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Bott, Drummond, Dodd and Holland Re-elected to Board at Annual Meeting

&N Electric Cooperative (ANEC) membership reelected four of its board directors and heard detailed reports during the 78th Annual Meeting on Aug. 23.

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In 2017, ANEC completed its Tangier Island facility project, which included a new office building, upgraded substation and a renovated generator building. The upgraded facilities will serve both Tangier and neighboring Smith Island, Maryland, well into the future, Board Chairman Addison Nottingham told the crowd



An attendee snaps a selfie with LED Lucy prior to the start of A&N Electric Cooperative's 78th Annual Meeting at Nandua High School.

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A&N Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer. gathered at Nandua High School in Onley.

He also thanked cooperative employees and local farmers for their response to the winter blizzard earlier this year, which brought heavy winds and snow into the area.

"Area farmers assisted crews, using their personal equipment to access secondary roads that our equipment could not reach. The Board of Directors appreciates the great commitment to our members that everyone displayed during the event, and would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of those involved," Nottingham said.

The cooperative board honored former chairman Phillip B. Tankard, who recently passed away. Tankard served on the cooperative's board for more than 50 years, serving his last 11 as the board's chairman. His daughter, Cindy Lattimore, was presented a framed resolution signed by the current board.

Nottingham announced that the board recently voted to return \$1.7 million in capital credits to the membership, which will be reflected as a notice on August billing statements. The cooperative has retired nearly \$24 million in capital credits to the membership since 1981. Cooperative attorney Henry P. Custis, Jr., conducted board elections. In addition to 2,430 votes cast by proxy, the 165 members present reelected Christopher D. Bott to his District 1 seat, E. Garrison Drummond to his District 2 seat, Ralph W. Dodd to his District 4 seat and Penney P. Holland to her District 4 seat.

ANEC CEO Butch Williamson addressed upcoming initiatives, which will boost value to services offered by the cooperative. A highlight of those efforts are the phasein of automated metering infrastructure (AMI) over the coming year, which will enhance billing options, improve meter data with system operations and will lead to quicker restoration efforts. Williamson also touched on enhancing the cooperative's surge-protector program and the potential of adding a household standby generator program for members.

He explained that an approved increase to the co-op's base rate, the first since 1991, will more accurately cover distribution costs and could result in lower electric bills during "non-summer" months, but members would see an increase in costs during the four "summer" months



Members of the A&N Electric Cooperative Board of Directors present Cindy Lattimore with a framed resolution in memory of her father, Phillip B. Tankard, who served the cooperative for more than 50 years as a director.



ANEC members listen to reports by cooperative staff during the meeting.



CEO Butch Williamson greets members.

from June to September.

"Your participation in our Beat the Peak program will help us keep costs as low as possible for you and your co-op," he added.

Williamson also added that A&N is among the first Virginia co-ops approved to offer solar energy as a choice for members. He said members can subscribe to 50-kilowatt blocks of energy through the Cooperative Sunshare program, with much of this generated at the nearby 20-megawatt Cherrydale Solar facility in Northampton County.

More details about the Cooperative Sunshare program can be found at anec.com.

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) CEO Marcus Harris detailed the power-supply cooperative's diverse assets and reminded attendees of A&N's representation on the ODEC board. He said, "Our goal is to be evolutionary, not revolutionary, so that we can provide you with affordable and reliable energy for decades to come."

Patsy Goard, who has served as ANEC's Youth Tour chaperone for more than two decades, introduced the five high school students who participated in this year's event. Attendees then enjoyed a video with highlights of this NRECA leadership development program that gathers co-op youth from around the nation for a week in Washington, D.C., including a meeting with Congressman Scott Taylor and Changing of the Guard ceremony at Arlington Cemetery.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the board held officer elections, reelecting Addison Nottingham as its chairman, Christopher Bott as its vice chairman and Robert Nock as the board's secretary-treasurer.

New rates expected to take effect Oct. 1

arlier this year, as communicated in *Cooperative Living* magazine, the cooperative's website and local newspapers, A&N Electric Cooperative filed for a rate adjustment to help it stabilize the annual revenue needed to cover its cost of service.

While the Virginia State Corporation Commission's final decision on the filing had not been made by printing deadline, the cooperative anticipates the commission will approve its proposal with some stipulations.

The new rate structure is expected to take effect on Oct. 1, 2018.

The rate adjustment will increase the monthly access charge and will establish seasonal rates based on four summer months (June-September) and eight non-summer months (October-May).

This is the cooperative's first true rate increase since 1991.

"This rate adjustment will give A&N the revenue needed to cover the cooperative's fixed costs that are associated with the operation and maintenance of our distribution facilities," said ANEC CEO Butch Williamson. "These proposed seasonal rates will more accurately reflect our members' energy use throughout the year."

The cooperative is moving to a slightly higher fixed monthly access charge from \$8 to \$14, which will reduce the revenue needed in the volume metric portion of a member's bill.

With the proposed rate adjustment, a residential bill with electricity use during the non-summer months could see a decrease in monthly costs, but during the summer months would see an increase depending on a member's energy use.

For example, a residential member using 1,500 kilowatt-hours of electricity in the four summer months would see an increase of about \$14 a month for that use with the new rate, but that member would see a decrease of just over \$1 a month in the eight non-summer months.

An additional rider will temporarily be included on electric service bills from October through December, but will be discontinued on Jan. 1, 2019.

