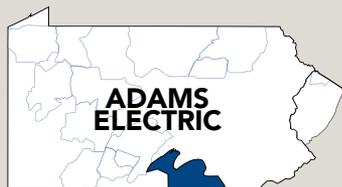




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From the CEO/General Manager



Annual meeting in review

By Steve Rasmussen

THANK YOU! We're so grateful to the nearly 1,400 members and families who came out to visit with cooperative employees and board members during our business meeting and drive-thru event May 19.

We shook hands with members, fed treats to pups, and saw the smiles of several children as you traveled through our cooperative district locations, collecting your meals and sharing your comments and questions with us.

If you couldn't attend the business meeting, specifically, we shared in detail some of the highlights in this year's annual report, which was inserted in our May issue of *Penn Lines*. Your board President Glenn Bange focused on the co-op's involvement in our community, saying "we at the co-op position ourselves to be your source for power and information."

Glenn reported the cooperative donated money and equipment to more than 150 non-profit businesses and organizations in 2021. "We're not just an electric utility — we're a quality-of-life business," he said.

In my own comments, I shared that while the local investor-owned utilities around us are changing rates quarterly, the co-op remains committed to keeping rates stable throughout 2022. You can read more about that on page 14c of this issue.

We know you want rate stability, and so do we. We're proud of the fact that we've only increased rates by 2.9% in five years. Those rates will be evaluated again at the end of this year

in preparation for 2023.

I also reminded members about the additional bill credits the board was able to pay out to them, thanks to higher-than-anticipated dividends from our investment in other organizations.

In discussing reliability, I addressed the cooperative's spending of approximately \$12 million annually on the long-term replacement of poles, wires, and substation and line equipment, among others, in addition to approximately \$5 million on maintenance programs, such as right-of-way management, pole inspection, and equipment testing and repairs.

What you didn't get to hear was what happened after we wrapped up our day's events. In the director election, incumbent board members Jay Herman (Zone 2), Nadine Hubner (Zone 6) and Jay Grove (Zone 7) were re-elected to three-year terms on your board in uncontested races.

In addition, during the board's reorganization meeting, board members re-elected the current executive officers: Bange, president; Hubner, vice president; and Thomas Knaub, treasurer. Dale Myers was elected to his first term on the executive committee as secretary.

We hope you enjoyed this opportunity to interact with us, in person or from your car, depending on your preference. We trust you'll share with us your comments and feedback about the day and continue to join us as we make the return to more interactive member events moving forward. 🌟

COMMUNITYconnections

POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

People Project brings out artist in everyone

By Sarah Frank, CCC, *Communications/Community Relations Coordinator*

LISA CADIGAN, executive director of the Adams County Arts Council, has a goal to connect her community through the arts. The People Project, open to all residents of Adams County, is one way she is hoping to achieve this.

“The People Project is meant to connect the community as we come out of a difficult time in this world,” Cadigan says. “It really shows the power of art. Whether you think you are a good artist or not — it doesn’t matter. There’s something for everyone.”

The People Project, created in 2017 as a live storytelling event, accepts artwork of different mediums (storytelling, music, visual art, dance, etc.) from community members to share different experiences and foster empathy. Each year, the project focuses on a theme; 2022’s theme is “My Place at the Table,” which allows for a wide range of submissions. Artists can focus their pieces on their place at the table in their family, their place in the world, food and agriculture, or come up with other creative adaptations.

“We pick a theme that resonates with everyone,” Cadigan says, “but when we hear it from multiple perspectives, it makes us more empa-

thetic. We need to honor everyone’s story.”

The idea for The People Project formed following Cadigan’s involvement in the staged-reading show, “Listen to Your Mother,” in 2014. Presented live in Washington, D.C., around Mother’s Day, the performance featured stories highlighting motherhood and later was concurrently syndicated in 39 cities across the country.

“It was such a moving and bonding experience,” Cadigan says of the show. “I thought, ‘I want to bring this experience to my community.’”

In 2017, Cadigan brought her idea for The People Project to Gettysburg College, and with a small budget, produced a staged reading with student storytellers themed, “Stories of Compassion.” The success of 2017’s project led her to produce “Stories of Home” in 2018, again with students at Gettysburg College.

