

**NUTSEA 70th Annual Conference
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**September 24th – 26th, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 24

- I. Norman McDugle called the NUTSEA 70th annual conference to order at 8:30 am.
- II. Because the scheduled Color Guard could not attend the National Anthem was played.
- III. Danny Hayes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Norm McDugle introduced Terry Adkins who offered the opening Invocation.
- V. Chairman comments:
 - a. Norm thanked the hosts: New Mexico Self Insurers' Fund Safety Committee and all New Mexico Rural Electric Co-ops. He then introduced the host committee: Birchie West, Brittany Johanson, Trish Fenton, and Richard Marquez , identified the Sgt. At Arms: Roy O'Day and Mark McMakin, OAEC New Mexico; Lyle Mathis, OAEC Oklahoma; Kevin Dunlap and David Berryman, Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative; Tom McCloughlin, Otero County Electric Cooperative, and the parliamentarian: Martha Duggan, NRECA.
- VI. The group passed hard hats to benefit the New Mexico Wounded Warrior Project and collected \$2,857 for this very worthy group.
- VII. Norm introduced Keven Groenewold who provided welcoming comments and encouraged everyone to enjoy their stay in New Mexico.
- VIII. Business Meeting: Norman introduced the BOD and confirmed there was a Quorum.
- IX. Norn welcomed Mike Weltzheimer to the podium. Mike thanked the rest of the Membership Committee; Wendy Regan and Bobby Love and presented the following list for member vote:

Last	First	Utility
Berryman	David	Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative
Branham	Bud	NRECA
Bybee	Robyn	Pennyrile Rural Electric
Campbell	Ronald	VA/MD/Del Association of Electric Coops
Chavez	Randall	Tri-State
Clark	Toby	Flint Energies

Donohue	Martin	VA/MD/Del Association of Electric Coops
Dungan	John	Trico Electric CP
Ebright	Terry	Sioux Valley Energy
Goodwin	William	San Bernard Electric Cooperative
Goss	Mark	Aiken Electric Coop
Hagenmayer	Michael	Chalk Point Energy
Hall	Kevin	South River EMC
Henning	Carl	Minnesota Rural Electric Association
Herbert	Ronald	Trico Electric CP
Hindsman	Ronnie	Sam Houston Electric Coop
Hooten	Randy	Carroll Electric Coop
Horan	Patsy	South Mississippi Electric Power Association
Horsley	Jay	Georgia Transmission Corporation
Huggard	James	VA/MD/Del Association of Electric Coops
Humphers	Eldon	Federated Rural Electric Insurance
Jackson	David	VA/MD/Del Association of Electric Coops
King	Danny	MECA
Martin	Heath	Northfork Electric Coop
Mathis	Lyle	OAEC
Matlock	Tim	Southeastern Electric Cooperative
McRae	George	VMDAEC
Miller	Samuel	Navarro County Electric Cooperative
Miller	Ken	Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative
Nicholas	Perron	NRECA
O'Day	Roy	OAEC
Perkins	Zac	Tri-County Electric Coop
Rowland	Scott	KAMO Electric Cooperative
Saul	Debra	Eastern Iowa
Shadburn	Waylon	Sawnee EMC
Shorb	Shellie	Tri-County Electric Coop
Strigle	Benjamin	Great Lakes Energy
Taylor	Jamie	Union Power Cooperative
Walters	Mark	Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp
Weideman	Michael	Colorado Rural Electric Association
Werdenhause	Chris	Macon Electric Cooperative
Westberg	Randy	Colorado Rural Electric Association
Whitesides	Dan	Colorado Rural Electric Association
Williams	Danny	Texas Electric Coop
Worsham	Nathan	Wiregrass Electric Cooperative

Call for a motion and second to approve the New Members. The new members were approved for membership. Norm asked those members present to stand and be recognized.

- X. Nominating Committee: Mike Bergeaux thanked the Nominating Committee Bob Cooper, Danny Hayes, Kenny Guffey, and Birchie West and introduced the proposed slate of Executive Committee Nominees for 2012-2013:

Chairman – Jim Wright, GA
Vice Chairman – Jamie Hull, PA
Secretary – Bobby Love, NC
Treasurer – Terry Adkins, IN

1 Year Director – Lou Delaby, IL
1 Year Director – Glenn Cunningham, GA

2 Year Director – Jim Ed Burris, KY
2 Year Director – Doyle Totty, TN

3 Year Director – Terry Ebright, South Dakota
3 Year Director – Kooney Duncan, OK

Past Chair – Norman McDugle

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

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

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

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

3 Year Director: Terry Ebright was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Terry was voted into the position.

