

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE: RELIABLE POWER FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW



Ring in a new year sparks a sense of renewed hope and optimism about the future. As the co-general manager/CEO of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, it's a time to reflect on where we are and where we are going. At the heart of this reflection, I think about ways we can better serve you, the members of the cooperative.

Our team at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric is always looking ahead, exploring ways to innovate and utilize new technologies to improve our services. As our nation increasingly relies on electricity to power the economy, keeping the lights on has never been more important. We're committed to powering – and empowering – our service area at a cost local families and businesses can afford.

One critical component of reliable power is the mix of energy resources used to generate the electricity that keeps the lights on across Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's territory. You may not realize it, but Mor-Gran-Sou Electric doesn't generate electricity. Instead, we purchase it from our energy providers, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and the Western Area Power Administration. From there, we distribute it to homes and businesses throughout our communities.

We're increasingly using more electricity generated from

renewable energy sources, but we still depend on a diverse energy mix to ensure reliable power is available to our members whenever they need it.

Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) enables two-way communication between the co-op and consumers. In the event of a power outage, AMI helps pinpoint the exact location of the outage and can even analyze damaged or tampered meters. AMI helps Mor-Gran-Sou Electric save money with real-time data and ultimately improves power reliability for our entire area.

Proactive tree trimming is another way we limit service disruptions. Scheduled trimming keeps power lines clear from overgrown limbs that are likely to fall.

One of the best methods for improving our services to you is by monitoring trends and leading practices from other electric cooperatives in North Dakota and across the country. Learning from other cooperatives is one of the many benefits of the cooperative business model, because it's about cooperation, not competition.

As we begin 2024, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric will continue working to provide the reliable, affordable electricity you expect and deserve – for today and tomorrow.

Travis Kupper, Co-General Manager/ CEO



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Your voice, your impact! Participate in our member satisfaction survey beginning in February and play a vital role in shaping the future of our services.



**MOR-GRAN-SOU**  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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### Officers and Directors

Chair..... Steve Tomac  
Vice Chair..... Chad Harrison  
Secretary-Treasurer..... Pam Geiger

### Directors:

Mark Doll, Rodney Froelich,  
Bob J. Leingang, Ryan Petrick,  
Kathy Tokach, Casey Wells

### Co-General Managers/CEOs:

Travis Kupper  
Jason Bentz



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# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Board of director nominations

A Mor-Gran-Sou Electric director term is a three-year commitment. Directors are limited to serving six consecutive three-year terms. A director then is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed. The following board positions will be elected at the upcoming annual meeting:

- At-Large director position presently held by Steve Tomac
- Morton County director position presently held by Kathy Tokach
- Sioux County director position presently held by Chad Harrison

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting, according to the bylaws. Instead, the board of directors appointed a Nominating Committee of five to nine members to represent the cooperative. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors meeting scheduled for Feb. 28.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (the committee) has been appoint-

ed by the board. The members of the committee include Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony; Jackie Buckley, Mandan; Rosie Erhardt, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; Toby Olin, New Salem; Donald D. Roth, New Leipzig; and Yvonne Seidler, New Leipzig. The committee will meet for a final time 7 p.m. CT Feb. 20.

For a person to be nominated, the member running for a board seat must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric by 4 p.m. CT on Thursday, Feb. 15. All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the declaration of candidacy form will be included in the list the committee will provide to the board.

## Bylaw amendments and resolutions proposals

Any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions need to be presented to the member in writing before the annual meeting on June 13. Please submit any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions in writing or present them in person by the Feb. 20, deadline to the Nominating Committee to be considered at the annual meeting.

If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated for a board position or to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution, please refer to the information below for deadlines and further information.

## MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC CANDIDACY, BYLAW AMENDMENT AND RESOLUTION PROPOSAL INFORMATION

### DEADLINE INFORMATION

**Feb. 15, 2024** – Declaration of candidacy, bylaw amendment and resolution proposal submission deadline. Forms must be submitted by 4 p.m. CT to the Flasher or Mandan office.

**Feb. 20, 2024** – Final Nominating Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. CT, Flasher

**June 13, 2024** – Mor-Gran-Sou Electric annual meeting, Mandan

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For board nominations, contact the Nominating Committee or Julie Armijo at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric.

Completed board declaration forms, bylaws and resolutions can be mailed to:

**Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative,  
P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297  
or P.O. Box 1090, Mandan, ND, 58554-7090.**

Forms can also be emailed to Julie at [jarmijo@morgransou.com](mailto:jarmijo@morgransou.com).

For additional information or questions, call Julie at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301.



## Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Announces: Annual Poster Contest

Grab your art supplies and draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safely around electricity.

**DEADLINE:** Posters must be received at the Flasher or Mandan office no later than 4:30 p.m. CT on Thursday, Feb. 29.

For more information visit our website, [morgransou.com](http://morgransou.com), check out our Facebook Page, or read the January issue of the *North Dakota Living* magazine.