



# NUTSEA

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## NUTSEA Newslines

### Chairman's Comments

By Jerry Franklin

I hope everyone got the NUTSEA News Lines last month.

I'm glad to report to you we've just completed the 65<sup>th</sup> annual NUTSEA planning conference in Oklahoma City. The Executive Committee met February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 in the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. I would like to thank you the members of NUTSEA for the opportunity to serve as your chairman for 2006. I also want to thank the Executive Committee, our Administrative Assistant, and our hosts for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual NUTSEA Conference, Kenny Guffey and Norman McDugle, for making my job easy. Our host hotel is the Renaissance Downtown Oklahoma City. The facility is first class and is located in the downtown area within a short walk of all the shops, restaurants, etc. There will be more details coming in the pre-registration packets. I hope you plan to come join us for some excellent topics, speakers and workshops.

#### CORRECTION

In the Winter 2006 newsletter, it was erroneously reported that Mike Stamper was appointed to a three-year director NUTSEA director's post. Mike is appointed to a one-year term as a NUTSEA director.

#### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

The telephone survey was conducted among members and associate members of NUTSEA, July 25- August 18, 2005.

A total of 125 interviews were completed by Preston- Osborne Research, Lexington, Kentucky. Analysis and reporting conducted by East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Market Research. I would like to thank them for that survey and also Vernon Shearer from Kentucky for his help in that effort.

We have started to address some of the issues noted by the survey as needing improvement. Communication with our NUTSEA membership is a priority and we are trying to implement improvements immediately. This publication, News Lines, is being used as a means to disseminate more information to NUTSEA members. If you have any news you want to include in the News Lines, please send it in to Melissa Robokoff at [mrobokoff@alaskapower.org](mailto:mrobokoff@alaskapower.org) or call her at 907-563-2551.

#### WEBSITE

We are getting the website updated. The website is temporarily unavailable while it is being updated and renovated. It should be back online in a short time.

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*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day,  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

The family of

*George Coggio*



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## Thank You from ALEC

### Dressing for Line Safety

[www.carharttfr.com](http://www.carharttfr.com)

Carhartt's Industrial Sales Division has introduced a new site carrying information about the company's flame-resistant clothing, the National Fire Protection classification systems, fabric specifications and care instructions, and government regulations. There is also a media library with product brochures and lab test videos that graphically show why flame-resistant clothing is important, along with a news section and a list of distributors. There is even a spot on the site where visitors can share stories about how Carhartt clothing has been "put the test."

The following is from Mr. Randall Pierce, Executive Director Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in a letter dated February 13, 2006 to the NUTSEA Members:

"We all knew well in advance that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita would cause extensive damage to the Gulf States region but we didn't know just how extensive until the winds stopped howling and the destruction was assessed. Similarly, we always knew how generous and caring members of the national electric cooperative family are but we had now way of fully realizing just how generous until many of our communities here in Louisiana were literally ripped apart by the tremendous force of these storms.

The winds had not completely died down when our office fielded the first telephone call inquiring about contributions intended for hurricane victims and their communities. Very soon we were experiencing an entirely different kind of maelstrom as we were inundated by donations of supplies, offers of support, and cash contributions such as yours from concerned cooperative friends all across the country. The wellspring of generosity has been completely awe-inspiring and only serves to reinforce the fact that the cooperative family never fails to respond in time of crisis.

Since the fund you have helped endow was established, we have been in the process of receiving detailed information about the specific need of cooperative employees and their families and working to meet those needs through this fund. A substantial portion of the fund has already been expended to help dozens of families rebuild their lives, families who faced hardship not only as a result of the storm but also because one or both parents were forced to put their own personal lives on hold for weeks while tiling to restore electrical power to their communities.

Have personally participated in the presentation of checks to many of cooperative families in dire need, I can attest to the deep gratitude expressed by those who were fortunate enough to benefit from your generosity and to see in their faces the restoration of hope, happiness and faith in the future.

Thank you for your sacrifice and for doing your part to provide an inspiration spark to people whose lives were made dark by these two natural disasters.

## “The Herman C. Potthast Award”

The Herman C. Potthast Award is presented annually to the Job Training and Safety Instructor who best attained those qualities of dedication, leadership, cooperation, and service that were exemplified by “Potty.” The selection committee is made up of the last three recipients of the award, the chairman being the senior recipient. Each past recipient shall be presented with a small replica inscribed with his/her name.

