

Big Skylights



An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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Co-op employees conclude two-day conference

A total of 24 Montana electric cooperative office managers and accountants wrapped up their two-day annual conference this week at the MECA headquarters building in Great Falls. A workshop on retention of office files highlighted the conference. Presentations from NRECA, RUS, CFC, CoBank and Federated, as well as a presentation on 401-K pension investment programs were included in the event. MECA provided an update on legislative activities.

ACRE deadline fast approaching

August 30 is the deadline for renewing memberships to both National and Montana ACRE, an acronym for the non-partisan Action Committee for Rural Electrification that supports political campaigns of electric co-op supporters seeking election to public office. In Montana, National ACRE memberships stand at 185 and Montana ACRE memberships are 170. Montana ACRE memberships cost \$12 annually and National ACRE membership fee is \$25. Memberships can be renewed with one check sent payable to ACRE; P.O. Box 1306, Great Falls, MT 59403; Attn: Lea Upshaw.

Ravalli County Electric remains the top ACRE participating co-op in Montana with 100 percent membership of board, management and employees. Goldenwest Electric, Hill County Electric, Lower Yellowstone REA and Yellowstone Valley Electric have 100 percent membership of board and management and MECA and Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative have 100 percent management participation.

CALENDAR

August

27-29	CoBank Energy Management Conference	Aspen, CO
30	MECA Fitness Challenge Ends	

September

6-7	Energy & Telecommunications Interim Committee Meeting	Colstrip, MT
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October

1	METSPool Annual Board Meeting	Great Falls, MT
2-4	MECA Annual Meeting	Great Falls, MT
17-19	NRECA Region IX Meeting	Coeur d'Alene, ID