

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. Contact the Clubhouse at (605) 494-2582. Ask for the SDREA Board Leadership room block. Room rates are \$102 plus tax at the Ramkota and \$139 plus tax at the Clubhouse.

Cut-off date is October 22.

Meeting Registration:

Please register through your local cooperative by Nov. 11.

Nov. 23-24, 2026 • Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center • Pierre, SD

Instructor

Scott Luecal, Luecal Consulting LLC

Since 1991, Scott Luecal has been providing consulting and training services to electric cooperatives and public power districts, their business subsidiaries and community directed organizations, and to the co-op industry's national trade, telecommunications, and insurance associations. It totals over 250 companies.

Consulting services Luecal provides includes strategic planning facilitation, financial planning/equity management/capital credits, cost of service and rate design, merger/consolidation/collaboration facilitation, organizational structure and related personnel decisions, technology planning, board governance, board and CEO evaluations, business plans, and programs related to training and educating directors and management on the changes taking place in the electric utility industry. In his role as a trainer to the rural electric industry, Luecal has developed and delivered courses on many of the aforementioned topics.

Luecal served in the roles of accountant, office manager, and general manager at Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, an Illinois distribution co-op, for 9 years, and was the Manager of University Programs for NRECA for 8 years.

Luecal also held various executive level positions with Central Area Data Processing and the National Information Solutions Cooperative. At NISC Scott was executive vice president of the Business Development and Marketing Division

He started his own consulting business in 2007

Areas of Expertise

- Accounting, Finance and Tax
- Governance
- Power Supply
- Risk Management
- Strategic Planning
- Supervisory, Management and Leadership
- Technology Planning and Systems

Session 1 • 8:30 a.m. • Monday, Nov. 23

NRECA Course 976.1

Power Supply Decision-Making

This course focuses on navigating the G&T responsibility of making generation and transmission investment decisions for the benefit of distribution cooperative member systems. Some of these investments, such as with coal-fired generation, may have had a lower initial capital investment but have required significant additional investment throughout their productive life to comply with changing emissions laws and regulations. On the other hand, nuclear generation entailed significant initial investment, much of which was driven by changing regulations, lengthy construction periods and high interest rates during the era in which much of our nation's nuclear plant investment was made. Regardless, these generation and transmission investments were made with a vision and a plan, and that requirement will also be the case going forward in an uncertain power supply future.

KEY TOPIC

- Understand the G&T decision points regarding future power supply decisions.

Session 2 • 8:30 a.m. • Tuesday, Nov. 24

NRECA Course 990.1 (To earn credit for this refresher course, directors must have taken all five CCD courses more than two years before)

CCD Refresher

The five CCD courses provide a solid foundation for all directors, but over time directors may want to refresh themselves on key concepts discussed in the curriculum. This BLC course uses co-op specific case studies that reflect the challenges electric co-op boards face today to draw upon a director's knowledge of CCD concepts combined with the knowledge and experience directors have gained throughout their service on the board. Whether you completed your CCD two years ago or twenty, this course is designed for you.

KEY TOPICS

- The evolution fiduciary duties in the eyes of the courts over the last five years
- How safety has evolved toward zero incidents and zero contacts.
- The changing preferences and expectations of today's co-op members.
- How increased access to data impacts decision-making at the cooperative.
- The expanding role of risk oversight with the proliferation of risk and opportunities faced by electric co-ops.

**This course is part of SDREA Education Package A.
If you did not purchase Package A, a fee of \$750 plus tax will be
charged per participant.**