

CNMEEC

Newsletter

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Get Involved! Join us at the Annual Meeting

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General Manager/CEO

One of our most important events is coming up on Saturday, April 22, 2023 when CNMEEC will host our annual meeting for you, the members we proudly serve. I always look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity for me and our employees to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

We hope you'll join us for the annual meeting, which will take place at the Estancia High School gymnasium in Estancia. We thank you in advance for getting involved because your participation means so much to us.

During the annual meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates on current investments and future projects as well as financial reports. But we're going to have a lot of fun too! We'll have coffee and donuts and breakfast burritos, as well as our annual health fair presented by Partners for a Healthy Torrance County, and of course, door prizes and giveaway's.

Spending time with you and hearing your take on our community's energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential because everything we do is shaped by the members of our community. As I'm sure you know, the energy industry is in the midst of massive change. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools and businesses.

As we navigate major changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to inform our planning as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all CNMEEC members.

You have a say.

You may be wondering if your opinion really makes a difference, and yes, it does! Gaining guidance and perspective from our members and board helps set priorities for the co-op and guide future decisions. At our annual meeting, we raise issues for voting consideration by the general membership (that's everyone who pays for electric service from CNMEEC). Annual meeting is also a time for members to vote on the co-op's board of directors.

Our board of directors is comprised of eight members who live and work right here in our local service area, so they are in the best position to know where community investments are most needed. You might even consider representing your district as a trustee on the board, we're always looking for folks who care about our community who would be willing to serve.

Your electric bill is an investment in our community.

This local input means those closest to the community know its needs and priorities and help direct where co-ops dollars are spent. Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Think of it this way: every time you pay your electric bill, you're actually investing in your community because all the money we take in stays here in the local community. By making these investments in our local system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life.

Most consumers likely don't equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community. But CNMEEC is not an ordinary utility company. We're a co-op, and our business model is meant to serve the members and the community in which it operates.

Our core purpose and mission are to provide safe, reliable and affordable power. But as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for the annual meeting on April 22nd. We look forward to seeing you!

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**NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS and
ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

In Accordance with Article II, Section 2.03 of the Bylaws, notice is hereby given that Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. will hold the Annual Meeting of its Members and Election of Trustees on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Estancia High School Gymnasium in Estancia, New Mexico.

Registration and voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee positions to be filled with locations of districts are as follows:

District No. 1: Northeast Moriarty area

North Boundary: Old Hwy 66 to Hwy 41 then North along Hwy 41 to Coop boundary

East Boundary: From Coop boundary line on North, South along Hwy 285 to Township line between T7N and T8N

South Boundary: Township line between T7N and T8N

West Boundary: Coop boundary line. (Clements Rd.)

District No. 3: Vaughn – Encino area

North Boundary: Coop boundary

East Boundary: Coop boundary

South Boundary: Township line between T3N and T4N (6 miles South of Vaughn)

West Boundary: Hwy 3 from Township line T3N and T4N to Encino Hwy 285 North from Encino

District No. 2 (Board Vacancy)

The current term of this position will expire in 2024 and the individual elected to fill this position will need to run for re-election upon the expiration of the current term.

District No. 2: Township line between T7N and T8N

East Boundary: Hwy 285

South Boundary: Township line between T5N and T6N

West Boundary: Coop boundary line (Estancia area)

Candidates must live in the district for which they are running. Anyone wishing to file for candidacy must do so in the Mountainair Office on Thursday, March 23, 2023, before 4:00 p.m. Candidates must attend an informational orientation workshop to be qualified to have their name placed on the ballot. The date for the workshop will be scheduled after the filing for candidacy date.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Suzy Edmonds at 505-847-1012.

Bylaw Change Notice

Notice to Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. Members
Notice is hereby given of the following proposed bylaw change pertaining to elections of the Annual Meeting for CNMEC:

At the April 13, 2019 annual meeting for CNMEC, a proposal was brought forth to the members allowing a declaration of candidacy to include both Mountainair and Moriarty offices. The original bylaw language only included Mountainair. The new amendment will read as follows:

**ARTICLE III
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SECTION 3.04.2**

A candidate for the Board of Trustees shall execute a Declaration of Candidacy and file it in the Cooperative’s office in either Mountainair, New Mexico or Moriarty, New Mexico before 4:00 PM on the last business day which is thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the members.

This amendment will be brought to the annual meeting scheduled on April 22, 2023 for vote. A quorum must be present to transact any business. As stated in the bylaws each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted for a vote to the members and voting shall be in person, and no member shall be entitled to vote by proxy or power of attorney. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon.

Shall the proposed bylaw change pass, it will be implemented immediately following the date of the vote and added as an amendment to the current bylaws.

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