



# NUTSEA

NATIONAL UTILITY TRAINING & SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
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Dear NUTSEA Member:

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe.

Since my last letter we have all been touched in one way or another by the devastation the pandemic has created. Many have witnessed the loss of loved ones, been infected with the virus ourselves, seen many businesses close and moved children home for school. Almost everyone has changed the way they conduct their day-to-day business. Please know that during these troubling times the NUTSEA board has had you in their thoughts and prayers.

Normally NUTSEA's annual membership fees are due on the first day of October of each year and become delinquent on the last day of the following November. As you know NUTSEA is a dues-based organization. All the monies collected through membership fees go into our operating account. This account is used for the day-to-day activities of the association. These include such things as; provide the salary of Donna Cavanaugh, Executive Assistant, cost and upkeep for electronic equipment used by the Executive Assistant, maintain and upkeep on the NUTSEA website, auditor and tax fees and several other business-related items.

With everything going on this year the NUTSEA board discussed the possibility of not charging membership fees in 2021. At the time of these discussions there was no immediate vision of a vaccination for COVID 19. We did not want to charge dues if we weren't going to offer the membership something in return.

With the idea of wanting to give the membership something more for their membership fees, we have worked with our website developer and will be adding a new section titled "Safety and Training Library." Several statewide organizations have offered videos and PowerPoint programs to include in this new library. I would like to also ask you to donate a program if you are willing. Each program would be tagged with a disclaimer removing you and NUTSEA from any liability from someone's misuse of the program. The Safety and Training Library would be located in the "Members Only" section on the site. This would make a great resource to those of you who conduct safety and training meetings.

With all this being said, the Board has decided to proceed with the collection of membership fees. We will begin December 14, 2020 and run through February 28, 2021. Dues are \$135 for present and new members. We are going to extend the application for new members to February 28, 2021. If you have already applied for new membership this year, you do not have to pay the renewal fee and will be voted in at the 2021 conference. If a new member application is received after February 28, 2021 then the new member will be considered for

membership in 2022. You can logon to the NUTSEA website to pay your fees and fill out the proper forms.

With the hope that a vaccination will be available this week, we are hopeful that the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual NUTSEA Conference, hosted by PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, will be held as scheduled on September 12-15, 2021 at the beautiful Marriott SanDestin in Miramar Beach, FL. More information to follow.

Finally, if you have any questions or comments concerning anything, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other Board members listed below:

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The Board would like to take this time to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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2020 NUTSEA Chairman

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