

COLUMBUS[®] CURRENTS

2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

We're once again inviting and reminding you to plan on attending your Annual Meeting. That's right, your meeting. As a member/owner you have a piece of the action because that's how Cooperatives get things done.

That all important action includes your voice and involvement in co-op activities, your presence and participation at annual meetings and your very valued vote for your Board of Trustees.



2015 Annual Meeting

At the Cooperative we focus on what matters ...the consumer. That is the driving force behind how your electric cooperative works. It doesn't take a lot of fancy words to understand the difference between your electric utility companies.

Simply put, if something- a policy, a service, a way of

doing business is good for our consumers, then it's good for the Co-op too. Contrast this philosophy with that of the big power companies. Making a profit is first and foremost with them.

That's all well and good unless there is a clash between profits for the company and serving consumers and their communities.

When that happens guess who wins?

Whenever a community faces a need—a challenge to make life better—the cooperative business model comes into play.

That choice is simple, because the Co-op philosophy is simply: Members are the Co-op, so if it's good for them, then it has to be good for the Co-op itself.

So mark the calendar and plan on attending your annual meeting on April 16th at the Animas School Auditorium.

Spanish translation service will be available, please sign up so we can make accommodations. **Servicios de traducción a Español estarán disponibles en la Reunión Anual. Por favor regístrese para que podamos hacer los arreglos.**

Deming and Columbus members interested in riding the bus, please call the office to reserve a seat.

At your Co-op the consumer comes first – and that means you. Don't forget the now twenty five dollar joke contest...see you there.

Critical Connections behind the Power



April 11, 2016, is National Lineman Appreciation Day so it is appropriate that we take a moment to recognize the people that often work in brutal weather conditions to ensure we all have safe and reliable power. In fact, linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety officers. However, while linemen work in highly visible settings, there are many behind the scenes that also labor tirelessly to help keep the lights on. However, they do so with little or no public recognition or acknowledgement. While linemen can do their job out in the open— whether it is restoring power after a natural disaster, maintaining the lines or building new service – there is a lot more work taking place behind the scenes.

The Operations department includes GIS, Vehicle Maintenance, Service Techs and Linemen. They ensure that the overall system is well maintained. The linemen out in the field works with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing and maintaining the energy infrastructure. Working with electricity is an inherently dangerous task, and helping to foster a culture of safety for all workers is a major priority.

The Office Department includes Accounting, Finance, Purchasing, Meter Reading and Customer Service. These functions play an integral role in supporting the financial well-being of the Cooperative. Included in this department are the people who answer calls and questions. They're responsible for ensuring that you are treated appropriately. It all starts at the time you sign up for membership.

It takes many different people and departments working closely together to serve you. Because you, the member, are at the heart of everything we do.



Tip of the Month

Earth Day is April 22. Give back to the environment by planting a deciduous tree near your home. Deciduous trees lose their leaves during the fall, allowing sunlight to warm your home. The extra shade during summer months will keep your home cooler and give your AC a much needed break.

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