



Who Should Attend: Cooperative directors working toward their board leadership certificate or Director Gold Status.

Location & Times: Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center – Theatre I • 920 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, S.D. • 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with registration starting at 8 a.m. (CST).

Registration: Please register through your local cooperative by **Nov. 17**.

Room Reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre and Clubhouse Hotel. Contact the Ramkota Hotel at 605-224-6877 or the Clubhouse Hotel at 605-494-2582. Ask for the SDREA Board Leadership room block. Room rates are \$94 plus tax at the Ramkota Hotel and \$128 plus tax at the Clubhouse Hotel. Room cut-off date is **Oct. 27**.

Instructors: Bryan Singletary – For the last 39 years, Bryan has worked in the electric utility industry all the while striving to convert the technical process of providing high quality electrical service into terms the customer can understand. He began his career with Florida Power Cooperation, rising rapidly to the position of vice president before he was 30 years old. For the last 24 years, he has owned and operated Practical Energies - a utility consulting firm specializing in assisting their client companies in meeting the needs of their consumers.

Colette Collier Trohan – Colette's credentials are: a master's degree in nonprofit management, the Certified Association Executive from the American Society of Association Executives, and the two highest credentials in the field of parliamentary procedure - the Professional Registered Parliamentarian and Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher. She's the president of A Great Meeting, Inc., a company dedicated to developing, publishing, and providing materials and services to help people have productive meetings. Colette is the author and producer of the "Great Leaders" series. With over 30 years of helping clients in just about every organizational situation, Colette approaches each situation with flexibility, a balance perspective and a sense of humor.

SESSION 1 – NOV. 28 AT 8:30 A.M.

NRECA Course 971.1: "Governance Challenges of the Evolving Distribution Cooperative" – Bryan Singletary

Course Description: The distribution cooperative marketplace is changing faster today than at any time since our foundational period. Distribution cooperatives' relationship with their members are transforming due to changing member preferences, new business models, new technologies and third-party applications. This course focuses on how these changes call for different ways of thinking, data collection and analysis at the board level if boards are to fulfill their oversight responsibilities and strategic vision.

Key Topics Include:

- Recognize the drivers of the changing industry landscape writ large.
- Discuss how the evolving energy landscape impacts governance and the way a board performs its oversight function.
- Envision where they would like to see their co-op be in 5-7 years
- Identify specific data necessary to inform a recommended course of action.

SESSION 2 – NOV. 29 AT 8:30 A.M.

NRECA Course 901.1: "Rules and Procedures for Effective Board & Membership Meetings" – Colette Collier Trohan

Course Description: This course provides an overview of what directors need to know about parliamentary procedure to become more effective participants in board meetings. Participants will understand the purpose and use of proper procedure in business meetings and become familiar with the basic structure and content of Robert's Rules of Order.

Key Topics Include:

- How parliamentary procedure helps ensure effective, democratic meetings.
- The essential rules of debate.
- The key elements of agendas and minutes.
- Procedures for voting, elections and secret ballots.



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.