



Central Electric Power Association

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Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 19

Central Electric Power Association will hold its Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 19 at the Carthage Coliseum, Highway 16 East in Carthage.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and the bylaws of the Association, four directors will be elected for three year terms. Members will elect one director from Leake County, one director from Neshoba County, one director from Newton County, and one minority member at large.

Committee on Nominations:

A summary of Section 4.04, Committee on Nominations, of the association bylaws states:

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of a meeting of the Members at which the Board members are to be elected, a Committee of Nominations consisting of three (3) members who shall be selected from the given areas from which the Board members are to be elected as to ensure equitable representation. No existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees,

agents, officers, directors of known candidates for director may serve on such committees.

The committee shall receive and consider any suggestion as to nominees submitted by members of the Cooperative. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principle office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for Board members.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Board members to be elected from and represent and the name and address of the candidates nominated by the Committee of Nominations.

Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor.

Any petition of nomination shall be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Cooperative. Each member signing such petition shall place thereon the

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Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

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date of signing, address, account number and service location of the member. Nominations made by the petition if any, shall be received no later than 9 a.m. on the Thursday before the date of the annual meeting. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

A report from the Committee of Nominations, along with proxies, ballots and other annual meeting information will appear in the March issue of *Today in Mississippi*. As a member-owner of Central Electric Power Association, you have a right to participate in the annual meeting to hear the latest cooperative news and to elect the board of directors.

Mark your calendar for March 19 and plan to attend Central Electric's annual meeting at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 in Carthage.

Invest a Little



SAVE A LOT!

Saving energy at home can be simple and free: Turn off the lights and TV when you're not using them; lower the thermostat at night. But for a bigger impact on your electric bill, make a little bit more of an effort and invest a few bucks in energy-saving equipment.

Here's what to buy:

LEDs. Next time a light bulb burns out, replace it with an LED. They last for years and use their energy to produce light, not heat. LED bulbs can screw right into the lamps and fixtures you have. But when it's time to replace those, consider buying LED fixtures for even greater savings.

Good-quality power strips. Plug your electronic equipment into them. Before you go to bed at night, unplug those strips. If energy-intensive appliances like computers, printers and video game consoles are left plugged in after you turn them off, they still use energy—constantly. The only way to stop wasting that energy is to unplug.

New windows. If your old ones are single-pane versions, you might as well leave them open all winter. They're no match for the cold air, which can seep through them. And they don't do a good job of keeping your heated air inside. If that's too much for now, at least plug the leaks around your windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk.

Window shades. Uncovered windows are great for views, but terrible for your energy bill. Your heating bill will be lower in the winter and your air conditioning costs will drop in the summer if you use blinds, curtains or awnings on windows. Uncover them on sunny winter days to let the natural warmth come into your home, but close them up after dark when the temperature dips.

Programmable thermostat. Everyone forgets to lower the heat once in a while. A programmable thermostat will do that for you. Program yours to lower at bedtime, and then automatically warm the house up just before everyone wakes up. It can lower the heat again once everyone leaves for school and work in the morning and crank it back up before the family gets home in the afternoon.

The services of qualified technicians. Keeping your heating and cooling system clean and well-maintained will help it run more smoothly and efficiently. Likewise, keeping vents clear—including the one for your clothes dryer—will keep your family safer and your appliances running as they should.

10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

-  Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
-  Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
-  Turn off lights when not in use.
-  Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
-  Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
-  Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
-  Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
-  Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
-  Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
-  Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.

Source: energy.gov



Service Awards

45 YEARS

Wanniese Whitehead

40 YEARS

Jackie Lee Whittington

35 YEARS

Jim Caldwell
Johnny Chancellor
Fatie Horn

30 YEARS

Danny Burnett
Donnie Shepard
Mike Shepard

25 YEARS

Kevin Greene

20 YEARS

David Boyd

15 YEARS

Phillip Crosby
Suzanne Johnson
Allyson Kirkwood
Darrin Pickett
Randall Pugh

10 YEARS

Jeff Holder

5 YEARS

Kent Chamblee
Tim Stewart
Hanna Watson