

# CATSKILL HI-LINE

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## Powering Our Rural



WHEN THE LIGHTS  
**GO OUT**  
SO DO THEY  
**#thanklineman**

### April 13, 2020 is Co-op Lineworker Appreciation Day

Please join us in  
thanking our  
lineworkers for all  
their hard work!

When the weather causes an outage, lineworkers respond to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. Even in normal conditions lineworkers maintain the safety and reliability of our electrical infrastructure.

Line Crew and Tree Crew members are at the heart of our safe and reliable service to members.

### Interested in Serving on the DCEC Board?

The governing body of the Delaware County Electric Cooperative is a member-elected Board of Directors comprised of active DCEC members who are compensated for their time. The Board is responsible for the Co-op's overall policy and direction, as well as for standards and requirements for safety, affordability, and reliability. The DCEC Board is a working board with active committees. The Board currently meets in-person once monthly, typically on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Board also has separate committees for such matters as financials, staff and organization, and core projects.

Elections will occur at the 2020 Annual Meeting for three board seats representing the Northern, Central, and Southern Regions. Director of the Northern Region Edward

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## **NYPA Hydro Contract Signed**

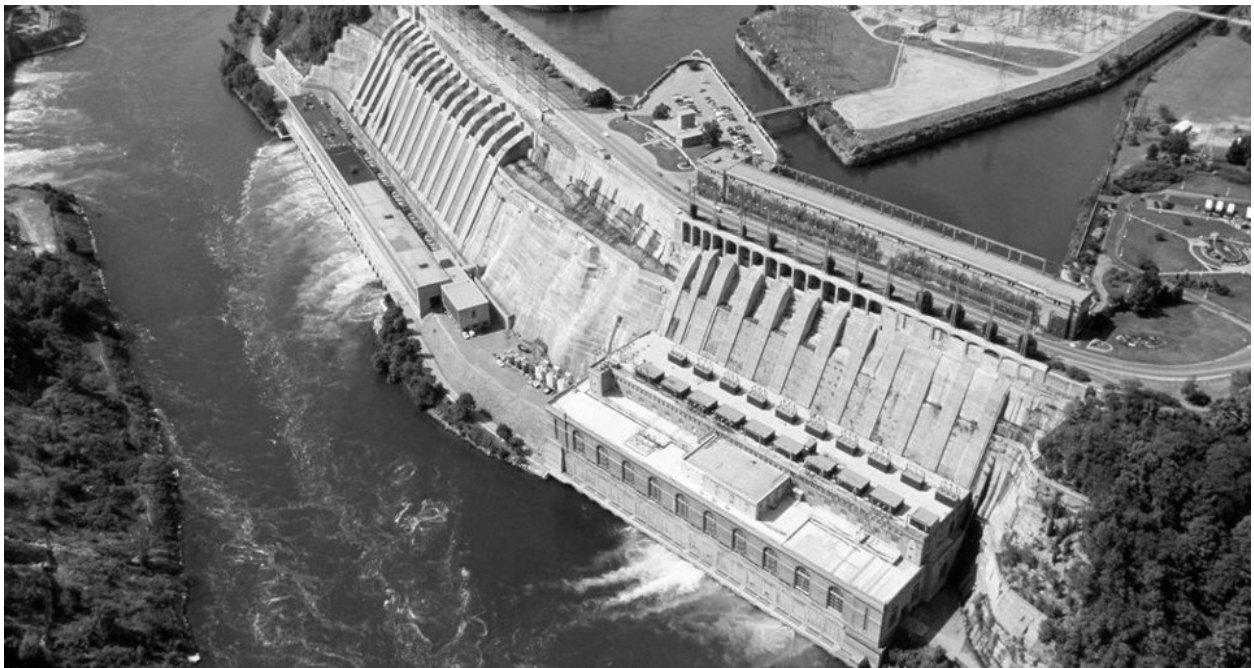
The Delaware County Electric Cooperative and the New York Power Authority (NYPA) have signed a contract, which extends through 2040 the Cooperative's right to purchase clean, green, economical hydro power from NYPA's Robert Moses Hydroelectric Power Station in Niagara Falls, NY. The Cooperative, along with 50 other consumer-owned, non-profit electric utilities in New York State, negotiated the contract extension with NYPA for over three years starting in 2016. The contract extension was approved by the NYPA Board of Trustees and Governor Andrew Cuomo late in 2019. Ultimately the contract with the Cooperative was signed on February 19, 2020.

