

# ANNUAL MEETING



## Oakdale Electric Cooperative's 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

**Tomah High School**

**Registration: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.**

- Director Elections
- Annual Reports
- Chance to win prizes
- Lunch to follow business meeting



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March**



## Oakdale Electric Cooperative Directors

**O**akdale Electric Cooperative holds elections every year, rotating the terms for the seven districts, creating a three-year term for each director. To help you understand the process, here is a summary of pertinent information. (Please refer to the bylaws for more specific details.)

**ELIGIBILITY:** All OEC members residing within that district may become a director, except for employees of the cooperative or a competing enterprise, or a business that supplies OEC with goods or services.

**DIRECTORS' JOB:** The directors establish policies and direction for the cooperative. The board meets once a month, but the directors at times are asked to represent the cooperative at additional meetings. Directors are encouraged to participate in educational programs.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES:** A three-member nominating committee is appointed for each district from which a director is slated to be elected. The committee is appointed by the board of directors, not less than 30 nor more than 120 days prior to the annual meeting date. Members of each district nominating committee must reside within that district. The committee is responsible for choosing at least one director nominee from the membership of that district. Their nominations must be filed with the cooperative's secretary not less than 21 days prior to the annual meeting.

Nominations may also be made by petition of members. This requires the signatures of 15 or more members residing in the particular director district. Nominations made in this manner must also be filed with the cooperative secretary not less than 21 days prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor

during the annual meeting election procedures.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The election results are tallied and announced at the cooperative's annual meeting, held this year on Saturday, March 27.

If you have any questions about which district you are in, or how elections work, please call our office at 608-372-4131 or 800-241-2468. We are here to serve you and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. A cooperative is a true democratic organization. The more involved you are in the process, the more impact you will have on the outcome.

Think you might be interested in serving as a director? Here are some more things you should know...

### What is a Director?

A director is a member whose primary residence is in the district he or she represents. A director should be interested in the Oakdale Electric Cooperative, the utility industry, and the community, and capable of independent thought, analysis, and decision making in a group environment. Openness to change is an attribute of an ideal director.

### What Does a Director Do?

Directors of OEC have the same duties and responsibilities as officers of any corporation. Their primary duties are setting policies and rates, contractual considerations and strategic planning. Directors represent the cooperative at associated groups and organizations, and may be asked to serve on related committees. Directors may be asked to speak to various groups and organizations.

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# Serving as a Director

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## Do Directors Travel?

In addition to regular monthly board meetings, Directors may be required to attend special board meetings as well as state, regional, and national meetings concerning the electric utility industry. There are meetings to keep the directors abreast of the happenings within the state, region, and nation concerning electric utilities. Travel may also occur for continuing education classes.

## How Much Time is Required of a Director?

Regular and special board meetings require approximately three to five hours each. Educational, national, and regional meetings vary in length from one to five days. Directors are expected to spend time reading publications that they receive. Directors make decisions that directly affect members of the cooperative. It is extremely important that they make these decisions with the best information and knowledge possible.

There are seven directors and geographical districts within the cooperative's service boundaries. Directors represent all members of the cooperative though they are chosen from a specific district. Directors are elected for three-year terms, rotating the terms for the seven districts. Elections are held at OEC's Annual Meeting.

## Director Qualifications

(Refer to Article III of the OEC Bylaws for specific details):

The Bylaws state:

Section 2 (b) Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the cooperative who:

(1) is not a user of the cooperative electric services and a bona fide resident of the director district for which he or she has been nominated or has been elected to represent; or

(2) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to members of the cooperative.

(3) is an incumbent of or candidate for an elective county, state or federal office in connection with which a salary is paid. ■



# SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

If you're planning to continue your education at a college or university next fall, we may be able to help you! Check our web site, [www.oakdalerec.com](http://www.oakdalerec.com), for updated information about our scholarship program.

Also, if you're a junior, check with your high school guidance counselors for information about this summer's Youth Leadership Congress on the campus of UW-River Falls. You won't want to miss this opportunity!



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