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Board of Directors

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Vice President

Althea M. Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

James M. Burd
Robert F. Sterrett
Bette D. Walters
Jody P. Weaver

Investing in the Future

If you've passed by the cooperative headquarters recently, you've seen we are beginning a building project. We are in the early stages of adding space to the garage/warehouse, primarily to provide additional room for line vehicle parking. We will also be adding space to our outdoor storage areas for line materials.

Why are we doing this?

In short, we've outgrown the facilities from which we have operated for the last 67 years. The cooperative moved to its current location in 1942. The original building, which is still used for administrative offices, was a combination of office, warehouse and garage space. As the cooperative and its operational needs grew, we made additions, including a separate warehouse and garage in 1962.

While the cooperative had a couple bucket trucks in 1962, most of the line trucks were smaller vehicles without lift



Larry Adams
CEO & General Manager

units; linemen relied primarily on their legs to get them to the top of a pole. Today, large bucket trucks are a necessity if we are to operate efficiently. And today's bucket trucks are much larger than in 1962 because of the increased size of the poles we are using on the distribution system. Our most common pole height installed in 1962 was 35 feet, however, we did not install any 35-foot poles last year. The minimum height we are installing today is 40 feet with many at 45 and

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some extending up to 65 feet. In 1962 the garage was roomy because of the small number and size of vehicles stored inside. Today, we are squeezing the cooperative's line vehicles into a space designed for much smaller trucks, and we need to address this and other needs.

Assessment and Planning

Over the last several years we have devoted considerable time to evaluate the cooperative's needs at its headquarters facilities. This included structural and work flow efficiency assessments of our current buildings by two architectural firms. The review confirmed the need for significant maintenance to both the garage/warehouse and office buildings in

addition to space and efficient work flow needs. We conduct our business much differently today than we did in 1942 or 1962, when the current buildings were constructed. The current project for additional parking and outdoor material storage space is the first step in addressing the needs identified in the evaluation process. More work will follow in the future. Just as it is necessary to continue to invest in poles, conductors, and other equipment on the distribution system to keep up with your growing use of electricity, it is also necessary to occasionally invest in renewal of the headquarters from which that service is delivered. The work being started now will provide an efficient base from which to continue serving our members for many years.



Welcome Ken Durrett: Our Newest Director

Central Electric's Board of Directors appointed Ken Durrett of Butler to fill the Butler County vacancy. Robert Schroth, a former Central board member, announced his retirement earlier this year. Ken has been a CEC member since 1996. He will serve until the regularly scheduled board of directors' meeting held in September of 2012.

Ken has over 25 years of business experience, having held senior level finance and chief operating executive positions with various distribution and retail companies. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Financial Executives International and the Community Alliance Church in Butler. Ken's financial expertise, along with his cooperative experience at Servistar, makes him a strong asset to the board of directors. Welcome to the family Ken!



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**Vote for your directors at the Annual Meeting.
Check out page five for more information.**

Thank You!

Thank you to Central Electric Cooperative's 2009 nominating committee for reviewing, interviewing, and nominating the candidates to fill the office of cooperative directors for Butler, Clarion, and Venango counties. Nominating committee members were Harvey W. Loose, Donald F. Christy, Charles R. Schreffler, Dennis Lamb and Carl E. Gadsby.

Voting is Your Right!

Look for your ballot in the mail and vote. You can vote by mail, electronically, or in person at the Annual Meeting.

CEC Board of Director Nominees Clarion County



Jody P. Weaver
2589 Marble Strobleton Road
Fryburg, PA 16326

Incumbent Nominee: Jody P. Weaver

Mr. Weaver has been a Central Electric member since 1976 and a cooperative director since 2008 where he serves on the Labor/Personnel Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, and is the chair of the Political Action Committee. He is a graduate of North Clarion High School and the School of Banking, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Jody is the assistant vice-president and senior loan officer at First United National Bank, a locally owned community bank of Fryburg where he has been employed since 1972.

He is the manager of Weaver Holdings LLC, treasurer of the Cook Forest Easter Sunrise Service Committee, member of Fryburg Sportsman's Club, and co-founder of Fryburg Mayfest. Jody attends the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

He resides in Fryburg with his wife, the former Rebecca Lehman, of Tionesta. They have two daughters, Laurie and Lindsay.

Prospective Nominee: Gregory A. Faller

Mr. Faller has been a Central Electric Cooperative member since 1992. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Clarion University, and is also a Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science graduate.

He is a fourth generation owner of Fallers Furniture of Clarion and Fryburg. He has been an elected Clarion County auditor for 14 years.

Greg's community involvement includes serving as the Boy Scout Troop 58 assistant scoutmaster; a Washington Township Community Association chairman, which sponsors the Fryburg Mayfest; and a blood drive coordinator for the Red Cross. He is a member of St. Michael Church in Fryburg.

Greg and his wife, Roberta, have two sons, Adam and Evan.



Gregory A. Faller
211 Old Airport Lane
Fryburg, PA 16326

Venango County



Robert F. Sterrett
4533 Scrubgrass Road
Grove City, PA 16127

Incumbent Nominee: Robert F. Sterrett

Bob has been a cooperative member since 1960. He is a grain farmer, a director of the Soil and Water Conservation District, a former member of the Venango County Planning Commission, and a life member of Wesley Grange.

