

Process for nomination and election of co-op directors

Shelby Electric Cooperative's 81st Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 and will include the election of two directors.

Directors are elected from the cooperative's membership, and any qualified Class A member may seek election to serve as a director.

The cooperative is divided into seven Director Districts, and one director is elected from each Director District. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. In 2019, directors will be elected from District 3 and District 6. Although directors are elected from particular Director Districts, all active Class A members may vote in every election.

The qualifications in the cooperative's bylaws to serve as a director are:

- Must be an active Class A member who is a natural person (not a corporation, etc.) and not a person acting in a representative capacity for a Class A member (not a Class A member's guardian, etc.)
- Must be a bona fide resident in the Director District from which he or

she is to be elected

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not have completed six or more three-year terms as a director
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in:
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the sale of any form of energy to the cooperative (other than any form of energy that the cooperative is required by law to purchase) or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the delivery of any form of energy to the cooperative or any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
 - Any other business or enterprise which is engaged in by the cooperative or its subsidiaries
 - Any business or enterprise primarily engaged in selling electrical appliances, fixtures or supplies to the cooperative or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Must not be the incumbent or a

candidate for an elective public office in connection with, which a salary is paid, other than township offices or school offices

- Must, if seeking re-election for a fourth full term, be certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to have successfully completed a course of training for rural electric cooperative directors.

Nominating petitions (available at the cooperative office) must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed at the cooperative office not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting, i.e., April 8, 2019 at 4 p.m.

A cooperative director is expected to:

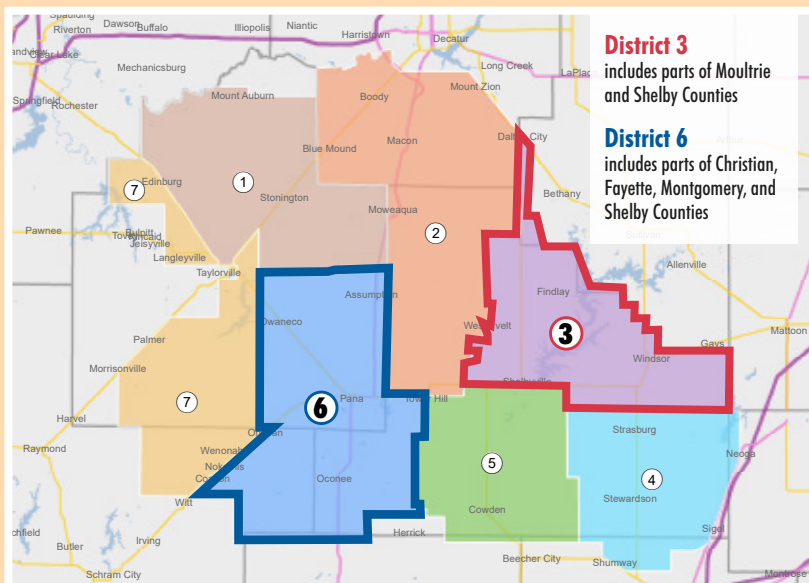
- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meeting of members
- Attend all board meetings of other organizations for which he or she is a director representing Shelby Electric Cooperative
- Complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director training during the first three-year term of office.

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members, but the board of directors may determine that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online internet voting. In recent years, the elections have been conducted by mail.

If the nominating process results in no contested elections, the board of directors may direct the 2019 election to be conducted by ballot at the annual meeting (saving the cooperative approximately \$10,000 in election costs).

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-677-2612.

Director Districts to be elected in 2019 are Districts #3 and #6





Scholarship reminder

Time is running out on the Shelby Electric Cooperative scholarship program. See guidelines and official rules on the cooperative's website shelbyelectric.coop under the "Community" tab. You can also download a scholarship application from the website or pick one up from your high school guidance counselor's office.

Deadline: Completed applications must be delivered to the cooperative office by end of the business day, **March 8, 2019**. Applications can be sent via mail addressed to: **Shelby Electric Cooperative, Attn: SEC Scholarship Program, PO Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565**. Applications are also accepted via email at scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop.



P.O. BOX 560
Shelbyville, IL 62565
Phone: 217-774-3986
or 1-800-677-2612
Pay-by-Phone:
1-855-385-9981
www.shelbyelectric.coop
twitter.com/YourCoop
facebook.com/YourCoop

Office Hours:
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Daylight Saving Time

Remember to spring forward and set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 a.m.

Fire departments recommend changing the batteries in your smoke detector(s) at this time.