The hydro power contract helps the Cooperative to achieve its financial and sustainability goals:

Financially, the Cooperative benefits from stable and fair pricing for the energy that it needs to purchase on behalf of its members. For example, in 2018 the Cooperative saved \$1.5 million by purchasing hydro power through NYPA instead of buying power in the open market. In 2017 and 2016, the Cooperative saved approximately \$900,000 annually due to the hydropower contract.

The hydropower contract also helps the Cooperative achieve its sustainability goals and honor our clean energy commitments. The Cooperative's wholesale power supply portfolio is currently about 92% clean and renewable, due in large part to the hydroelectricity we purchase from Niagara Falls. The Cooperative has plans to increase the percentage of clean renewable energy in its portfolio each year, and NYPA is helping us do that. NYPA is helping the Cooperative build a 2 Megawatt solar farm adjacent to our Delhi Substation in 2020. The renewable energy attributes of the clean energy generated at the local solar farm will contribute to the Cooperative's goals of having a cleaner and greener power supply each year.

NYPA has been an important partner to the Cooperative since 1958 when NYPA built its first large scale hydroelectric plant on the St. Lawrence River. Ever since then, NYPA and the Cooperative have been in continuous partnership, working together to provide affordable clean energy to the homes, farms, and businesses served by the Cooperative. This contract extension gives us the opportunity to continue and enhance that partnership through 2040.



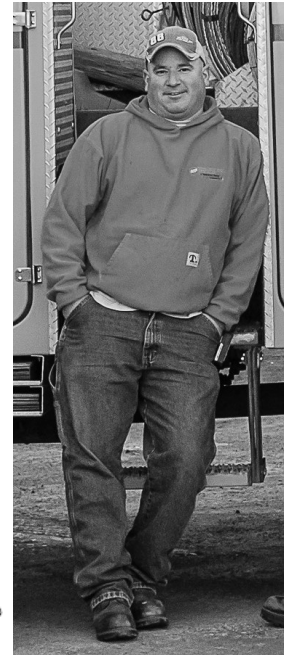
*NYPA's Robert Moses Hydroelectric Power Station in Niagara Falls, NY*

## Pietrantoni Named Line Foreman

Mike Pietrantoni has been appointed as the new Line Crew Foreman following the retirement of previous foreman, Doug Rosa, effective February 3, 2020. Mike started at the Cooperative in 1999 as a laborer on the Tree Crew. In 2003, Mike began his line apprenticeship. He achieved the highest classification as a line worker in 2011 when he became a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gloving Lineman. That means that Mike routinely works on energized conductors and equipment with voltages as high as 12,470 Volts. Like all of the Cooperative’s gloving linemen, Mike relies upon years of training and experience so that he can safely handle live conductors. This allows certain repairs and upgrades to be made without inconveniencing members with power outages.

Cooperative CEO, Mark Schneider credited Mike’s planning and organizational skills as a big part of the reason Mike was selected as the Cooperative’s next line foreman. Schneider stated, “the Cooperative’s board and management have faith in Mike’s ability to do a great job in the role of Line Crew Foreman. Mike has earned the respect of all his colleagues on the line crew. Mike will also do a good job of working with other parts of the operations team such as the tree crew and the fleet mechanic.”

*Congratulations*  
to Mike and good luck taking on  
this challenge!



*Mike Pietrantoni  
Line Crew Foreman*



*Scott Smith  
Lineman Apprentice*

## Smith Moves to Line Crew

Scott Smith, previously a Journeyman Line Clearance Arborist on the Cooperative’s Tree Crew, began his lineman apprenticeship on March 9, 2020. Scott started working at the Cooperative in 2015 as a temporary laborer on the Tree Crew. Scott has a reputation for having an incredible work ethic and a positive attitude. Scott progressed quickly on the Tree Crew and achieved full journeyman status in 2017. Although Scott’s contribution to the Tree Crew will certainly be missed, the whole Cooperative family is excited to see Scott apply his skills and attitudes to the line craft.

Scott has already been out in the field helping senior linemen get the lights back on. As part of Scott’s apprenticeship, he serves as a trainee member of the on-call crew, so he gets the call in the middle of the night if a Cooperative member is experiencing a power outage. Scott also has begun the classroom portion of his training, along with fellow line apprentice, Micah Scobie. CEO, Mark Schneider noted that he “couldn’t be any more excited about the quality of our new line apprentices. Line work is difficult and dangerous, but these new apprentices are learning from the best so that they can become the best.”

