springs, Colorado. At camp, held July 16-21, 2022, students from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming gather at a beautiful resort on the Elk River and participate in activities to improve leadership skills and get an inside view of the state and national legislatures. There is plenty of time for swim parties, barbecues, dances and banquets during the week. Many of the attendees call this camp a "life-changing experience."

For more information and applications, visit secpa.com/related-links/youth-camps or contact Debbie Howard at 719-383-1314 or Kevin Brandon at 719-383-1323. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 27, 2021, to ATTN: Kevin Brandon, SECPA, PO Box 521, La Junta, CO 81050.



SECPA \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) is once again making a series of scholarships available to area high school Seniors.

SECPA is offering ten \$1,000 scholarships. Eligible applicants must be high school Seniors graduating in 2022 who plan to attend a two or four-year college. Students' parents must be members of SECPA.

Students interested in applying for the scholarships are asked to submit the completed SECPA application form (available on the SECPA website at secpa.com/our-community/scholarships/ along with a school transcript, letters of recommendation and a short letter addressing why they deserve the scholarship and what their major will be in school.

Additionally, the SECPA website has information regarding other scholarships SECPA administers through Tri-State Generation and Transmission, as well as Basin Electric. Local students are also eligible to apply for both of those scholarships. Tri-State offers one \$1,000 scholarship and Basin Electric provides one \$1,000 scholarship.

Applications for the SECPA scholarships are due no later than FEBRUARY 7, 2022.

For additional information, please visit the SECPA website or contact Debbie Howard at 719-383-1314.