



CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER

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TO: The Board and Membership of NUTSEA
FROM: Bobby Love, Chairman

Hello Everyone,

We have just returned from the 72nd NUTSEA Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I hope those of you who attended the conference enjoyed the event as much as I did. We had 168 members registered for the conference along with about 55 guests and sponsors attending. This is one of the largest groups to date, as attendance and interest in the NUTSEA organization continues to grow. I want to let all of you who were not able to attend the Conference know that you were missed. This organization is only as strong as the membership and each and every one of you contribute to its success.

This year the conference was hosted by Colorado Rural Electric Association and led by Mr. Mike Williams, Director of Safety & Loss Control and assisted by a great Colorado team. I'd like to mention the team, even at the risk of missing someone, as they made every effort to see the conference ran smoothly and worked especially hard to see that all the membership's needs were met or exceeded. Thank you, Dan Whitesides, Greg Burrell, Royce Anderson, Randy Westberg, Mike McKenzie, Liz Fiddes and Laura Turner. With your tireless hours and commitment the conference was one of the best. This year the host State of Colorado, with the assistance of your Board of Directors, put together events and programs that were equal to any conference in the nation. This high level of programs and speakers is a must as we strive to meet the requests and educational needs of our membership. During the planning of this conference, your Board was in constant communication with Colorado, with regular monthly conference calls, emails and individual conversations. The planning team strived to push harder and farther than ever before for this event. I want to thank them, one and all.

During the business meeting the membership elected the Board of Directors to serve you this coming year. I wanted to include your Board in this newsletter as it is important that you know and call on these people. We are here to serve this organization and I assure you, all are very committed to doing just that.

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As your Chairman, I am now making contact with the membership to put into place the NUTSEA committee members for 2015. Already, many have agreed to serve, and I thank them. I hope to announce all the completed committees to the membership by the end of November, in the next Chairman’s Newsletter.

This year the Board will continue to work on your behalf in conducting NUTSEA business, reviewing bi-laws and procedures and planning the 73rd 2015 NUTSEA Conference in Boise, Idaho. In fact, this board started the planning process for Idaho back in May of this year. After the close of the conference in Colorado, the board met with the Idaho group to continue this planning. Many steps have been made but we still have many more to travel. I am confident the host State of Idaho, Northwest Lineman College and this board will make 2015 the best yet. I urge you to start making your plans for NUTSEA 2015 now. The dates are September 20, 2015 – September 23, 2015. Plan to come early and stay a few days after, as Idaho is a beautiful and historic State. Great shops and restaurants are within walking distance of our hotel, The Grove. www.grovehotelboise.com

As we move into 2015, I also want to again introduce you to the NUTSEA Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Donna Cavanaugh. Those of you attending in Colorado hopefully had the pleasure of meeting Donna. Donna is, in my opinion, the greatest asset of NUTSEA and brings continuity and dedication along with a wonderful personality. Watch for Donna’s emails and postings as she will be keeping us informed this coming year. Donna can be reached at cavanaughnutsea@outlook.com and by telephone at 919-671-4496. Donna can return your calls in the afternoon if you leave a message and request a time that works best for you. Please add Donna’s email and phone number to your contact list to insure you receive her messages. Again, welcome Donna.

Another note from the NUTSEA business meeting was a slight shift in the organization’s annual year. It was proposed by the Board to change the annual year to begin on October 1st, running through September 30th. This move was made to create a better blend, or timing for the budget, dues and the annual meeting. With this slight shift we can now better serve the membership by allowing dues to be renewed at the same time a member registers for our annual conference. In 2014, online registration and renewal of dues was approved and put in place by the Board. We are also working to update and

improve the NUTSEA website, www.nutsea.org, and you can now pay your dues renewal online. **Any unpaid dues for 2015 should be paid as soon as possible.** You can also go to our Facebook page for news and information about NUTSEA. Please keep checking back as we will be working to improve both these sites for you over the coming months.

As I mentioned earlier, this Board is dedicated to serving you, the membership. If I or any of the board can assist you in any way please contact us. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your Chairman for 2015.

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