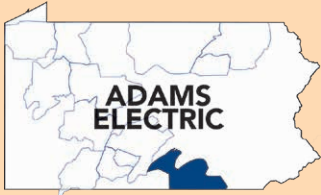




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Guest Column

Board Takes 'Common-Sense' Approach to Planning



DALE MYERS

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. HOWEVER, with every change comes opportunity. We have a growing opportunity in the next several years for new blood to get more involved with Adams Electric Cooperative.

During a strategic planning session in April, your directors engaged in an honest conversation about succession planning and potential board turnover. Truth is, we are all aging, and in the next five to 10 years, it is likely that most of the directors serving our membership will be new.

We felt now was the most practical time to share this information and what this adjustment could mean for the cooperative.

In 2027, longtime board member Ray Schwartz will not be running for re-election after 20 years of service. Ray is leading a trend of likely open seats in the coming years, with other directors planning to step down in consecutive years through 2031. Our CEO/general manager could retire within the next five years as well.

What does this mean for the cooperative? In addition to the board encouraging current directors to speak honestly about their intentions for continued service, we want to start a dialogue with members who may be interested in serving.

This fall, the co-op is considering hosting an open meeting for members interested in serving on the board of directors. If there's enough interest, we plan to address the duties and responsibilities of a director — sort of a "day-in-the-life" perspective.

If this is something that might interest you, email our Communications and Member Relations Coordinator Kami Noel at kamin@adamsec.coop. That way we can reach out to you personally when the event is scheduled.

I know I always evaluate my board role and co-op decisions from a "common-sense" approach. While that doesn't always work, it's where I start. Hopefully, that's how most of the board approaches decision-making. It's part of our fiduciary responsibility, and we would expect any incoming director to approach this position with the same outlook.

In the end, the members of the board are members of the co-op. We pay the same rates and receive the same electric service as our neighbors and community members, including those who elect us.

As we look ahead, my hope is that we can continue to elect strong leaders to help guide the cooperative into the future with a positive outlook and that same "common-sense" approach. 🍷

DALE MYERS
BOARD PRESIDENT

Adams Awards High School Scholarships

SARAH FRANK, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

THIS SPRING, ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE awarded financial scholarships to children of cooperative members.

Scholarships are given to high school seniors graduating from public, private, cyber, charter, career and trade, or homeschool programs. Twenty-seven scholarships — of

\$1,500 each — were awarded in May.

This brings the total donation for all continuing education scholarships to more than \$650,000 since 2008.

The co-op's scholarship programs are funded through unclaimed Ownership Rewards and do not affect rates. 🇺🇸

Students receiving scholarships from the co-op are:



**NEVAEH
LENER,**
BERMUDIAN
SPRINGS HIGH
SCHOOL



**VICTORIA
BECHTOLD,**
BIG SPRING
HIGH SCHOOL



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SCHOOL



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HINSON,**
SPRING GROVE
AREA HIGH
SCHOOL



**OLIVER
WIRFEL,**
SPRING GROVE
AREA HIGH
SCHOOL



**LUCAS
HANLEY,**
SUSQUEHANNOCK
HIGH SCHOOL

Not shown:

Nicholas Lomax Singh, Adams Electric Career and Trade School Scholarship

Colton Anders, Adams Electric Career and Trade School Scholarship

Oliver Lehman, Big Spring High School

Keira Slonaker, Delone Catholic High School

Gage Hess, Northern High School

Board Passes Bylaws Amendments

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

AFTER NEARLY A YEAR of meetings, lengthy discussions, healthy debates, readings and rewrites, the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved newly amended bylaws as of June 9.

While the board periodically reviews and makes minor updates to the co-op's governing document, this is the first time since September 2020 that the bylaws were fully amended. The bylaws include the Articles of Incorporation, which were approved and filed with the Department of State on Aug. 21, 1940.

The board held three special meetings in 2025 and one in 2026 during which all articles were reviewed under the guidance of

outside General Counsel Adam Boyer, an attorney with Barley Snyder of Gettysburg. Various managers and other employees also took part in the review and editing process.

Some examples of the updates include reserving the right to remove member proxies, language in reference to patronage capital payments, data management practices, accepted uses of electronic documents and signatures, and qualifications for directors, director candidates, and committee members.

"All updates were designed in an effort to modernize the content and provide even better governance of the cooperative," board President Dale Myers says.

