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2024 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Clovis.



The Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Civic Center in Clovis, NM. Remote two-way video conferencing will be available at Clayton, Logan, and Santa Rosa High Schools.

Member registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. MDT and promptly end at 10:00 a.m. MDT, with the start of the business meeting.

Regular agenda items include reports of officers and committees, election of the Board of Directors, presentation of the 2024 Education Foundation scholarship winners,

and any other business brought before the Cooperative membership.

This year, five positions are up for election to the Board of Directors:

Position #1 (Districts 1-2) – represents the Ranchvale, South Clovis, Pleasant Hill, and Farwell exchanges – currently held by Jarod Wilhite.

Position #2 (Districts 1-2) – represents the Ranchvale, South Clovis, Pleasant Hill, and Farwell exchanges – currently held by Karen Screws.

Position #13 (Districts 3-13) – represents the Bellview, San Jon, Logan, and Grady exchanges – currently held by Larry Wallin.

Position #7 (Districts 6-7-8) – represents the Roy, Clayton, and Nara Visa exchanges - currently held by Frank Garnett.

Position #11 (Districts 9-10-11) – represents White Lakes, El Valle, Anton Chico, Trementina, Mosquero, Conchas Dam, and Santa Rosa exchanges – currently held by James Cordova.



MISSION STATEMENT

We will provide dependable area-wide communication and information services at the lowest price, consistent with sound economy and good management.

Applications are available on our website at:
www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships



Scholarship
Applications
are Due by
February 16

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Documentation for Education Foundation Scholarship Installments are Due

Recipients of 2022 and 2023 Banner Scholarships, 2023 Tom Phelps Scholarships and 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 Robert M. Harris and Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarships from the Education Foundation are reminded that documentation containing the information listed below must be received at the Cooperative's business offices before the next installment can be processed for the spring 2024 term. **Documentation must be received no later than 3/1/2024.**

Information is required as follows:

- Scholarship winner's full name
- Scholarship winner's Student ID number
- Copy of fall 2023 semester grades and GPA
- Copy of spring 2024 class schedule
- Institution's mailing address

Documents can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

Education Foundation
C/O Plateau
PO Box 1947
Clovis, NM 88102-1947
scholarships@plateautel.com

Please direct any questions regarding the status of any Education Foundation Scholarship to:

575.389.4387
877.752.8328 ext. 4387
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January Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on January 25. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 28 new members to the Cooperative.
- A construction report was presented to the Board:
 - 35 work orders were completed with 12,094 feet of cable placed.
 - Multiple projects are underway in Trementina, Clayton, El Valle, and Gonzales Ranch.
- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 22 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis.

Board of Directors Nominating Procedures

A Cooperative member can become a candidate for election to the Board of Directors by two methods:

The first is to be recommended by a nominating committee. The current Board of Directors appoints nominating committees between 45 and 70 days before the Annual Membership Meeting. The duty of the committees is to submit an eligible candidate for each Board position slated for election. The nominating committees' recommendations must be completed and posted at least 20 days before the Annual Meeting. There must be at least one eligible candidate for each vacant Board position. **Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. MDT, Friday, March 29, 2024.**

The second method is to be nominated by petition. A petition signed by at least 15 members of the Cooperative can qualify any member in good standing with the Cooperative. No member may nominate more than one (1) candidate per Director position. The petition must be submitted to the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis at least 30 days before the Annual Membership Meeting to have the name of the candidate placed on the official ballot. **Deadline for petitions is 5 p.m. MDT, Thursday, March 21, 2024.**

The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting occurs on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors must meet the following requirements as quoted from the Cooperative's Bylaws; Article IV, Section 5:

"No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative;*
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling telecommunications service or supplies, or constructing or maintaining telecommunications facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural telephones;*
- (c) in the case of a director to be elected as the representative of a numbered director district, is not a resident of the area for which elected;*
- (d) is an employee of the Cooperative; and*
- (e) is related to any employee of the Cooperative as a close relative. For the purpose of this section, close relatives include grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing."*

Members should be aware of the Company's nepotism policy, *"It is the policy of Company to avoid actual, as well as perceived, favoritism.*

Consistent with the nepotism policy, the Cooperative would not prevent anyone from submitting a petition and running for a position on the ENMR Board of Directors. However, if elected, the seat would not be accepted by the Board unless the relative terminated his/her employment with the company. This policy specifically includes relatives as grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing, is long-standing and is not targeted against any one person or group.

Monthly Survey Winners

Customers receiving a \$25 credit in this month's survey drawing include:

- Carlos Martinez - Solano, NM
- Jason Baltzley - Spring Valley, CA
- Jean Goers - Tucumcari, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.



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Here's what's happening....

February 14 – Valentine's Day - A Day when loved ones express their affections for each other with flowers, candy or greeting cards and named after one or more early Christian martyrs called St. Valentine.

February 20 – President's Day – A Day to celebrate all U.S. presidents (past and present) specifically George Washington, the first President of the United States.

February 16 – Plateau Educational Foundation Scholarships are Due – Applications are available on the Plateau website: www.plateautel.com/scholarships. For more information call, 575.389.4387.

February 22 – Board of Directors Meeting
The Cooperative's Board of Directors meet in regular session at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis.

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