

# Cooperative Board Leadership Courses



**Room Reservations:**  
A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramkota Hotel and Clubhouse Suites. Contact the Ramkota at (605) 224-6877 or click on the booking link below. Contact the Clubhouse at (605) 494-2582. Ask for the SDREA Board Leadership room block. Room rates are \$98 plus tax at the Ramkota and \$129 plus tax at the Clubhouse.  
**Cut-off date is October 24.**

**Meeting Registration:**  
Please register through your local cooperative by Nov. 14.

**Nov. 24-25, 2025 • Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center • Pierre, SD**

## Instructors

### Lou Green

Lou serves as an instructor for NRECA's director education courses following a three-decade career working for electric cooperatives. He retired as executive vice president for the state association of electric cooperatives in South Carolina.

It was long after going to work for electric cooperatives that he learned his mother, as a young woman, had worked for his hometown co-op, which also served his boyhood home and the dairy farm on which he was raised.

Prior to his time with co-ops, Lou spent nearly two decades in radio and television as a news anchor, reporter, producer, and program host.

A Georgia native, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina.

### Ron Chandler

Chandler is an experienced business leader, educator and consultant helping organizations turn talent and culture into lasting strengths. He has facilitated leadership programs and courses for Halliburton, ConocoPhillips, and CenterPoint Energy, Texas A&M University and law enforcement institutes, focusing on influential communication, conflict management, performance management, and team effectiveness.

Ron's career spans senior roles in corporate, academic, and consulting settings.

Today Ron brings this extensive facilitation background to LDR Leadership, where he serves as an instructor helping leaders at all levels strengthen communication, decision making, and coaching skills.

## Session 1 • 8:30 a.m. • Monday, Nov. 24

### NRECA Course 984.1

#### The Road to Resilience: The Board's Responsibility — Lou Green

Succeeding in today's electric industry requires more than the safe delivery of reliable and affordable energy. It requires resilience. This highly interactive course will define resilience, how building it is vital for cooperatives now and discuss the role of the board in creating it. Participants will discuss the oversight role in building resilience in such areas as power supply, cybersecurity, supply chain, workforce (winning the war for talent), and grid hardening. The course closes with a focus on personal resilience and how it can be built on a personal level as well as in the boardroom.

#### KEY TOPICS

- Recognize key elements of a resilient leader during times of transition and uncertainty.
- Foster an organizational culture that effectively brings individual talents and resources together to work towards a common goal.
- Put the principles of resiliency into action when facing challenges stemming from supply chain disruptions, fuel and generation diversity, cybersecurity, new technologies and workforce acquisition.
- Assess your own obstacles to personal resiliency.
- Identify ways to improve resiliency of the cooperative board.

## Session 2 • 8:30 a.m. • Tuesday, Nov. 25

### NRECA Course 950.1

#### Practical Communication Strategies for Directors — Ron Chandler

This course discusses the necessary communication skills for effectively participating in boardroom dynamics, focusing on face-to-face communication, the importance of preparation and how to be an impactful 'active listener.' The course will utilize real world examples to teach effective ways to apply communication and other soft skills such as empathy.

#### KEY TOPICS

- Understand and apply the elements of effective, face-to-face communication in the boardroom.
- Recognize the soft skills critical for effective and positive boardroom discussions.
- Practice implementing soft skills (listening, empathy, awareness, etc.) through boardroom scenarios.

**This course is part of SDREA Education Package A.**  
**If you did not purchase Package A, a fee of \$650 plus tax will be charged per participant.**