Approached by the YWCA in 2020, Cadigan partnered with the community organization to share “Masks of Oppression.” This was the first year the production included dramatized readings and artists from the community, not just the student population.

“What we learned from these dramatized readings was that it is important to also hear the voices of those more introverted, who are not comfortable getting on stage and reading aloud,” Cadigan says.

With that thought in mind, when she began creating 2021’s People Project, “Stories of the Unexpected” in the face of the pandemic, Cadigan not only featured storytelling, but



ART IN ACTION: The cast of the 2020 People Project presents the dramatization, “Masks of Oppression.” The Adams County Arts Council is accepting submissions for this year’s People Project, “My Place at the Table.”

also other mediums, including music and visual art. With assistance from a grant and sponsorship from the Adams County Arts Council, she worked with middle and high school students to create a video representation of The People Project.

The People Project 2022, “My Place at the Table,” will be the biggest production yet — thanks to a PA SHARP (Sustaining the Humanities Through the American Rescue Plan) grant — and will feature a live production, visual art and musical pieces. The project was also featured in a PA Humanities’ presentation at the Pennsylvania Legislative Arts & Culture Caucus in May.

The 60- to 90-minute production will be performed Oct. 23 and 24 at The Core Theater, located in Mela Kitchen in Gettysburg. The project will also feature an exhibit of artwork. Tickets will be available with a request for a suggested donation.

Cadigan encourages all Adams County residents to submit artwork to the project. Interested residents should email her at lcadigan@adamsarts.org.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



The PEOPLE

MY PLACE AT THE TABLE *project* 2022

We need:

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Performance and Exhibit Event Dates:
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Email lcadigan@adamsarts.org for more information.

Adams commits to unchanged rates through end of 2022

ADAMS Electric Cooperative has committed to keeping rates the same through 2022.

Hearing that other electric utilities are raising rates quarterly has increased concerns among Adams Electric members, leading to many member calls and questions. While rates will be reassessed in late 2022 for a possible adjustment in 2023, the current rate members pay for power will remain unchanged through the end of the year.

“The cooperative is able to lock-in rates because we have a different business model than other local electric companies,” CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen says. “The co-op’s board of directors sets rates once a year, in comparison to an investor-owned utility that might change its rates once a quarter.”

Adams Electric and 13 other electric distribution cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey own Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny). Allegheny, in turn, owns approximately 65% of its power supply with its sole mission of providing that power to Adams Electric and the other owner co-ops. The remaining 35% comes from negotiated power contracts that are locked-in prior to each new year based on the 14 cooperatives’ projected power needs.

“The goal of the cooperative business model is not to turn a profit,” Rasmussen says. “We’re here to provide reliable power at competitive rates and to improve the quality of life for our members. Stable rates help to provide that consistent quality of life.”

For more information about Adams Electric Cooperative and the cooperative business model, visit adamsec.coop. ❁

Co-op hires next outside general counsel

ADAMS ELECTRIC welcomes Adam Boyer, an attorney with the law firm of Barley Snyder in Gettysburg, as its new outside general counsel. He will work with the cooperative’s board of directors and succeeds Sam Teeter, who has decided to step down from the role later this year after more than 40 years of service.



Adam Boyer, Esq.

As outside general counsel, Boyer will attend board meetings, take minutes as the recording secretary, help with board reorganization, provide advice on governance according to co-op bylaws and policies, provide counsel for the community development fund, guide real estate and financing transactions and corporate compliance and filings, and attend legal seminars and workshops focusing on the cooperative and its practices.

A seventh-generation Adams County resident, Boyer and his wife, Jessica, live in Gettysburg. He attended Villanova University School of Law, where he earned his juris doctorate, and is

a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, where he double-majored in history and political science and was a graduate of Schreyer Honors College.

His areas of practice include real estate transactions, estate planning and representing board-managed entities. Boyer has a deep-seated commitment to serving the agricultural and rural community, having spent his early years growing up on an Adams County farm and later interning for the Bureau of Farmland Preservation at the state Department of Agriculture.

In the community, he serves as a board member of the Adams County Bar Foundation, Adams County Bar Association, Mid-Penn Legal Services and the York Springs (Ye Olde Sulphur Spa) Historical Society. He also serves on the ruling session of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. He is a previous board member of the Land Conservancy of Adams County and the York Springs Lions Club.