## DCEC Welcomes 2 New Employees

The Cooperative welcomed two new employees this month, both of whom came with a wealth of experience and qualifications that will help them to immediately contribute to the safe and efficient operations of the Cooperative.

Mitchell Fisher started as the Cooperative’s Fleet Mechanic on February 27, 2020. Mitchell’s responsibilities include all maintenance and repairs on the Cooperative’s fleet of bucket trucks, digger truck, small trucks, bull dozer, track digger, skidder bucket, mowing machine, and a myriad of other equipment. Mitchell will assist the Line Crew and Tree Crew from time to time with setting up safe work zones along roadways. Like a number of other Cooperative employees, Mitchell holds a Class A Commercial Driver’s License, so he will be able to move equipment such as the track digger and the bull dozer between job sites. Mitchell comes to the Cooperative from the Delaware County Department of Public Works where he also served as a fleet mechanic.



*Mitchell Fisher  
Fleet Mechanic*

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## April 13, 2020 is Co-op Lineworker Appreciation Day

You've got  
friends in high  
places.



Have you  
thanked a  
Lineworker  
today?



## Headquarters Project Update

The Cooperative's directors and staff have been working for the past year on a design for a consolidated headquarters facility to be located at the current location of the Cooperative's shop on North Depot Street in Delhi. The main goals of the headquarters project are:

- Create a safe and effective material warehouse space.
- Provide a secure and welcoming member services area.
- Bring all Cooperative staff together under one roof to facilitate better communications and efficiency.

The new headquarters will incorporate the existing DCEC shop and the former CE Kiff Inc. shop, which are adjacent to each other. The site improvements will include additions to both existing buildings including an addition that will link the two existing buildings together. Other improvements will be the creation of a truck fueling island, and new pole storage bunkers.

At their February 25, 2020 meeting, the Cooperative's board of directors approved a project budget of \$2,497,901 inclusive of all materials, contractors, permits, and service charges associated with the construction of the consolidated headquarters facility. The Cooperative will borrow a portion of the construction cost from the Rural Utility Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The cost per member for the consolidated headquarters project will be approximately \$1.76 per month.

Construction is expected to begin in late March or early April of 2020. The goal is to begin serving members from the 5 North Depot Street location prior to September 1, 2020. In anticipation of moving all office and operations functions to the North Depot Street location, the Cooperative has signed a contract to sell the office at 39 Elm Street to the owners of Decker Advertising, which performs custom publication services in addition to publishing their own newspapers, including The Reporter.

Any member who has questions about the headquarters project is encouraged to call CEO Mark Schneider at 607-746-9282.



## Broadband Update

The Delaware County Broadband Initiative (DCBI) team has entered a new phase of broadband Internet deployment within the Cooperative's service territory. At this stage, Delhi Telephone Company (DTC) and Margaretville Telephone Company (MTC) are focused on two kinds of field work:

- 1.) In those areas that already have fiber installed, spliced, and tested, both companies are scheduling installations for new customers as quickly as they can. Both companies have added staff members to handle the volume of installations that are needed to meet the demand for high speed Internet service.
- 2.) In addition, there are pockets of the Cooperative's service territory that did not receive any federal or state grant funding to support the fiber installation. However, DTC and MTC committed to serve 100% of the Cooperative's members who are currently unserved by a broadband provider. DTC and MTC are currently filling in the gaps of fiber installation left after all the grant-funded fiber build-out has been completed.

If you have questions about the availability of fiber service at your home, please call DTC at 607-746-1500 or MTC at 845-586-3311.