The board approved the changes at its June meeting and a copy of the newly amended bylaws can be found on the co-op's website, adamsec.coop. It will take a few months to produce booklets for the new document. Once received, those will be available upon request. 📄

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

August heat can put your air conditioner to the test, making it a great time to check your system's air filter. A dirty, clogged filter restricts airflow, forcing your cooling system to work harder than necessary to keep your home comfortable. That extra strain can reduce efficiency, increase energy use and contribute to unnecessary wear and tear on equipment. Inspect your filter monthly during periods of heavy air conditioner use and replace it if it appears dirty. A clean filter supports efficient operation and can even enhance indoor air quality — helping you stay cool and comfortable during the hottest days of summer.

GIS PROMOTION



JOSH WAYNE

Josh Wayne of Abbottstown was promoted on July 1 to GIS coordinator. Wayne started with Adams Electric Cooperative in 2016 as an engineering aide and was promoted to GIS specialist in 2019. He received his bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University in 2016 and his post-baccalaureate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems from Penn State University in 2020.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

One of the best ways to protect yourself from online scams is by using strong passwords. While many people focus on complexity — adding symbols, numbers and capital letters — password length is equally important. A longer password or passphrase is generally harder for cybercriminals to crack than a short, complex one. Consider creating a memorable phrase made up of several unrelated words, and avoid using personal information like birthdays or pet names. Use a unique password for each account and enable multi-factor authentication when possible. Taking these simple steps can help keep your personal information and online accounts secure.
Source: CISA

Sending a Child to School? Remember: Safety First

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

WHEN YOU ARE SHOPPING FOR classroom or dorm room supplies, décor, snacks and other back-to-class basics, take a moment to discuss safety, too. Here is some advice to help keep your student safe.

General safety tips:

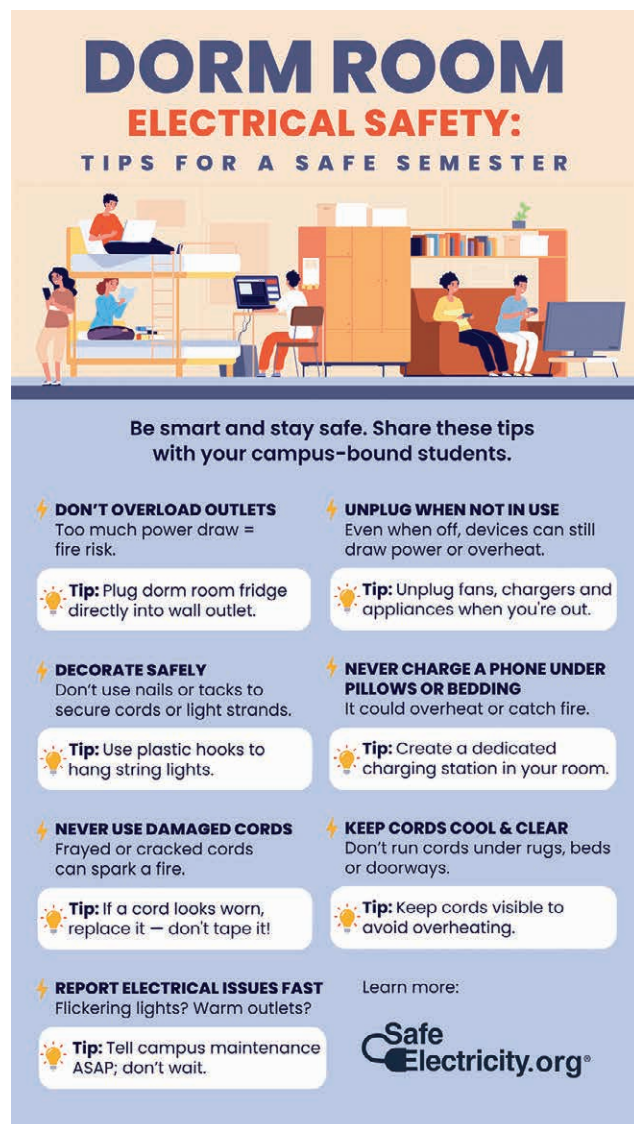
- ▶ Find out what type of public safety department is available and how it functions.
- ▶ Locate emergency call buttons or phones in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Establish a buddy system for walking or commuting to school, which increases safety and accountability. Walk with a friend, especially at night.
- ▶ When attending events, go with at least one person you know and trust. Don't stay anywhere or wait for a ride alone.
- ▶ Always be aware of your surroundings.