Bob received his NRECA Certified Board Director and Board Leadership Certificates in 1996 and became a Credentialed Cooperative Director in 1998. He serves on Central Electric's Finance Committee, Annual Meeting Committee and the Labor/Personnel Committee.

He and his wife Mary have four daughters, four granddaughters and two grandsons.

Prospective Nominee: Herbert Jankovich

Mr. Jankovich has been a Central Electric Cooperative member since 1994. He is a part-time pilot of a two-pilot crew. He flies a corporate type aircraft for J.W. Connolly of Sewickley, Pa. He retired from Quaker State Corporation in 1996 where he was responsible for all the operational aspects of the flight department as chief pilot.

Herb and his wife Dawn live near Sandy Creek Township in Franklin. He is a member of the Sandy Creek Township Planning Commission, past president of the Brokenstraw Antique Tractor Club, and the event announcer for the Pioneer Steam and Gas Engine Society.



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By Ken Maleski
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Check it out!



Air Conditioning

What does an air conditioner actually do? We air condition primarily to be comfortable. An air conditioner accomplishes this by removing the humidity. A room can be cold, yet "clammy" due to latent moisture in the home.

So, how do you know if your air conditioner is getting the job done? Well for starters, proper sizing is the key. Too large of a unit will "short-cycle" (run for a few minutes and shut off). The initial reaction is to turn up the air conditioner, thus wasting energy and money.

Proper air flow, correct duct work sizing and adequate cold-air returns in bedrooms will create the comfort you are seeking. And don't forget to clean or replace the air filter monthly.

Finally, if you plan to install or replace a whole-house unit, purchase one that has a S.E.E.R. rating with a value of at least 16. This entitles you to a federal income tax credit (ending on Dec. 31, 2010) of up to 30 percent off the installed price with a cap of \$1,500 in credits.

So if you want to be cool ... have your air conditioning system properly sized by a professional. Or call Central at 800-521-0570, X2172.



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Join us at the Annual Meeting!

Attend this year's Annual Meeting for the chance to win a \$500 Home Depot gift card, computer, television, digital camera and many other great prizes. Make reservations for our meeting, to be held on Aug. 28, at Whitehall Campgrounds near Emlenton. Return the coupon below or call 1-800-521-0570 by July 31.

Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account No: _____ Telephone No: _____



Please reserve a total of _____ dinners for me and my family as we will attend the Annual Meeting dinner on Aug. 28, 2009.

Children's entertainment is provided for children ages 5 through 10. Please indicate how many children will be attending: _____ Ages of children: _____

Person to contact at meeting in case of emergency: _____
(A child with a medical condition must be accompanied by an adult.)

Do you need a handicapped parking ticket: _____
(Handicapped parking permits are available on a first-come basis.)

Submit your question before the meeting to allow us to answer it efficiently.
(You may ask a question at the meeting even if you did not submit it ahead of time.)

My question: _____
By attending the Annual Meeting, I grant CEC permission to use my likeness, and those of my family members, in photographs in any and all of its publications, including internal and external newsletters and Web site entries, without payment or other consideration.

Return coupon by July 31, 2009 to:
Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

Central's Got Talent: Enter Your Child Today

Does your child enjoy performing and have a special talent to share? If so, enter them in our Annual Meeting's Central's Got Talent show. They must be between the ages of 5 and 10 to participate or attend the event. Snacks are provided.



To give us an idea of what kind of talent they have, complete the coupon on the right. Parents must sign a release form prior to the show allowing their child to participate.

Talent Show Entry

Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Age: _____

Talent: _____

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Recipe of the Month

Watermelon Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- * 1 box white cake mix (water, vegetable oil and egg whites called for on cake mix box)
- * cherry-flavored unsweetened soft drink mix
- * 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons of miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- * 1 container (12 oz.) whipped, fluffy white frosting
- * green and red food coloring
- * 2/3 cup green jelly beans



DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease the bottoms of two, 9-inch round cake pans with shortening or cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, beat cake mix, water, oil, egg whites and drink mix with electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds; beat on medium speed for two minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in 1/2 cup of chocolate chips.
3. Bake as directed on box for 9-inch pans. Cool completely. Then stir 1 cup of the frosting with 10 to 12 drops of green food coloring (do the same with red food coloring). Spread green frosting on sides of cake and press green jelly beans into frosting. Spread red frosting on top of cakes and press in remainder of chocolate chips.

For more great recipes visit:
www.bettycrocker.com

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Central Electric's office will be closed Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday. Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 6.

May contest winner:

Warren Martin of Chicora, Pa.

Read **Power Lines** and



Read your issue of Central Electric Cooperative's Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$50 credit on your monthly electric bill by reading Power Lines and then completing the quiz that appears below. Answer the questions (answers are contained in each issue of Power Lines), then complete the quiz and personal information and return it with your bill payment. For a faster entry you may complete the survey online at www.central.coop.

Important Contest Rules:

1. The contest is open to all Central Electric Cooperative members with active accounts as of the drawing date.
2. Only one entry per member is permitted.
3. Employees and directors of Central Electric, along with members of their immediate families, are not eligible.
4. The winning entry will appear as a credit on the member's bill and may not be redeemed for cash.

Complete, clip and enclose the survey and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment!



1. True or False: The minimum height of poles being installed today is 35 feet.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: Central Electric's Board of Directors appointed Jody Weaver to fill the Butler County vacancy.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: An air conditioner provides comfort by removing the humidity in your home.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone no: _____ Account no: _____