



NUTSEA 75th Annual Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana

September 17 – 20, 2017

Monday, September 18th

- I. Glenn Cunningham called the NUTSEA 75th Annual Conference to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Glenn Cunningham, NUTSEA Chair introduced the New Orleans Police Department and asked the audience to stand to present the colors. The National Anthem was sung by Angelea Meyer, Colorado after the colors were presented.
- III. Jim Carpenter (3-Year Director) from Michigan then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Glenn then introduced Terry Adkins, Past Chairman 2016, who offered the opening Invocation.
- V. Chairman comments:
 - a. Glenn Cunningham thanked the hosts Association of Louisiana Cooperatives and Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi and the 2017 Planning Committee: Mike Bergeaux, Aarron Graham and Joni Kitchen from the Association of Louisiana Cooperatives and Micheal Weltzheimer, Ron Stewart and Donna Richmond from the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi.
 - b. Glenn Cunningham thanked the Sergeant of Arms – Chad Angelo (Washington St. Tammany Electric Cooperative), Ricky Cummings (DEMCO), Jacob Overholtz (DEMCO), Eddie Hanks (Beauregard Electric Cooperative), B.J. Shake (Delta Electric Power Association), Jim McClure (Northeast Electric Power), Wes Lee (Southern Pine Electric) and Mitchell Smith (Southwest Electric Power Association).
 - c. The Parliamentarian was Martha Duggan.
 - d. Passing of Hard Hats – Proceeds go to Feed the Needy, Mike Bergeaux, Louisiana and Ed Amadee, Altec presented. A second Passing of the Hard Hats was made with proceeds to go to Texas and Florida for hurricane victims.
- VI. Glenn Cunningham welcomed Randy Pierce, CEO LA Statewide and Michael Callahan, CEO MS Statewide to the podium who gave the welcoming speech.

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VII. Glenn Cunningham introduced the Board of Directors:

Vice Chair – Jim Ed Burris, KY
Secretary – Terry Ebright, SD
Treasurer – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

1 Year Director – Jim Carpenter, MI
1 Year Director – Aarron Graham, LA

2 Year Director – Wade Hurst, OK
2 Year Director – Jason Saunders, AL

3 Year Director – Davis Phaup, VA
3 Year Director – Greg McKoy, GA

Past Chair – Terry Adkins, IN

VIII. Glenn Cunningham called for a Quorum from the Sergeant of Arms. A Quorum was confirmed and the business meeting was called to order.

IX. Glenn welcomed Mike Williams to the podium and presented the following for active membership into NUTSEA:

On behalf of the membership committee, Mike reported that there were 55 total applications for membership and associate membership representing 24 states. The committee is recommending 48 for membership and 7 for associate membership.

The 32 nominees for membership are:

Adcock, Jeremy	Great Lakes Energy Co-op, MI
Angelo, Chad	Washington St. Tammany, LA.
Betterton, Brandon	Better Safety & Training LLC, AL
Bitsilly, Jules	Empire Electric Association, CO
Bordelon, Jamie	Rio Grande Electric Co-op, TX.
Briese, Chad	Minnesota REA, MN
Buti, Janet	Cooperative Energy, MS
Christian, Cody	Central Lincoln PUD, OR
Croom, Brent	Four County EMC, NC
Eisenmenger, Matt	Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, IL
Elza, Billy	Portland General Electric, OR
Enstrom, Paul	San Miguel Power Association, CO
Freudenberg, Curt	Minnesota REA, MN

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Hendrix, Johnie	Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, MO
Howard, Steve	Clay Electric Cooperative, FL
Knipstein, Tammy	Texas Electric Cooperatives, TX
Knudson, Steve	Dairyland Power Cooperative, WI
Long, Brandon	Jackson Energy, KY
Melbourne, Devon	First Electric Cooperative, AR
Olden, Eddie	Central EMC, NC
Parrish, Ken	Union Rural Electric, OH
Pecinovsky, Brad	MiEnergy Cooperative, IA
Poll, Donna	Samson Rope, TN
Pratt, Joe	Central EMC, NC
Sherwood, Brian	Pedernales Electric Cooperative, TX
Simon, Adam	Cooperative Energy, MS
Sjolie, Andrew	Minnesota REA, MN
Thate, Jim	Delta-Montrose Electric Association, CO
Watts, Bruce	Snapping Shoals EMC, GA
Wilhelmi, Luke	Minnesota REA, MN
Woods, Jason	Ohio Electric Cooperatives, OH
Worsham, Nathan	Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, KS

The 6 nominees for associate membership are:

Brake, Melvin	Snapping Shoals EMC, GA
Crutchfield, Greg	Southeast Power Corporation, KY
Gomez, Darrel	Farmers Electric Cooperative, NM
Price, Scott	Timpont REMC, IN
Scaramuzzo, Patricia	PPL Electric Utilities, PA
Wolfe, Mike	Southwest REA, TX.

There was a motion and second to approve the new members and associate members. Glenn asked those present to stand and be recognized.