Shelby Energy Company
 Serving your LP gas needs since 1994

FARM HOME BUSINESS

SAVE MONEY ON DRUMS, BUCKETS AND CASES



Chevron URSA Super Plus
15w40 in 55 gal. drums

Chevron 1000 THF Tractor
Hydraulic Fluid in 55 gal. drums

Sale Ends April 15th

Call for special pricing 217 774-2311

 Find us on Facebook @ShelbyEnergyCo

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it's ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: energy.gov



REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

Getting Real with Marla and spring

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, providing an extra hour of daylight to enjoy in the evenings. Technically, the first day of spring is Wednesday, March 20; however, most of us will spring outside the first day the weather cooperates. In the eagerness to get outside, safety should not be overlooked.

March is National Ladder Safety Month. This recognition is aptly timed as a reminder to be vigilant when cleaning gutters or working on other projects requiring a ladder. Safe Electricity recommends keeping ladders and their operators at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical equipment. Always check for overhead wires before moving ladders or any tall equipment.

Outdoor projects often involve damp surroundings – either the use of water or wet ground conditions. For outdoor projects requiring the use of electrical tools, remember to plug into ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets. These fast-acting circuit breakers are designed to shut off electric power in the event of a ground-fault within as little as 1/40th of a second. If extension cords are needed, make sure they are rated for outdoor use and invest in a portable GFCI. These specialized extension cords are designed for added protection against shocks.

If your spring plans involve landscaping, always remember to **call 811** before you dig! The strategic placement of trees and bushes can be a great benefit to the comfort

and energy efficiency of your home. Deciduous trees should be planted on the south and west sides of your home. They will provide shade during the heat of summer, yet allow the sun's warmth to add heat your home during winter. Evergreens should be planted on the north side of the home to block chilling winter winds. Plant all trees at least 25 feet away from power lines. The Arbor Day Foundation has a helpful website at Arborday.org for more great information. As the Chinese proverb says, "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now."

*~Marla Pruemmer,
Communication Specialist*



Follow us on
twitter



@YourCoop

Youth Day opportunity for student leaders

Each year, nearly 250 outstanding students from across Illinois get an up-close look at democracy in action when they meet their elected representatives during Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives “Youth Day.”

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) will once again provide two junior students from every high school in the cooperative’s service area the opportunity to attend Youth Day on April 3, 2019. Last year, 14 students represented SEC at Youth Day.

For 60 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow’s leaders the opportunity to learn from today’s public officials. Over the years, thousands of students have learned



YOUTH DAY
APRIL 3, 2019 • SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

how government works and why it’s important for every citizen to get involved. State senators and representatives have the opportunity to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow during this annual event held in Springfield.

To learn more about Youth Day, visit us online at shelbyelectric.coop and click on “Youth Day” under the “Community” tab.

Ways to pay



Pay online – View and pay your bill online with SmartHub web, 24/7, with a checking account or credit/debit card. Visit shelbyelectric.coop and click on the “SmartHub” icon.



SmartHub app – View and pay your bill using this app with your smart phone or smart tablet. The app is available at your favorite app store.



Pay-by-phone – Pay your bill securely by phone 24/7. Call toll free 1-855-385-9981 and follow the automated prompts to pay by check, credit, or debit card.



Automatic draft – credit/debit/checking/savings – Choose an automatic payment deduction from the account of your choice. This is set up as a recurring payment draft on the due date shown on your bill. Sign up by using SmartHub or our automated pay-by-phone line.



Pay by mail – Mail your check along with the stub conveniently located at the bottom of your bill to Shelby Electric Cooperative in the envelope provided with your statement. Please allow 3 to 5 business days for delivery.



Pay in person – Stop by the office in Shelbyville during business hours to pay your bill in person. An after-hours drop box is also available.

How to read your propane gauge

Shelby Energy Company, the cooperative’s LP gas subsidiary, recommends that you learn how to read your tank gauge and develop a habit of checking it on a regular basis.

Look at the gauge attached to the tank with numbers from 5 to 95. Numbers indicate the percentage of gas remaining in the tank. If your tank gauge reads 25 percent or less, call Shelby Energy for a refill at 217-774-2311.



Shelby Energy Company
Serving your LP gas needs since 1994



IF GAUGE READS	NUMBER OF GALLONS REMAINING			
	120 Gal. Tank	250 Gal. Tank	500 Gal. Tank	1000 Gal. Tank
80%	96	200	400	800
70%	84	175	350	700
60%	72	150	300	600
50%	60	125	250	500
40%	48	100	200	400
30%	36	75	150	300
IF GAUGE READS LESS THAN 25% ORDER GAS NOW!				
20%	24	50	100	200
10%	12	25	50	100