The Award is to be presented at the Annual National Utility Training and Safety Education Association (NUTSEA) Conference to a NUTSEA member for his/her outstanding contribution to the NUTSEA Organization. Presented by Line Superintendents’ Section Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association

### *Nominations for award*

The following factors should be considered as representing the philosophy and ideals of H.C. Potthast:

- The value of being a competent tradesman
- Apprenticeship programs as means of training
- Self-improvement by the individual
- Technical understanding of the job
- Importance and value of job safety
- Belief in rural electrification movement
- Interest in fellow man
- Willingness to share knowledge

*The following criteria should be considered when*

*nominating a person for the “Herman C. Potthast Award”:*

- Does he/she have the respect of his/her fellow worker?
- Does he/she inspire the respect of his/her subordinates?
- Does he/she have the confidence of his/her supervisor and bosses?
- Does he/she have a good technical understanding of his/her job?
- Has he/she demonstrated the ability to act as a leader?
- Has he/she demonstrated a consistent safety consciousness in his/her work?
- Does he/she set a good example in safety performance?
- Has he/she demonstrated the willingness and ability to teach the craft to others?
- Has he/she taken part in community affairs outside of his/her job?
- Has he/she been active in statewide groups or associations?
- Does he/she actively encourage safety among others?
- Does he/she help to create a good image for his/her employer?
- Is he/she effective in fostering good member and public relations to the extent permitted by his/her job?
- Does he/she consistently try for self-improvement beyond the requirements of his/her job?
- Has he/she shown an interest in developing the ability of his/her subordinates by delegating responsibility and authority?
- Is he/she familiar with the policies and practices of his/her organization?
- Has he/she shown a high degree of competency in whatever his/her job may be?

### *Recipients*

1972 Hugh E. Burke WI  
 1973 Hoyt L. Williams SC  
 1974 Kenneth W. Moore IA  
 1975 Marvin O. Nelson NRECA

1976 Ernest G. Shearer IN  
 1977 Ray Pantel TX  
 1978 Robert S. Horn PE  
 1979 Walter Bright KS  
 1980 Eldon E. Eaton WI  
 1981 Forest Bandel MN  
 1982 Donald J. McFarland IN  
 1983 Don Green IA  
 1984 Slim Rutschke KS  
 1985 Charles Rees MO  
 1986 Paul Alspach OH  
 1987 Art McMahon AZ  
 1988 Joe DeMeulenaere WI  
 1989 Jesse Watson TX  
 1990 Kyle Roberts FL  
 1991 Charles W. Parr WI  
 1992 Norman D. Clark MT  
 1993 Thomas Chandler GA  
 1994 Vernon L. Kidder CO  
 1995 DeWane M. Robertson MO  
 1996 Joe Johnson OK  
 1997 Tommy C. Greer NC  
 1998 Garry Christopherson WI  
 1999 Robert E. Palmbo MI  
 2000 Lloyd Sholes VA-MD-DEL  
 2001 Lynn E. Askins OH  
 2002 Dennis M. Corcoran IA  
 2003 Leroy M. Vanderpool MN  
 2004 Arthur D. Bingham MI  
 2005 James E. Nevel IL

### *Your nomination should include:*

- Name of nominee
- Address
- Spouse’s name
- Brief history of nominee
- Your reason for nominating this person
- Outstanding contribution to the NUTSE Association
- Please submit your nomination as soon as possible. To ensure that your nominee will be properly considered, your nomination must be in the hands of the selection committee by: **June 1, 2006.**

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## NUTSEA's 64th Annual Conference



Mark your calendar's now for NUTSEA's 64th Annual Conference. This year's meeting will be in held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel. Conference dates are 25-28 September, 2006.

The Board of Directors has arranged for several top-notch professionals to provide presentations at this year's Conference. A few items included in this year's program include: DOT regulations, Substance Abuse, Coop Security, Back Injury prevention and Hurricane Summary. In addition, there will be program sharing and roundtable discussions.

More information on registration and program content will follow in July.

In the meantime, check out the Bricktown website at: <http://www.bricktownokc.com/index.shtml>