## Can You Help the Cooperative Locate Lost Members?

Being a member of a cooperative does have many perks. One perk is that if you were ever a member of the Cooperative you or in some cases your estate could potentially receive money from the Cooperative. A cooperative is not an investor owned utility. It's a non-for-profit member-owned utility. This means your cooperative does not earn profits in the sense other businesses do. Instead, any margins, or revenues remaining after all expenses have been paid, are returned to the members in proportion to their usage of the Co-op's services through capital credits allocations and retirements. Margins are "allocated" or assigned to members who belong to the Cooperative during the year in which a margin is generated. The allocation is based on the member's proportion of revenue contribution for that year. Each member's portion is referred to as a "capital credit allocation." The cooperative has established a retirement cycle, approximately 27 years, for the retirement of capital credits. Under a 27-year cycle, capital credits that were allocated in 1992 were just retired in December of 2019. Capital credits of a deceased member are paid to the member's estate. What happens to a member's capital credits if the member moves away from the system? A member who terminates service no longer receives additional capital credits allocations. It is the member's responsibility to notify the Co-op of any changes in address or phone number so the member can be located when it is time for the Co-op to retire capital credits allocated to the member's account.

The following is a list of DCEC members whose capital credit checks have been returned to DCEC by the USPS due to an insufficient or outdated address. Please review the list and if you have any information that will be helpful to us in locating these members, please contact the DCEC office at (607) 746-2341 or email us at [billing@dce.coop](mailto:billing@dce.coop). For a complete list of Lost Members please visit our website at <http://dce.coop/content/missing-members>. Thank you for your assistance.

Michael H.	Acquaro	Deborah & Edward	Cuprys
Joseph E.	Ahearn	Richard A.	D'Ambrosi
Hezekia	Allen	Ricky Allen	Davis
Linda	Astuto	Ralph	De Angelis
Erika A.	Baker-Heinegg	Sebastian & Gail	De Luca
Hugh P.	Barlett	Frank & Sandy	Decker
Crystal	Barlow	B.	Delahunty
Robert L.	Barney	Helen S.	Deming
Jeanette	Bartlett	Lester H.	Dockter
John	Bauso	Joseph J.	Dolci
James	Behrends	Robert J.	Dutcher
George J	Bennett	Marian S.	Edwards
Brett K.	Board	Lynda S	Elmore
Alicia	Boest	Frances	Epps
Kellie L.	Bouton	Dorothy	Forni Rusch
Ron	Bowie, Sr.	Diana	Gaetano
Doug & Nanci	Bradt	Leonard H.	Garrome
William W.	Buchanan	Thomas	Gilsinan
Lynn	Carr	Theresa	Graff
Annette	Cassese	Kimberly	Greenough
Laura	Chalfin	Timothy	Griffith
Marian	Chrisman	William	Griner
Pauline	Ciriello	Jason	Grizzard
Harry	Clark	Jill	Gromley
Joshua	Clark	William & Linda	Havrish
Sarah	Cline	Marilyn	Healey
Ermanno	Coletti	John J.	Heimbuecher
Peter & Josephine M.	Conte	Clarence	Henderson
Christopher	Cooley	Joseph C.	Henn
Paul & Kaitlin	Coughlin	Arthur A.	Highbridge
Jason	Craig	Lloyd G.	Hinrichs



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Sharon L.	Holley
Michael J.	Jonas
Cesar C.	Jusino
Robert W.	Kamerling
Andrew	Konitsky
Frances	Kruse
Harvey M.	La Terre
Tom	Lane
Victor E.	Lane, Jr.
John E.	Leonard
Cecilia	Leonardi
Gerry	Levers
Peter H.	Lipton
Donald	Lizotte
Connie	Lutz
Ignatious	Manceri
Peter P.	Mandia
Louis	Marino
Charles	Mc Farland
Matthew C	Merrill
William	Merwin
Mike & Halina	Mienicky
Biagio	Mingoia
John	Mocarski
Bill & Noreen	Mullens
Anna M.	Musci
Janos	Nagy
Natali	Niles
Steven R.	Noren
Leonard	Orr
Christine	Palmater
Angela H.	Panasside
Clayton D.	Peavey
R.	Phalon, Sr.
Evelyn C.	Poteralski
Mario	Pratti
Frank	Rapacioli
Maybelle E.	Renzi
Lisa A.	Reynolds
Mike	Rickli, Sr.
Cheri A.	Ridlon

