

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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Western G & T elects new officers

Doug Grob, a trustee at Flathead Electric Cooperative, was elected the new president at Western Montana Electric G & T Cooperative's annual meeting Wednesday in Missoula. He replaces **Ralph Goode**, general manager at Mission Valley Power, whose term on the board expired. In other elections, **Norm Tebay**, a trustee at Vigilante Electric Cooperative, was elected vice president and **Terry Hoke**, trustee at Missoula Electric Cooperative, was elected secretary/treasurer. Special speakers included **Steve Wright**, administrator of Bonneville Power Administration; **Brian Lipscomb**, executive director of Columbia Basin

Fish and Wildlife; and **Gary Wiens**, assistant general manager at MECA. In his annual report to the board, Western G & T Manager **Bill Drummond** emphasized the importance of the BPA's "zero carbon footprint" power resources and said BPA's Tier 2 power to meet utility customers' energy growth needs should be given serious consideration along with other alternatives.

Northern Lights re-elects three trustees

Northern Lights re-elected three trustees at the co-op's annual meeting Saturday, May 5, in Sagle, Idaho. Re-elected were **Eric Anderson**, **Don Vickaryous** and **Vern Hollett**.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **John Lager**, a trustee at Marias River Electric Cooperative, who died Sunday, May 6 in Shelby. He was 69. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, **Arlene Lager**.

Montana co-op employee named co-op manager

Congratulations to **Rollie Miller**, electric engineer and operations manager at Hill County Electric Cooperative for the past five years, who was recently named general manager at Wyrulec Company, a rural electric cooperative based in Lingle, Wyo.

CALENDAR**June**

1	McCone Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Circle, MT
2	Hill County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Havre, MT
6	Lower Yellowstone REA Annual Meeting	Sidney, MT
7	Fergus Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Lewistown, MT
8	Southeast Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Ekalaka, MT
9	Ravalli County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Corvallis, MT
9-15	Youth to Washington Tour	Washington, D.C.
20	Northern Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Opheim, MT
23	Fall River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting	Ashton, ID
25-27	Managers Group Summer Meeting	Whitefish, MT