Boyer was selected by the board as the next outside general counsel in January 2022 and has been working with Teeter since then to transition into the role. ❁



INCUMBENTS RE-ELECTED TO CO-OP BOARD: Three incumbents – Jay Grove of Shippensburg, Nadine Hubner of Felton and Jay Herman of Aspers – were elected to new three-year terms on the Adams Electric board. Shown, from left, are: co-op CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, Grove, Hubner, Herman and board President Glenn Bange.

NEWSworthy

NOTES FROM AROUNDYOUR COOPERATIVE

Advocating for rural priorities

DURING a recent legislative briefing, co-op board members and employees took the opportunity to engage several state House and Senate members in a discussion on rural issues of importance to cooperative constituents. While co-ops as a general mission stay bipartisan, there are a few cross-party issues that benefit both sides as well as all cooperative members. Among these hot-button issues are distributed generation, system reliability and the planned uses of infrastructure funding.

“We as an industry need support from both sides of the floor to see rural and co-op priorities remain a focus in Harrisburg,” Adams Electric CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen says.

During the legislative event, lawmakers were encouraged to make changes to energy policy in Pennsylvania. First, policymakers were asked to evaluate the state’s net metering program to make sure it’s meeting the goals of renewable energy development — while not burdening utility and cooperative member-consumers with shifted expenses.

Over the last two decades, electric co-ops have connected more than 900 small-scale, consumer-owned renewable energy projects to the grid. While off-setting the electric cost for the consumer, these projects also increase the amount of carbon-free electricity generated in Pennsylvania. However, despite those benefits, distributed generation projects can also negatively shift the expense for system maintenance to non-net metered accounts rather than that cost being distributed evenly.

Cooperatives, including Adams Electric, are evaluating net metering policies, looking for more equitable options for non-net metered accounts and encouraging legislators to do the same.

On the issue of reliability, cooper-

atives have a proven track record of resilience and self-sufficiency in Pennsylvania. However, the electric grid in some areas of the state requires co-op dependency on other utilities to help deliver power to consumers.

Not all investor-owned utilities are maintaining their transmission lines in a way that ensures reliable power delivery to our members. Cooperative members have endured, at times, lengthy outages due to failed transmission systems. While some outages are unavoidable, we reminded our policymakers that it is critically important to advocate for proper maintenance of the electric grid and transmission systems owned by private companies, as well as quick response to power interruptions, to ensure our members receive uninterrupted electric service.

Finally, with millions of dollars coming to Pennsylvania via federal funds for infrastructure investments, we told our lawmakers it’s important General Assembly members designate dollars toward rural priorities. Areas across the Commonwealth have seen a decline in roads and bridges. Some also lack modern necessities, such as high-speed broadband and electric vehicle charging stations.

We encouraged our local legislators to fairly distribute the incoming federal funds to the rural sector, including cooperatives, for broadband deployment, EV charging infrastructure, and resources to improve community quality of life, including repaired or replaced roads, bridges and floodplains.

For more information on bills and legislation important to cooperatives and rural members, visit paruralaction.org or become a member of the Co-op Owners for Political Action program. To learn more about “Co-op Owners” and the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), visit adamsec.coop.

McSherry added to member services team

Effective May 9, the co-op hired Morgan McSherry as a full-time member services representative in the Shippensburg District.



Morgan McSherry

She has been interning with Adams Electric since January in the Human Resources/Communications/Member Services Department. She will continue training at the headquarters office in Gettysburg through the summer.

McSherry is a graduate of Shippensburg Area Senior High School and obtained her bachelor’s degree in finance from Shippensburg University in May 2022. 🌟

Gettysburg office relocated

Looking to meet with a member services representative in person in Adams County? We’ve moved! Our new location for member appointments is 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg. To schedule an appointment (required), call 800-726-2324.

All office locations, including Shippensburg and York, are open by appointment only Monday through Thursday.

If you’d like to drop off a payment, use our kiosks for immediate account updates. Kiosks are located in the vestibule of each office location.

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The cooperative program will be facing many challenges in the coming years, from policy shifts in energy and environmental arenas to continued pressures on how cooperatives operate. ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action supports cooperative efforts by connecting members with legislators as we work to provide safe, reliable power at competitive rates and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.



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