Donna	Roberts
Alfred	Rogers
James	Romano
John K.	Ronayne
Anthony J.	Ross
Thomas & Dawn	Sanzone
John	Saxton
Kathy D.	Scott
Andrew C.	Scott
Shirley	Seamon
Lisa M.	Sheehan
Diane P.	Smith
Jeanne	Smith
William & Mary Ellen	Snyder
Charles R.	Stephens III
Lois	Stern
Donald R.	Sweet
Jo Ann	Swick
Dennis	Szentmariay
Ralph P.	Tagliatela
Cynthia	Tait
Dominick	Tavella
Dawn	Tiffany
Peter	Tiller
Hideaki	Tsuda
Enos & Karen	Van Amburgh
Pamela L.	Van Buren
Candy L.	Van Zandt
Linda	Vander Kooy
Anne	Verrill
Sean	Wahl
Terry	Webb
Wallace W.	West, Jr.
Zachery T.	Whitney
James D.	Williams
Marie G.	Willis
Marty	Wolken
Peter	Wyman
Kevin J.	Youngers

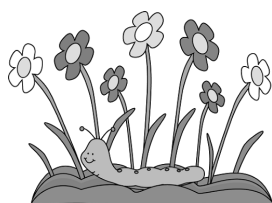
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9—18—2020  
DCEC ANNUAL  
MEETING OF  
MEMBERS**

**DCEC Welcomes 2  
New Employees...  
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Damin McNeilly started as a Line Clearance Arborist on the Cooperative’s Tree Crew on March 9, 2020. Damin will contribute to the Cooperative’s annual right-of-way vegetation management program, which is a central element of the Cooperative’s electric service reliability program. Damin comes to the Cooperative from Asplundh Tree Experts, LLC, where he also worked as an arborist.



*Damin McNeilly  
Line Clearance Arborist*



**SPRING** IS HERE



### The Tree Doctor

Again in 2020 spray season Delaware County Electric Cooperative will be contracting with The Tree Doctor. The Tree Doctor founded in 1961 has been providing tree and shrub care to their extensive client base. Based out of western New York they have developed a Vegetation Management arm responsible for the removal and management of invasive species in and along Electric Rights of Way. They will be providing this service for Delaware County Electric Cooperative this year. The Tree Doctor's crews will be applying the same herbicides that the Cooperative has applied in the past. Details about the process please visit our website at [www.dce.coop/content/vegetation-management](http://www.dce.coop/content/vegetation-management).



## DCEC's Family Fun Day



LIVE Band, Games, Crafts,  
Bounce Houses  
**FUN FOR ALL AGES**

August 7, 2020, 5 pm  
Courthouse Square in Delhi  
**FREE ADMISSION**

*If you are interested in being a vendor at this years Family Fun Day please contact the DCEC office at (607) 746-9299 and ask for Alicia VanZandt.*

# Interested in Serving on the DCEC Board...Continued from Page 1...

“Rusty” Pick Jr., Central Region Director Paul Menke and Director of the Southern Region Frank Winkler. Earlier this year Director Frank Winkler announced that he will not be seeking re-election at the 2020 Annual Meeting in September. Mr. Winkler represents the townships of Andes, Colchester, Masonville, Middletown, Sidney, Tompkins, Walton, and Bainbridge. Both Directors Pick and Menke will be seeking re-election in September.

The current Board of Directors invites any interested candidates to join a regular scheduled monthly meeting. The interested candidate can get a sense of the regular business addressed at the monthly meetings and will have the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have about serving on the Board. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting please contact the Cooperative at (607) 746-9299 prior to the meeting so we can ensure you are notified of any changes/modifications of the regular schedule.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a worthwhile and enriching experience, both personally and professionally. If you are interested in adding your name to this year’s ballot, please send an email to [office@dce.coop](mailto:office@dce.coop) informing the Cooperative of your intent to do so. A letter of intent, along with a high-resolution headshot, should be submitted by June 5, 2020.



### NORTHERN REGION

#### David Naudon

Hello. My name is Dave Naudon. I am a 69 year old retired Stamford moved to the area in 1990, after 19 years in the Hudson Valley. I joined the SE have enjoyed serving the club as President three times. I was recently elected Stamford Healthcare Society, most well-known for operating the Robinson Tr the Robinson Terrace Senior Living buildings, where I also volunteer at the Fi the Town of Harpersfield Board of Assessment Review (property tax grievance).

My interests are varied. I have learned that the more I know about a h humming but important lesson. I have two items I would like to explore, in a cooperative electricity delivery operation. One is the real effect, not just if event. Coronal mass ejection seems to be the most likely source of concern, h other is that of cyber threats. If high security businesses and government agen what can be done to secure the power grid.

