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Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,

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is dedicated to providing affordable,
reliable energy and services that support
and unite our member-owners.*

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

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



NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK?

Trying to stay positive amid farm and ranch challenges

Moisture was a blessing and a curse in 2019 for many farmers and ranchers in the Mor-Gran-Sou service area. Some crops were bountiful and high-quality. And then the rains kept coming, and turned to snow in early October. Crops became difficult — if not impossible — to harvest.

In the January local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, Mor-Gran-Sou Board Director Mark Doll reflects on 2019 and shares his experiences. The NDSU Extension Service also offers ways to manage stress.

Safety posters

Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity! The deadline to enter is **Feb. 20**. Read the January local pages of *North Dakota Living* for details.

Youth Tour – Apply NOW

The deadline to apply for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip is **Jan. 31**.

Student scholarships

Mor-Gran-Sou will award nine \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are members of the co-op. Students should contact their school counselor for deadline information. Mor-Gran-Sou will also award a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by 3C Construction, and a \$500 scholarship sponsored by West Dakota Utility Services. The deadline to apply is **Feb. 14**.

For scholarship and Youth Tour details, read the January local pages, visit www.morgransouelectric.com or call Mor-Gran-Sou at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Serve your electric co-op as a director

Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting scheduled for July 17, 2020

It's time to consider serving as a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. 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 Grant County position presently held by Casey Wells;
- The Mandan-Area position presently held by Robert Leingang; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Lance Froelich.

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 co-op. 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.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the board and will meet on Jan. 13. Members include Bryce Allen, Mandan; Jennifer Bonogofsky, St. Anthony; Jackie Buckley, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Alan Malm, Flasher; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Rodney Nelson, Almont; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; and Shari Striegel, Carson.

To learn the nomination process, read Mor-Gran-Sou's January local pages or contact a Nominating Committee member. Or call Jackie Miller at 800-750-8212, 663-0297 or 597-3301, or email jlmiller@morgransou.com.

Also in the JANUARY issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Need help with heating costs? LIHEAP may help.
- safety@morgransou.com
- Board meeting minutes, and more

BSC recognizes Mor-Gran-Sou for support, donations

In October, Bismarck State College recognized donors at its President's Club Dinner. Don Franklund, co-general manager and chief executive officer of Mor-Gran-Sou, attended on behalf of the co-op.

BSC President Larry C. Skogen, and Wade Boeshans, BSC Foundation Board President, presented the awards.

Through donations to the BSC Foundation, students have an opportunity to attend college and obtain valuable skills to enter the workforce in our local communities.



Bylaws and resolutions for the annual meeting

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for July 17. The board of directors has charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Therefore, any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than March 19, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following in-person meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- Jan. 13 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT
- March 19 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you wish to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution in writing, please forward it to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297, before March 19.

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