Glenn took a moment to recognize any past chairmen that were in attendance: Terry Adkins, Bobby Love, Mike Bergeaux, Kenny Guffey, Stan Rucker

Glenn recognized Honorary Members that were nominated in 2017: Lynn Askins, Pat Whalen, Jonathan Glazier, Randy Lowe

- X. Nominating Committee: Glenn welcomed Mike Bergeaux. Mike introduced the proposed slate of Executive Committee Nominees for 2017 – 2018:

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3 Year Director – Buddy Manning, AL
3 Year Director – Scott Ferguson, TX

Past Chair – Glenn Cunningham, GA

Office of NUTSEA Chair: Jim Ed Burris was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Jim Ed Burris was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Vice-Chair: Terry Ebright was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Terry Ebright was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Secretary: Micheal Weltzheimer was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Micheal Weltzheimer was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Treasurer: Aarron Graham was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Aarron Graham was voted into the position.

1 Year Directors: Wade Hurst and Jason Saunders move up from Two Year Directors.

2 Year Directors: Greg McKoy and Davis Phaup move up from Three Year Directors.

3 Year Directors: Buddy Manning was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Buddy Manning was voted into the position.

3 Year Directors: Scott Ferguson was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Scott Ferguson was voted into the position.

XI. The business meeting recessed until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – Business Meeting

- I. The meeting was called back to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. The meeting minutes from 2016 were approved as written.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Host Committee Reports: Mike Bergeaux reported people in attendance with 119 members, 24 non-members, 56 guests representing 31 states and 24 vendors.
 - b. Operations and Rules Committee: Joe McElroy – No report.
 - c. Resolutions Committee: Wes Lee stepped in for Don Harbuck, Chairman and recognized the members (Rusty Wannamaker, and Connie Sparks). Don received commitment from present members to serve for 2018. They will follow the same procedure as 2017 – determine number of gifts requested by committee and choose, purchase and deliver said gifts to the 2018 conference.
 - d. Membership Committee: Mike Williams reported that there were 38 total applications for membership and associate membership with 18 states being represented. The Committee recommended 32 for Membership and 6 for Associate Membership. All were unanimously voted in.
 - e. Regulatory Standards/Legislative Report: Martha Duggan, no report. Martha gave her Regulatory Update during the conference.
 - f. New Member Orientation – Doyle Totty, Chair welcomed new members at the New Members luncheon which was held on Monday. All participants received a NUTSEA computer bag and flash drive with important information. New members were welcomed and Past Chairs shared information regarding website, power of networking, sharing of resources among NUTSEA members. New members were encouraged to get involved with NUTSEA. Also discussed 7-year commitment of leadership thru the Board positions.
 - g. Generation & Transmission: Ken Macken (Chair), Cory Rodgers (Vice-Chair) and Tyler Lonsdale (Secretary). Cory reported that there were 15 in attendance at the meeting. Topics discussed were ATV/UTV safety, solar farm safety, vehicle lift, confined space, security, fall protection, crane operator, JHA's, walking working rules, lightening procedures, respiratory protections. See attached discussion topics for more information.
 - h. Distribution: Bobby Christmas, Chair reported that there were 13 in attendance. Committee Members: Randy Hooten and Bobby Christmas. In the history of line work, what has changed? Human factors that lead to taking chances. Taking ownership of safe work practices. Influences

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that others can have on younger lineman and apprentices; good or bad. Having the right people in the right positions. The lineman (human factor) and choices we make that affect our crews safety – a lot of group discussion. Suggest having these breakout sessions earlier in the day. Attendance is down due to being the last sessions of the day/conference.

- i. Job Training & Safety: Micheal Weltzheimer, Acting Chair reported that there were 52 in attendance at the roundtable. Micheal presented a program on developing a culture of safety. Much discussion on reasons we are experience so many electrical contacts. They held a reorganization meeting electing Chairman – Farris Leonard, Vice-Chair – B.J. Shake and Secretary – James Thomas.
- j. SAIA: Darren Maddox, Chairman conducted the roundtable also in attendance was Vice Chairman, Rusty Wannamaker and Secretary Wes Lee. Topics discussed were:
 - 1. Effective Hazard Mitigation in Error Intolerant Industries/John Cox; Safety Operating Systems.
 - 2. Leadership Under Fire/Rodney Brewer
 - 3. Truck Grounding vs. Barricading
 - 4. Disciplinary vs. Incentive Programs
 - 5. How to Keep Safety Meeting Interesting
 - 6. National Updates
 - 7. Break-out/Roundtable

Summer meeting was held June 13 – 15 in Lexington, Kentucky hosted by Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. They had 105 members registered and voted in 11 new members. They raised close to \$2,000 for the Disabled American Veterans. The Ray Pantel Award winner was Greg McKoy (GA). The fall meeting was held in conjunction with the NUTSEA Conference with 33 in attendance and 7 new members voted in. The 2018 Conference will be held June 19 – 21 in Savannah, Georgia hosted by Georgia Statewide. There are currently 205 members from 22 states.

- k. Quad States: See attached quad State NUTSEA Conference Report.
- l. Treasurer's Report: Micheal Weltzheimer reported as of September 20, 2017 NUTSEA had \$125,040.03 in the bank with outstanding conference related invoices yet to be paid.
- m. Report on Hard Hat donation: \$1,405 was collected. A motion was made to double the amount collected and motion passed. Total was \$2,810.

Old Business:

None.

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New Business:

Glenn Cunningham thanked the members and the Board for his time on NUTSEA.

Glenn passed the gavel to Jim Ed Burris. Jim Ed thanked Glenn for his time and hard work on the board.

Jim Ed then announced that the NUTSEA Conference for 2018 would be in Louisville, Kentucky, September 16 – 19 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Jim Ed Burris from the Host State then showed the members the 2018 Conference welcome video.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 75th Annual Conference. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.