I am honored to be a candidate for Director. I hope you will feel com

#### Laurie Wehmyer

Laurie graduated from South Kortright Central School, married and i where her husband had a small business. They added a home alongside the bu though her husband passed away in 2005. She has 2 children. Her son Adam for Dealer com in Burlington, Vermont. Her daughter Kyrin is the 5th grade ic Laurie has been in the Healthcare field for over 21 years. She was a Recreatio Activities Director of the Pavilion at Robinson Terrace for 3 years now.

“As a working parent I was always thankful for a company that gave I would love to have the opportunity to share with others what this organizatio is so valuable to its members.”

### SOUTHERN REGION

#### Dominick Dominguez

Dominick is the owner of D & N Improvements LLC, a general cont graphics, a printing and graphic design company both based in DeLancy. He

Official Candidates  
Biography examples

### 2019 Official Candidates

Each member shall be entitled to cast only one ballot. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting in person or by absentee ballot. Questions resulting in a tie vote shall be decided by a second round of voting in the manner. If a second round of voting results in a tie, the question shall be decided by a flipping of a coin, which shall be administered by a duly elected officer of the Cooperative. During the Annual Meeting, as by absentee ballot, eligible voters can vote for two (2) nominees from the Central Region. Below, is a list of candidates up for election. Please be aware that the members can vote for the Central Region even if they do not reside in that Region.

**Steve Burnett** has been a member of DCEC since 1989. He and his family have a farm in Bovina. It is an organic, sustainable operation that has fruit/ berries, vegetables, animals, maple syrup and honey. Mr. Burnett's career was in marketing and design. For 13 years he owned and operated a communications business headquartered out of NYC. They helped companies explain their story. They also gave a large portion of their time and efforts to "not for profit" causes. Mr. Burnett is a board member of Farming Bovina, a member of the Bovina Historical society, a board member of the Lovvick foundation, and an elder of the Bovina United Presbyterian Church.

"I'm running for a board position at our energy coop for a few reasons. I believe that the DCEC members belong to one of the best run energy businesses in the industry. I'd like to contribute to that legacy with the knowledge I've gained by running my own business. Moreover, I want to help answer those questions, what happens when we as stakeholders come together and move towards a vision of Rural America's energy future? How do we sustain and increase our renewable energy usage? It's an exciting and challenging time. Thank you for your consideration."

**Stephen Diga** is a Delhi native who returned home after college to raise a family, with his wife Lynn in the beautiful foothills of the Catskills. Stephen retired after 40 years of service with DEC, a local communications and broadband provider and has been a DCEC director since 1991 and currently serves as the President.

"I recognize that safe, reliable, and affordable electric service to the membership is critical for the stability and longevity of the Cooperative. Continuing the study of good governance, my appreciation of advocacy and transparency has grown. By following prudent financial goals and objectives which guide decisions, the Cooperative will advance today and into the future."

"Establishing a farmer's rate, executing a plan to consolidate operations, reducing the debt level, increasing the equity of the membership and extending the hydro contract are recent accomplishments that I am proud to have been a part of."

"Staying current with the developments in the renewable industry, I will reinforce DCEC's commitment to meet the state's energy goals. Partnering with the New York Power Authority and SUNY Delhi, DCEC will combine battery storage and capturing the energy of the sun with this project at no cost to the membership. While the Cooperative's current source of electricity is approximately 90% renewable, this project will provide valuable information to the members of the Cooperative."

"DCEC is a vital part of the communities we serve. If re-elected, my goal as director is to keep your cooperative financially strong and to ensure safe, reliable, affordable, and renewable electricity for many generations to come."

**James Warren** has lived in the Hudson and Delhi area most of his life. Mr. Warren moved to this area at the age of five when his father accepted a job with DEC. This is where he first began his relationship with DCEC. It was when Mr. Warren's family decided to call home for the last thirty years. Mr. Warren has been a member of DCEC for that time and still is.

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# WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT SO DO THEY.





## Call Before You Dig!

As spring time comes upon us we all have projects that we've waited all winter to get started and the spring weather excites us to get outside. Many of these projects include digging or excavating. Some may be big projects and others just simple things that really don't seem like much at all, but, regardless of what we may be digging it is very important to call 811 before we begin.

811 or Dig Safely New York as many of you know is a free service for people to call to be sure that before you begin any project that requires digging or any type of excavation that the area to be excavated is clear of any underground utilities. These can include electric lines, gas lines, water lines and other phone or communication cables.