3 Year Director: Kooney Duncan was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Kooney was voted into the position.

Norm thanked Fran Achille for her time on the Board.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. until Wednesday, September 26th.

Wednesday, September 26, 2012– Business Meeting

- I. The meeting was called back into order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Norman declared a quorum was again present for the meeting.

- III. The minutes of the previous Indianapolis, IN 2011 meeting were approved with typo corrections noted.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. NRECA Plaque presentation report – Garry Christopherson reported on the NRECA resolution which NUTSEA presented earlier this year. The plaque was presented at the annual NRECA meeting and was well received.
 - b. Host Committee Report – Birchie West reported 164 people in attendance and thanked the rest of the committee for all their hard work before and during the conference.
 - c. Operations & Rules Committee – No report
 - d. Resolutions Committee – No report however Ravonda Laws recognized and thanked the other members of the committee (Don Harbuck, Bobby Love and Jim Ed Burris).
 - e. Membership Committee – Michael Weltzheimer again thanked the other members of the committee Wendy Regan and Bobby Love. Mike reported 45 new members were voted in from 23 states.
 - f. Regulatory Standards/Legislative Report – No report
 - g. New member orientation – Jamie Hull thanked Terry Adkins for his assistance on the committee and noted 21 new members attended the lunch meeting on Monday. Jamie provided an overview of the organization and encouraged everyone to get involved by volunteering which is an excellent way to understand how NUTSEA operates. Each participant was given a NUTSEA briefcase and a flash drive that provided valuable NUTSEA information.
 - h. G&T Section – Davis Phaup reported the new officers are Lisa Wagner (Chair), Ravonda Laws (Vice chair), and Kurt Wulf (Secretary). The group discussed various safety topics including ARC flash, global harmonization, lockout/tag out, and behavior based approaches.
 - i. Distribution Section – Glenn Cunningham thanked the other members of the committee, Fran Achille and Lou Delaby and reported the group met earlier on Wednesday and discussed several issues including: AVL, PPE criteria, Fiber optic, and lockout/tagout for inside buildings.
 - j. JT&S Section – Mike Bergeaux reported 57 members attended the meeting. Danny Hayes presented an Accident Investigation program followed by a discussion on the SAIA meeting and PPE testing.
 - k. Program Sharing – Jim Wright reported 10 volunteers provided programs which were also given to the group on thumb drives.
 - l. SAIA Report – Jason Saunders reported 15 new members and 5 new applications were accepted. The summer meeting is scheduled for June 17-20, 2013 in New Orleans. They also recognized 3 retirees.

- m. Quad States – Lance Burk recognized the other committee members: Steve Savon, Roger Wanning and Bev Bumstead. The group’s winter meeting will be in Louisville, KY and the summer meeting in Billings, MT. Lance also reported the group has a new website.

- V. Treasurers Report – Bobby Love reported \$29,440 in registration fees were received in August resulting in a month ending balance of \$81,665. This means the conference will end in the black which Bobby noted that according to the By-Laws the Conference must pay for itself.

- VI. Report on Hard Hat donations – Terry Adkins discussed what the Wounded Warrior project provides and recognized all veterans in the room. Norm reported the total collected was \$2,857. Mike Bergeaux made a **motion to increase the donation to \$4000**. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- VII. NRECA report – Perron Nichols recognized the efforts of Martha Duggan and Bud Branham in working with NUTSEA. Perron also noted the CLCP program got its start within the NUTSEA program and wants to continue a partnership between the two organizations.

- VIII. RESAP – Bob Cooper reported Bud Branham was selected as the permanent RESAP Safety Programs Director at NRECA. Bob also noted next month will be the first annual Safety Summit which is designed to help upper management understand the RESAP program and allow Cooperatives throughout the United States showcase their safety successes. In addition plans are to offer another in 2013 and beyond. Participation is level at 541 systems.

- IX. Old Business – none

- X. New Business:
 - a. The 2014 meeting will be held in Denver, CO and the 2015 meeting in Boise, ID.
 - b. Norm McDugle passed the gavel to Jim Wright. Jim thanked Norm for all his hard work and presented him with an engraved gavel.

- XI. Jim Wright showed the group a promotional video from Savannah, GA where the 2013 meeting will be held. Jim noted NUTSEA last met there in 2005 but the meeting was affected by the hurricane.

- XII. Jim Wright thanked the New Mexico host committee and reminded everyone to complete the evaluations and BOD interest sheet. He then thanked the board of directors.

- XIII. Birchie West thanked the rest of the host group for all their hard work putting on the conference. Brittany drew the name for the grand prize (an I Pad) which went to Nathan Durant.

- XIV. With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 70th Annual Conference. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.