



FALL 2019

S.D. Rural Electric Member Services Association Meeting

Oct. 8-9, 2019
RedRossa Grille
Highlands Room
Pierre, S.D.

SDREMSA Officers

President: Mike Chase
Black Hills Electric Cooperative

Vice President: Tony Kronaizl
Union County Electric Cooperative

Secretary: Mike Dangel
Charles Mix Electric Association

Treasurer: Jessie Tucker
West Central Electric Cooperative

SDREMSA Planning Committee:

SDREMSA Officers
Todd Eliason, Rushmore Electric
Jason Frasch, Rosebud Electric
Erica Fitzhugh, East River Electric
Courtney Deinert, Central Electric

Room Reservations:

Contact the Clubhouse Hotel & Suites
at 605-494-2582 and ask for the SDREA
Member Services room block. Room rate
is \$115 plus tax for a Queen or \$120 plus
tax for a King. Cut-off date is Sept. 8.

Meeting Registration:

Register online at sdrea.coop under
News and Events by Sept. 30.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019

■ If weather permits, we will be conducting the blower door training at a remote location.

- 1 p.m. Results of the Summer Study** – Ed Anderson, SDREA
- 1:45 p.m. Marathon Update and Warranty Review/Ever-changing Demographic Within Rural America/Continued Utilization of Marathon Products** – Tim Gaughan, Marathon
- 2:45 p.m. Break**
- 3 p.m. Electric Vehicles and Lease Program** – Tamera Reynolds and Mark Doyle, CoBank
- 4 p.m. Electric Vehicles** – James Ellis and Bob Spatz, ChargePoint and Carbon Day Automotive
- 6 p.m. Dinner** – The group will meet at 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Clubhouse Hotel and either walk or carpool to Richie Z's Brickhouse BBQ & Grille, 401 S. Central Avenue, for dinner (everyone pays for their own meal). Richie Z's is waiving the \$150 room fee provided everyone adds gratuity to their bill.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019

- Breakfast** Clubhouse Hotel & Suites serves a continental breakfast so everyone is encouraged to eat at the hotel before attending the meeting as only beverages will be served that morning.
- 8 a.m. Nor Aire Heat Pump** – Dennis Schramel, Electro Industries
- 9 a.m. Round Table/Business Meeting**
- 10 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Energy Audits** – Chad Reisenauer, Basin Electric
- 11:15 a.m. Update on Basin Electric and Touchstone Energy®** – Chad Reisenauer, Basin Electric
- Noon Lunch** – Savoy Lunch Buffet served outside meeting room. Lunch sponsored by RESCO.
- 1 p.m. Winter Storm Wesley Panel** – Presented by employees from Central Electric, Bon Homme Yankton Electric and Sioux Valley Energy
- 2:30 p.m.** Select a date for spring Member Services meeting in 2020 along with suggestions on speakers.
- 3 p.m. Break**
- 3:15 p.m. FLIR Cameras** – Vito Defrancesco, Border States
- 5 p.m. Adjourn**

■ **Reminder** – NRECA Supervisor and Manager Development Program will be held on Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at RedRossa Grille in the Highlands Room in Pierre, S.D.

BYLAWS of the SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBER SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Approved May 2014; Amended October 2018

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this Organization shall be the South Dakota Rural Electric Member Services Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. The objective of the Association shall be to promote and advance all phases of the rural electric program and continually strive for the wise and efficient use of electric power. The Association shall provide a medium for exchange of facts, ideas and experiences that will provide for the betterment of the rural electrification program.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership shall be open to all rural electric cooperatives. The Treasurer shall, at the beginning of January, send a dues notice as agreed upon by the membership, to all active members.

SECTION 2. Members shall consist of any personnel engaged in the rural electric program in South Dakota.

SECTION 3. Honorary memberships may be granted to those who are associated with the rural electric program or who have retired from a member rural electric cooperative. An honorary membership may be granted upon a unanimous vote of the officers of the Association. Honorary members are non-paying members and are not permitted to vote.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

SECTION 1. The governing body of the Association shall be known as the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of four elected officers from the association membership. The officers elected by the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 1. A single officer will be elected annually during the Fall Association meeting for the position of Secretary. The acting secretary shall then move up to Vice President and the acting Vice President now becomes the President.

SECTION 2. The treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the association and shall serve a three year term. At the end of his/her term the treasurer shall be given the option of moving into the office of Secretary before an election is held for that position. At the end of his/her term the treasurer may also be nominated and elected to serve an additional three year term as treasurer. The office of treasurer will not be subject to term limits but will always be given first option to advance to the office of Secretary at the end of any given term prior to an election being held for the office of Secretary.

