



NUTSEA

NATIONAL UTILITY TRAINING & SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
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Dear NUTSEA Members:

I am honored and excited to serve as your Chairperson in 2020. I could have never imagined in 1982, when I went to work for an electric cooperative in East Texas, that I would be where I am today. I started my safety career in 2000 and became a member of NUTSEA that same year. I owe a lot of my accomplishments to several people I met in this organization. I wish I could list them all, but you would get tired of reading this letter.

It is hard to believe that three months have passed since our 2019 NUTSEA Conference in Traverse City, Michigan. What a great conference it was. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association and Cherryland Electric Cooperative for their hard work and dedication to host the conference. A big thank you goes out to our sponsors; whose generosity and commitment help make our organization a success. I would also like to thank our past chairperson, Terry Ebright, for his leadership and dedication to our organization.

As most of you know, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative is hosting our 2020 NUTSEA Conference in Miramar Beach, Florida on September 14-16, 2020. PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, headquartered in Andalusia, AL is a generation and transmission electric cooperative that serves the wholesale power needs of 20 distribution members, 16 electric cooperatives and four municipal electric systems in Alabama and Northwest Florida. The NUTSEA Board will be meeting in February to apply the finishing touches to the conference. Shortly after the planning meeting we will send out a “save the date” post card with the agenda attached.

While I’m discussing conferences, our 2021 NUTSEA Conference will be co-hosted by the Kansas Electric cooperatives and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. The conference will be held in Kansas City. We are continually seeking states to host the conference. This is a great opportunity to showcase your state to the membership. All you need to do is pick the location and venue. The board will work with you to plan the agenda, oversee the registration, obtain sponsors and moderate the conference. All expenses will be paid or reimbursed to the host. If you are interested in hosting the conference please contact Donna Cavanaugh or one of our Board members for more details. You can also see the Host Guidelines on the NUTSEA website, nutsea.org.

The Purpose of NUTSEA is stated in Article II of our bylaws. It states:

Section 1: To promote a continuous exchange of information, ideas and job-related experience among members of the Association in order to effectively assist them in upgrading their professional competence, analyze and solve problems involving job training and safety education and to better qualify and equip them to perform their essential duties in the field of personnel training and accident prevention.

Section 2: To plan, organize and sponsor an annual national conference for the purposes set forth in Section 1 and above, and to provide instruction, training and technical information vital to the growth, training and development of its members.

Section 3: To participate on an organizational basis with other organizations which are concerned with or are dealing with job-training, safety education and related activities.

Section 4: To conduct research and issue reports dealing with information and data beneficial to job training and safety education personnel in their professional field of endeavor.

To achieve our purpose, it takes members like you to speak up and let the Board and Committee members know what you believe would help to better our organization. It also takes members like you to volunteer to serve on the Board or one of the committees. We are in this safety battle together; please let your opinions be heard. Below is a list of our current Board Members and current committee chairs, feel free to express your ideas or willingness to serve to one of them. You can see the members of these committees on our website.

I want to personally thank each of the people listed below for their commitment to serve the NUTSEA Organization. Each one has a true desire to serve our membership and provide safety and education training that will help our membership to improve the safety culture at their utility.

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Nominating Committee: Terry Ebright (SD) – Chair (terry.ebright@siouxvalleyenergy.com)

I have a few reminders:

1. If you haven't paid and filled out the New Member Application or Existing Member Renewals please get this done. The deadline was November 30, 2019. Both these forms can be found on the website.
2. Donna will be sending out the nominating criteria for the H.C. Potthast award, the Claude Frazier Award, Earnest Shearer Award and the O.G. Anderson Safety Award. If you know someone that meets the criteria of these awards, don't hesitate to nominate them.

Let me end by saying thank you for your trust in me and this Board. With your help we will continue to make NUTSEA a great networking organization enabling us to do the most important job of all...ensuring WORKPLACE SAFETY!

I hope 2020 is a great year for all of us.

Sincerely,

National Utility Training & Safety Education Association



Micheal Weltzheimer
2020 NUTSEA Chairman

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