For more details log onto anec.com and click on the "Rates" tab.

kWh Used	Current Rates	Proposed Non-summer Rates October - May (& months)	Proposed Summer Rates June-September (4 months)
0	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
500	\$64.72	\$68.25	\$73.41
1,000	\$118.42	\$119.52	\$129.85
1,500	\$169.13	\$167.82	\$183.31
2,500	\$270.54	\$264.41	\$290.23
5,000	\$524.06	\$505.88	\$557.53

Residential Rates at a Glance

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS

Listed below are the names of members who failed to claim capital credit refund checks that were issued in the year 2016. If your name is listed below, please contact the A&N Electric Cooperative Billing Department (option 2) at 757-787-9750 or 1-800-431-2632, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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AMI Update

The test phase of A&N Electric Cooperative's Advance Metering Infrastructure project is currently underway.

At the end of August the cooperative selected a meter-installation contractor, which will be handling the replacement of meters until the project's completion.

A small, 100-meter sample was completed last month, and is being followed by a larger 1,300-meter test phase in the Onancock area, stretching to areas that include Bobtown, Pungoteague, Melfa and Keller.

Members can expect to receive a phone call notifying them of their upcoming meter switch. Door hangers will be left where a meter installation has taken place.

Cooperative members can find more information and track the project's status at anec.com/content/meter-schedule.

ANEC Discontinuing Additional 1-800 Numbers

In an effort to reduce cost, A&N Electric Cooperative will discontinue the use of several additional 1-800 phone numbers. The main 1-800-431-2632 number will remain in operation.

Co-op members are urged to use the cooperative's 757-787-9750 number for general inquiries and to report outages moving forward. Members also have the option to report outages using the cooperative's SmartHub app and can submit general inquiries through the Contact Us page on the co-op's website anec.com.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR CO-OP

- Visit us at facebook.com/ ANElectricCoop and "like" us.
- Visit anec.com to sign up to receive Beat the Peak emails or textmessage alerts.
- The Touchstone Energy Co-op Connections Card is FREE to all ANEC members. The card offers discounts at participating local and nationwide businesses, including prescription drug discounts.

ANEC experiences copper theft in area

n late summer A&N Electric Cooperative began experiencing an issue with copper theft in Accomack and Northampton counties.

Copper theft is a serious problem in our community that jeopardizes public safety and can lead to severe injury or even death. It is also not uncommon for electric utilities across the country.

Thieves have been targeting neutral distribution lines in Accomack County and later expanded to Northampton County. The method used to remove the copper wire from the cooperative's distribution poles is extremely dangerous. Individuals are climbing distribution poles and cutting down multiple neutral spans. These thefts can also lead to electric service reliability issues and come at a hefty cost to the cooperative.

Isolated, low-traffic areas of the distribution system are being targeted, due to their secluded nature.

The cooperative has reported the incidents to the Accomack County and Northampton County sheriff's offices.

A&N Electric Cooperative crews in clearly marked yellow trucks or the cooperative's contractor Rock Creek Line Construction Inc., in clearly marked white bucket trucks, are the only ones authorized to work on the distribution lines.

A&N Electric Cooperative reminds our community members to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If you suspect someone of copper theft, please call the cooperative at 757-787-9750, the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at 757-787-1131 or the Northampton County Sheriff's Office at 757-678-0458. Any information members of the community can provide is appreciated.



The Eastern Shore Artisans Guild is sponsoring its 16th Annual Holiday Tour

eld on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving, the 16th Annual Artisans Holiday Tour is a free, selfdriving tour created to showcase the work of a select group of local artists.

Forty-four of the Shore's finest artists will have one-of-a-kind creations for sale at 15 stops from Onancock to just north of the Shore's southern tip. Many studios and venues on the tour are located off the beaten path of U.S. Route 13.

The tour's sponsor, the Artisans Guild, is a non-profit organization, which has promoted craftsmanship of guild members and supported creativity throughout the Eastern Shore community since 1996. Guild members work in a wide variety of media and include both contemporary and traditional styles.

Featured artists include longtime tour member Maurice "Moe" Spector, who gets his inspiration from scenes from his farm in Pungoteague. Combining these with his memories and imagination, Spector carves sculptures of figurative pieces from large pieces of wood and stone.

"I really enjoy meeting people and talking about the techniques I use," he said. "After participating so many years, a lot of visitors have become regulars and their visits turn into a real party."

Also featured on this year's tour is Karyn Belknap, a spinner for 25 years and a shepherdess for the last 20. Belknap will showcase her hand-painted, hand-spun yarns, knit and woven wearables and felted gifts at her booth location at Chatham Winery near Machipongo.

Belknap has decades of experience with the medium and says she can trace some of her creations back to each member of her flock. Her business, Ten Good Sheep, uses natural fibers, such as Tibetan yak, baby camel, alpaca, silk, bamboo and even fibers from seaweed.

Kurt and Sally Lewin at the Windsor House have also been on the holiday tour since its inception. "We've been involved from the very first year the event was held, and we still get a warm feeling when visitors now bring their kids or even grandkids to see our handmade and hand-painted furniture," said Sally Lewin.

Kurt Lewin started making traditional Windsor chairs, but over the years has added more contemporary designs. His hand-crafted products now include tables, shelving, natural edge pieces for mantels, cupboards, islands and cabinets. While Kurt designs and creates the pieces, Sally paints, stains and distresses them. The family business now also includes their son Van's work.

Other artisans and their venues include an alpaca farm, a glass-blowing studio, metal sculptors, watercolor and oil painters, potters, jewelers and more.

The tour is open on Friday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information and a complete list of artisans, log onto esvaArtisansGuild.org or email info@esvaArtisansGuild.org.



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