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Mark Doll
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Robert Gaebe
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Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

We also aspire to meet the four Touchstone Energy core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Mor-Gran-Sou schedules annual meeting for July 17, 2015

Now’s the time to consider serving on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors! The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting, the following three board positions will be elected:

- The At-Large position presently held by Mark Doll;
- The Morton County position presently held by Robert Gaebe; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Chad Harrison.

Under the bylaws and due to the use of a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Instead, the bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically 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 March 25, 2015. This date has been set so there is adequate time for each candidate’s biographical information to be included with the notice of meeting sent to the members in June, along with the mail-in ballot for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by the board and met for the first time on Jan. 15. Committee members include Leslie Dirk, Mandan; Cheryl Hettich, Solen; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Jim Hopfauf, Flasher; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Lisa McLaughlin, Fort Yates; Rodney Nelson, Almont; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

To be nominated, the member must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou by 4 p.m. CT (3 p.m. MT) on March 5. The form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297. To express interest, call one of the Nominating Committee members or Jackie at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301, or email jlmliller@morgransou.com.

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. To download the form electronically, visit www.morgransou.com and click the link entitled Find the Declaration of Candidacy form on the home page. Candidate qualifications can be found on the website under Home/Cooperative/Articles and Bylaws/Board of Directors/402 Director Qualification or on the declaration of candidacy form.

All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou office by the March 5 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

BYLAW/RESOLUTION MEETING SET

A bylaw/resolution meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular board meeting scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT) on Wednesday, March 25. The meeting will be held in the board room of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, located at 3201 Nygren Dr. N.W., Mandan.

If you have a bylaw/resolution to propose at the 2015 cooperative’s annual meeting in July, but cannot make the scheduled meeting on March 25, please submit your information in writing to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative before March 24. Thank you.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, read the February local pages of *North Dakota Living* or call Jackie at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Scholarships

Mor-Gran-Sou is once again offering four \$500 scholarships to qualifying high school seniors, with the assistance of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



The scholarships will be awarded during the 2014-2015 school year.

Applications are available at area schools, co-op headquarters in Flasher, or online at www.morgransou.com.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 17**. Please deliver or mail information to Mor-Gran-Sou at P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297.

Poster coloring contest

Kids, grab your art supplies for Mor-Gran-Sou's safety poster coloring contest. The topic is, "How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity?" All posters should display the Touchstone Energy® logo. Cash prizes will be awarded.



Posters must be received at the Flasher office by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 23**.

HOLIDAY CLOSING: Presidents Day – Monday, Feb. 16



In observance of Presidents Day, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative will be closed **Monday, Feb. 16**.

Line crews will be available in case of an emergency outage.



Also in the FEBRUARY issue of

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SAFETY CULTURE



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(Foreground) Cody Graetz, journeyman lineman
(Background) Brady Zachmann, apprentice lineman

Mor-Gran-Sou earns prestigious 5-year safety award

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) hosted the 51st annual REC Apprenticeship Training and Safety (AT&S) Conference Jan. 14-16 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. The conference is sponsored by the NDAREC AT&S program, with cooperation from the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

The conference featured training topics including fall protection, electric breakers, metering safety, slings and rigging, and supervisory and leadership.

A record-number of apprentices graduated from the skilled improvement program in 2014, including Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative Linemen Cody Graetz and Joseph Michael.

At the conference awards banquet, Mor-Gran-Sou was the only distribution cooperative in North Dakota to earn the Outstanding Safety Performance Award. Employees have logged nearly 300,000 hours without having a lost-time case accident for five consecutive years.

Mor-Gran-Sou line crews patrol power lines

Mor-Gran-Sou line crews are currently patrolling power lines across our service area, looking for possible line maintenance issues, safety hazards or other problems that may affect the distribution lines that bring power to your home or business. Because power lines are on and off the beaten path, you may see employees in a Mor-Gran-Sou line truck, an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile. If you see them, thank them! They are there for your safety.