

Annual Meeting Highlights

enjoyed a Hog Wild Barbecue lunch.

Board President, Max Lowrey, announced at the meeting a new policy of allowing members to attend regularly-scheduled Board meetings.

Re-elected to the board were Max Lowrey, Ralph Ohl and John Schon.

Ark Valley

Ark Valley's 70th annual meeting was held on April 7 at the State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

There were 267 members that registered, and more than 540 people attended the dinner meeting, which was catered by Ray's Countryside Catering, Inc., of Colwich.

Paul Penner was re-elected, and Steve Schweizer was newly elected to a three-year term on the Ark Valley Board. Schweizer replaces Budd Fountain who stepped down due to term limits.

As a special attraction, the cooperative arranged to have the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon tethered at the fairgrounds outside the meeting.

Radiant

Radiant's annual meeting was held April 9 at the new cooperative headquarters in Fredonia. More than 350 people attended the meeting. Rep. Forrest Knox, one of the authors of the comprehensive energy bill and a member, attended.

Trustee Tom Ayers was recognized for his service to the cooperative. He did not stand for reelection due to term limits. Larry Felts was re-elected to the Board. David Engelman was elected to fill the seat vacated by Tom Ayers.

Radiant presented \$5,000 in academic scholarships to area college and high school students during the meeting. KEC's Stuart Lowry and KEPCO's Steve Parr were guest speakers. Trustee Loren Dickens encouraged members to join the "Our Energy, Our Future" campaign.

Sedgwick County

Sedgwick County's annual meeting

was held April 13 in Wichita. Over 600 members and guests attended.

Trustees Don Metzen, John Hillman, and Eugene Scheer were re-elected by the membership to three-year terms. The membership also approved bylaw amendments on quorum requirements, membership eligibility and patronage notices.

Reports were made Board President John Hillman, General Manager Alan Henning, KEC's Stuart Lowry and KEPCO's Steve Parr.

DS&O

DS&O held its annual meeting on April 14 at the Bicentennial Center in Salina. An estimated 430 members and guests were served dinner, and 234 members registered for the meeting.

Re-elected to three-year terms on the board were Dean Allison, William Chamberlin, and John Peterson. Newly elected was Randy Cooper who replaced Kenneth Avery.

The members also approved a name change resolution to remove the words "Rural" and "Association" from the corporate name. The corporate name will now be DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Victory

Victory held its annual meeting at the Dodge City Civic Center on April 14. More than 700 people were served dinner and 377 members were present.

Trustee Marvin Hampton was honored on his retirement from the board and given a plaque recognizing his 29 years of service. Youth Tour participants spoke to the membership regarding the youth program.

The membership approved a change to the Nominating Committee portion of the bylaws. Newly elected were Daryl Tieben and Cedric Drewes. Re-elected were Carl Hubbell and Ken Schulte.

Twin Valley

Twin Valley Electric Cooperative held its annual meeting on April 16 in Al-

tamont. There were 78 registered members in attendance along with Youth Tour winners, employees and guests.

Re-elected to the board were Bryan Coover, Ronald McNickle, and Robert Webster Jr. The membership also voted on bylaw amendments.

Employees John Hibbs and Tom Shelton were recognized for 30 years of service. Board president Dan Peterson was recognized for 20 years of service.

The members heard a report from both of the 2008 youth tour winners. KEPCO's Bob Bowser and KEC's Dave Holthaus gave short reports on power supply and legislative issues.

CMS

CMS held its 63rd annual membership meeting on April 17 at South Central Middle School in Protection. More than 70 members registered for the meeting and nearly 200 enjoyed a barbeque meal before the meeting.

Trustees Jeff Headrick and Clifford Friesen were re-elected, and Don Nighswonger was newly elected to the Board of Trustees. Darrol Miller did not seek re-election and was recognized for his 30 years of service to the cooperative as a trustee. Special guests included State Senator Tim Huelskamp and State Representative Pat Maloney.

Rolling Hills

Rolling Hills annual meeting was held in Beloit on April 17. More than 500 members and guests attended.

Doug Jackson and Line Superintendent David Miller were recognized for their work with FEMA over the past year. Out-going trustee Harold Dowell was presented with a plaque recognizing his 19 years of service to the cooperative. KEC's Stuart Lowry and KEPCO's Steve Parr were guest speakers. Entertainment was provided by the Bill Burrows Band.

Re-elected to the board via mail ballot in January were Kenneth Becker, Bryan Boyles, and Mark Gross.

Roger Cole joins Lyon-Coffey

Lyon-Coffey Electric has announced that Roger Cole accepted the position of Director of Finance and Accounting. He will begin on April 27.

Cole will be responsible for organizing and directing the accounting and control functions of operations of the cooperative and its subsidiary, assist in reporting operational



Roger Cole

results, coordinate and administer plans for accounting control of the operation.

He will also have management responsibilities for the supervision and performance evaluation of personnel in the accounting department.

Cole graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, with a degree in Business Administration and Business Management.

He brings 31 years of experience and a proven track record of success in the accounting and finance area.

Prior to accepting the position at Lyon-Coffey, he served as the Manager of Finance with Clarke Electric Cooperative, Inc., Osceola, IA, and Director of Finance and Administration at Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., Greenfield, IA.

Job Opportunities

LJEC seeks public relations / marketing specialist

LJEC, a progressive and growing distribution cooperative in NE Kansas, is seeking a public relations/marketing specialist.

Duties include working with local communities and members in the areas of public relations and marketing. The successful candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in public relations, marketing or a related discipline. At least three years of experience in any of these fields is required. Excellent written, oral and interpersonal communications skills are required.

LJEC offers a competitive starting salary and an outstanding NRECA benefit package. Send resume by May 11 to HR Department, PO Box 70, McLouth, KS 66054. EOE.

LJEC seeks system engineer

LJEC is also seeking a system engineer. Applicant must have a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering with experience or course work in power engineering. Registration or ability to obtain registration as a professional engineer is required.

Experience in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of transmission, substation, and distribution systems including system coordination, system analysis, power quality analysis, and work plan preparation is required.

Perform construction and materials contract development, bid evaluation, management and administration.

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Nebraksa PPD seeks technical services supervisor

Cuming County Public Power District is seeking a motivated individual for a newly-created technical services supervisor.

Qualified applicants will have proven progressive technical experience, demonstrate a high degree of relevant computer literacy, possess strong written and oral communication skills and be capable of working both independently and in a team environment with a strong customer focus. Utility experience or a degree in a technology field is a plus.

Cuming County offers an excellent NRECA benefit package. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Job description available on request. Send a letter of interest, resume, salary history and three references to Elwood Moore at Cuming County PPD, 500 S. Main St., West Point, NE 68788. For more information call 877-572-2463, or visit www.ccppd.com. EOE.

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