SECTION 3. Any active Association member is eligible to be an officer, with the exception of one officer from one cooperative at a time.

SECTION 4. The president shall preside at all business meetings and planning sessions and shall be the spokesman for the Association.

SECTION 5. If the president is unable to act, their duties shall be performed by the vice president. In the event neither the president nor the vice president can serve, the Board shall appoint a president pro-tempore.

SECTION 6. The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings.

SECTION 7. The treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Association. The Association's accounts shall be audited at the close of each year, or as otherwise directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall:

- a) Have the power to fill any vacancies occurring in its number;
- b) Appoint two members of the Association (one east and one west) for an undetermined period of time to assist in the planning and development of the Spring and Fall meetings.
- c) Appoint one representative from East River Electric Power Cooperative and one representative from Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative for an undetermined period of time to assist in the planning and development of the Spring and Fall meetings
- d) Recommend to the Association, action and/or interpretation of these Bylaws;
- e) Have responsibility of developing the Fall and Spring Member Services Conference;
- f) Provide general direction/guidance of the expenditure of funds;
- g) Perform such other duties as may hereinafter be approved by the Association.

ARTICLE VII. ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. The Association is organized to carry out the purposes enumerated above and the standard purposes adopted by the members. It is organized exclusively as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

SECTION 2. The regulation of the internal affairs of this Association shall be conducted as set forth in its duly adopted bylaws. Initial bylaws shall be adopted by the board. Thereafter, the bylaws approved by the membership shall determine how they shall be revised.

SECTION 3. Upon dissolution, all remaining net assets shall, upon majority vote of the members, be distributed to a qualified non-profit entity with purposes similar to this Association.

SECTION 4. The Articles of Association may be amended from time to time by the members. These Articles of Association correctly set forth the intentions of the organizers and have been duly adopted herein.

Presidents

SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL ELECTRIC MEMBER SERVICES ASSOCIATION

2018-2019	Mike Chase, Black Hills Electric
2017-2018	Erica Fitzhugh, East River Electric
2016-2017	Russ Ulmer, Northern Electric
2015-2016	Brett Kwasniewski, Lake Region Electric
2014-2015	Greg Palmer, Dakota Energy
2013-2014	Jennie Patrick, Sioux Valley Energy
2012-2013	Brett Snyders, Southeastern Electric
2011-2012	Reggie Gassman, Sioux Valley Energy
2009-2011	Kevin Mikkelsen, Rosebud Electric
2008-2009	Ralph Morse, Union County Electric
2007-2008	Russ Hohn, Oahe Electric
2006-2007	Roger Lawien, Moreau-Grand Electric
2005-2006	Ron Kyburz, Rosebud Electric
2003-2005	Todd Eliason, Rushmore Electric
2002-2003	Gary Townsend, Bon Homme Yankton Electric
2001-2002	Mike Chase, Black Hills Electric
2000-2001	Sue Hilmoe, Sioux Valley Energy
1999-2000	Kim Richards, Butte Electric
1998-1999	Ron Kyburz, Rosebud Electric
1997-1998	Doug Hamilton, Northern Electric
1996-1997	Dave Behle, East River Electric
1995-1996	Vic Simmons, Rushmore Electric
1994-1995	Joe Connot, West Central Electric
1993-1994	Bob Johnson, Codington-Clark Electric
1992-1993	Kevin Jensen, West River Electric
1991-1992	Doug Hamilton, Northern Electric
1990-1991	Ken Schlimgen, Intercounty Electric
1989-1990	Ken Wetz, Butte Electric
1988-1989	Dale Niezwaag, Intercounty
1987-1988	James Gesick, Turner-Hutchinson Electric
1986-1987	Jim Tompkins, Lake Region
1985-1986	Gerald Kolbeck, McCook Electric
1984-1985	Ron Kyburz, Rosebud Electric
1983-1984	Tom Price, Sioux Valley Empire Electric
1982-1983	Harlan Borszich, Black Hills
1981-1982	Gene Ward, Codington-Clark
1980-1981	Gene Ward, Codington-Clark
1979-1980	Lee Langley, Butte Electric
1976-1979*	Jim Pahl, West River Electric
1975-1976	Harlan Borszich, Black Hills
1974-1975	Ron Kyburz, Rosebud Electric

* In 1976-1977, the group changed its name from Power Use to South Dakota Rural Electric Member Services Association. Presidents are as listed in the SDREA Directory for the indicated year. Information prior to 1974-75 was not found.