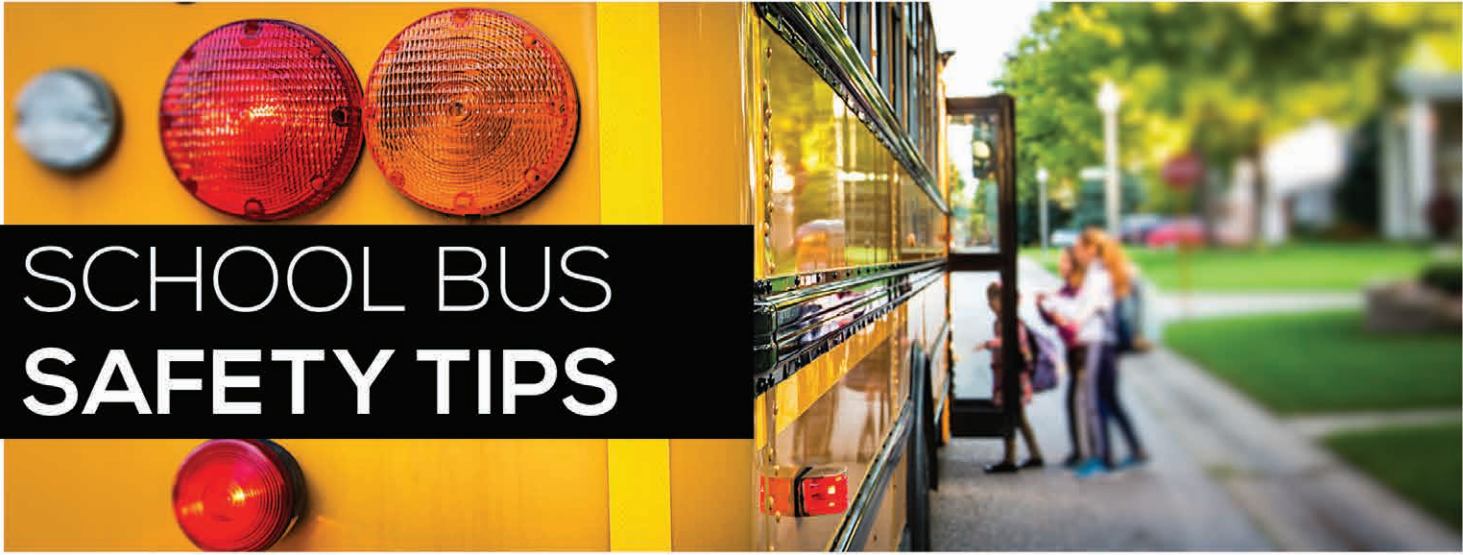
Travel safety tips:

- ▶ **Walking:** Teach children to walk on sidewalks when available or face traffic if no sidewalk exists. Always stop and look left, right, and left again before crossing streets, and make eye contact with drivers. Use crosswalks and intersections and avoid distractions like phones or headphones while walking.
- ▶ **Biking:** Children should ride on the right side of the road in a single file, stop at intersections and walk bikes across streets. Helmets and bright clothing are essential, and children should stay alert to traffic.
- ▶ **School bus:** Stand at least 6 feet from the curb, board only after the bus stops and never walk behind the bus. If crossing in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of it, ensuring visibility to all drivers.
- ▶ **Car travel:** Always use seat belts. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly. They should also ride in the back seat until at least the age of 13. Teen drivers should follow safe driving rules and avoid distractions.

Personal safety tips:

- ▶ Teach children their phone number, address, and how to contact parents or a trusted adult, including dialing 911.
- ▶ Discuss stranger-danger: Never accept rides from strangers, and if approached by an unknown vehicle or person, move quickly to a safe space or adult. 🚗





SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School buses are among the safest vehicles on the road — but the greatest risk comes when children are getting on or off the bus. **Whether you're a driver, parent or student, knowing these safety tips will help keep everyone safe.**

FOR DRIVERS:

- **Slow down:** Reduce speed in school zones and near bus stops.
- **Keep your distance:** Stay back at least 10 feet from a school bus — this is the most dangerous area for children.
- **Know the signals:**
 - Yellow flashing lights: bus is preparing to stop. Slow down.
 - Red flashing lights + stop arm: bus is loading/unloading — stop and wait until the bus moves again.
 - Never pass a stopped bus on an undivided road — it's illegal in most states.
- **Stay alert:** Watch for kids who may unexpectedly enter the road, especially near bus stops.
- **Respect the zone:** When flashers are blinking in a school zone, stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and take extra care to look for children near playgrounds, parks and residential areas.

FOR PARENTS:

Teach your child to arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early, and how to play it SAFE:

- **Stay back at least 10 feet**, or five giant steps, from the curb.
- **Always wait for the bus to stop** and the driver to signal before boarding.
- **Face forward** and buckle up if seat belts are available.
- **Exit carefully**, look both ways and cross in front of the bus — never behind. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing.

As students head back to school, remember: **a moment of caution can prevent a lifetime of regret.**

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