It is the law to make these calls to prevent not only damage to utilities but, to also protect the public from any of the danger that can be caused by coming in contact with these types of underground facilities.

Any damage caused to any types of these facilities that have not been called in to be located and flagged or painted will be the responsibility of those doing the excavation to pay for the repairs.

Anyone who has an underground electric service going to your home can certainly call the Electric Cooperative to have this line located. This is a cost free service to our members and we encourage you to take advantage of this.

Feel free to call the Electric Cooperative with any questions you have and remember, as we prepare for our upcoming projects, **before you dig call 811.**



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

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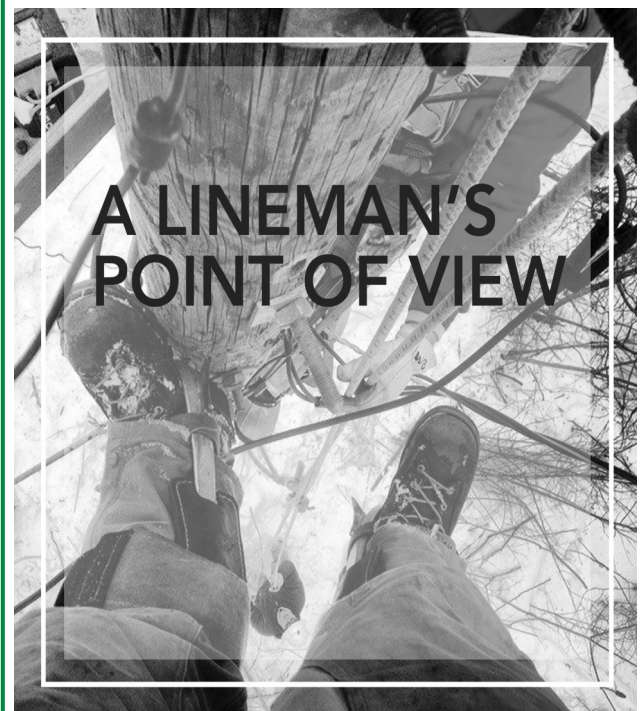
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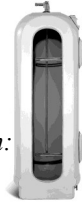


## Member Advisory Group

DCEC will be establishing member advisory groups to offer DCEC members an opportunity to take an active role in providing feedback, increasing access to services, identifying innovative solutions, and improving the overall quality of energy efficiency and conservation services available to members.

If you are interested in serving on a DCEC Member Advisory Group please contact Administrative Assistant Alicia VanZandt at (607) 746-9299.





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Compatibility Please Contact DCEC at  
(607) 746-2341.



### Is Your Location Number in This Issue?

Your service location number begins with two letters and is located on your bill next to your account number. Keep your eyes peeled for the “hidden location number” in this newsletter! If you find the number, and it is your service location you will receive a DCEC fleece sweatshirt! **Good luck!**

## DCEC Annual Meeting Friday, September 18, 2020

The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to ask questions about your cooperative. We value your input and are always looking for ways to serve you better.

Event begins at 4:30 p.m. with a Brooks BBQ Dinner and the Business Meeting to follow.

### Attention Members—Annual Meeting Agenda

For those of you interested in adding an item on the agenda for the **Annual Meeting of Members** please review **Member Participation in Annual Meetings of Members Policy** listed on DCEC’s website, [www.dce.coop](http://www.dce.coop), under About Us > DCEC Bylaws & Policies > Public, Member & Government Relations > Member Participation in Annual Meetings of Members or call the office directly at **(607) 746-2341**.



## Operations Update

Line crews are working on system reliability improvements and adding sectionalizing capabilities to reduce outage time and speed up restorations when possible. When not working on that project crews will be addressing pole replacements as reported by our pole inspectors in Andes, Delhi, Kortright, Jefferson, Gilboa and Harpersfield.

Right of way crews will be trimming trees and mowing in Davenport along Charlotte Creek Road.

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The information contained herein is designed to promote action and discussion among members. Statements published do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Cooperative. The information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, and the editor has exercised reasonable care to assure its accuracy.

### Board of Directors

- President.....Stephen Oles
- Vice President.....Frank Winkler
- Secretary.....Edward Pick Jr.
- Treasurer.....Paul Menke
- Director.....Laurie Wehmeyer
- Director.....Jeffrey Russell
- Director.....Steve Burnett
- CEO/General Manager.....Mark Schneider