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## Board of Directors

Margery S. Terwilliger  
*President*

Jody P. Weaver  
*Vice President*

Althea M. Smith  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

Kenneth Durrett  
William J. Eichner  
Robert F. Sterrett  
Bette D. Walters  
Richard L. Weaver



# PowerLines

## Eight Members

*by Matthew Boshaw, CEO & General Manager*

Eight members make up your board of directors. Eight members chosen by you, to represent your interests in the operation of your cooperative. This can be a challenge. Our membership has some pretty high expectations and the staff here at Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) expects a lot from our board. Let me reintroduce your board of directors:

### **Margery S. Terwilliger**

Mrs. Terwilliger has been a CEC member since 1953 and was elected to the board of directors in 2002. She serves as board president. Marge is a charter member of the Brady's Bend Historical Society.

### **Ken Durrett**

Mr. Durrett has been a CEC member since 1996 and has served on the board of directors since June

2009. 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 member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Executives International.

### **William J. Eichner**

Mr. Eichner has been a CEC member since 1970 and has served on the board of directors since September 2010. He retired from Sisters of Divine Providence, as director of buildings and grounds, after 40 years of service. Prior to his position as director Bill served in the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot.

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### **Jody Weaver**

Mr. Weaver has been a CEC member since 1976 and was appointed to the board in 2008. He serves as vice president on the board. He is the senior loan officer and assistant vice president at the First United National Bank in Fryburg where he has worked for 35 years.

### **Richard Weaver**

Mr. Weaver has been a CEC member since 1978 and has served on the board of directors since 1988. He serves as CEC's representative on the Allegheny Electric Cooperative Board. Mr. Weaver owns and operates Weaver Excavating and Sewage Systems.

### **Bette D. Walters**

Mrs. Walters has been a CEC member since 1977 and has served on the board of directors since 1988. She is retired from the Penn State University Cooperative Extension. She obtained a bachelor's degree in home economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in communication from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

### **Althea M. Smith**

Mrs. Smith has been a CEC member since 1979 and has served on the board of directors since 1995. She serves as secretary and treasurer to the board. She works for Venus Telephone Corporation.

### **Robert F. Sterrett**

Mr. Sterrett has been a CEC member since 1954 and has served on the board of directors since 1972. He operates a grain farm in southern Venango County.

As you can see our board has extensive and varied experiences enabling them to make important decisions that impact the membership. Your dedicated board members spend a great deal of time reviewing data. Local control and governance is one of



the most important principles we follow.

Last year one of my articles in this newsletter introduced you to some of the excellent employees here at CEC. And this month's article is no different. You selected a hard working, dedicated group to represent all members in the boardroom. I'd like to thank you for recognizing the importance of your votes and sending us a quality board.

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## ***Member Memories:***

*"Our home was wired for electricity before it actually came. What joy us kids experienced when the lights actually worked."*

*Eva and Jack Carson, members since 1945.*

*If you have a favorite CEC memory and would like to be considered for this special column, please contact Jessica Brison at 1-800-521-0570 ext. 2173.*

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I would also like to remind you of the many ways you can participate with the cooperative both directly and indirectly. Of course you can run for the board or interact with your local board representatives. But you can also join our Member Aware Advisory Committee. The recently seated committee serves for two years

and interacts regularly with CEC staff. I would also like to remind you to watch for our upcoming town hall style meetings where you will get the opportunity to interact with us directly. You can also visit our website at [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop), make a call, respond to a survey or even just stop by our office.

## **Switching Power Suppliers**

Some members recently told us they have received information about switching to another electric generation supplier (EGS). An EGS is an entity that supplies power to a distribution system.

If you are contacted by an EGS the first question to ask is, do they have a contract with CEC? An EGS must work out an agreement with the distribution company before selling to its members or customers. And no supplier has approached CEC to sign a contract to market and sell electric generation to our members because their “price to compare” is not competitive with CEC.

Your current generation supplier is Allegheny Electric Cooperative, whose charges are listed on the bottom of your bill as “Your Price to Compare is.” Be assured that when another supplier signs a contract with the cooperative, we will make it known through electric bill messages, our website [www.central.coop](http://www.central.coop) and this newsletter.

CEC has been your “wires” company for the past 75 years. We will always remain the one you contact when there is an outage or question about your bill. We remain committed to you, the member-owner, in providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

## *Save the Date!*

Come join us for CEC's  
75-Year-Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at  
Whitehall Campgrounds in Emlenton, Pa.  
RSVP today! 1-800-521-0570.  
**More information to come.**

## **Load Management Program: \$25 Sign-Up Bonus**

Sign-up to participate in our load management program with your electric water heater and earn a \$25 credit! And, don't worry water temperature comfort levels are unlikely to be compromised. CEC installs a device on your tank at no cost to you. Benefits are:

- an instant \$25 bill credit.
- a \$2.50 bill credit each month after the device is installed.
- helping to stabilize future power costs to the cooperative and members.

Participants must remain in the load management program for a minimum two years. Mobile homes (unit has an axle and can be transported), homes with 40-gallon tanks and more than one person living in the home, and water heaters installed by the cooperative are not eligible. Call 1-800-521-0570 ext. 2172 or email [kmaleski@central.coop](mailto:kmaleski@central.coop) for more information.

## Are You Interested in a CEC Director's Seat?

CEC's Board consists of eight directors. Each year two directors are elected from the cooperative membership, giving each elected director a four-year term. Director seats are divided among counties the cooperative serves. This year, resident members from Butler and Clarion counties are invited to petition for these two respective seats. To be eligible for director nomination, a member must be a permanent resident in the county of an aforementioned respective seat as well as meet other qualifications provided in the cooperative bylaws.

Members interested in receiving a qualifications list and petition should submit the following coupon no later than April 1, 2012. A list of qualifications along with a petition form will be mailed immediately. Interested members meeting the qualifications should then send a written request (including the interested member's full name, address, telephone number, county of residence and account number) along with a completed petition signed by 20 cooperative members, to the nominating committee at the address provided by May 1, 2012.

In accordance with its bylaws, the cooperative has a process to ensure petitioning members are qualified prior to becoming director nominees. Each year the cooperative board selects a nominating committee which is

responsible for determining whether each petitioner meets the qualifications. The committee reviews the petitions and schedules interviews with each prospective nominee. The committee then submits a list of the eligible candidates for placement on the ballots.

Nominee names, along with a photo and background information, are presented in the July issue of Power Lines. At this time cooperative members are invited to vote by mail or via Internet prior to the Annual Meeting. Members may also vote by paper ballot on the day of the meeting prior to the meeting's commencement. The final election results will be announced prior to adjournment.

**Your board of directors has appointed a nominating committee to review prospective candidates interested in running for CEC director. Committee members are:**

**Armstrong County**  
**Harvey W. Loose**  
East Brady, Pa.

**Butler County**  
**Donald F. Christy**  
Saxonburg, Pa.  
**Joe Gibson**  
Parker, Pa.

**Clarion County**  
**James M. Reed**  
Fryburg, Pa.  
**Randy Tharan**  
Knox, Pa.

**Forest County**  
**Dennis Lamb**  
Tionesta, Pa.

**Venango County**  
**Carl E. Gadsby**  
Grove City, Pa.  
**Bill Shreffler**  
Emlenton, Pa.

If you are interested in being considered as a director nominee please complete this coupon and return it by April 1, 2012 to: Central Electric Cooperative, Nominating Committee, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049-0329.

Please send me a qualification list and petition requirements for being a director nominee to Central Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Account: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ken's Howatt Corner



By **Ken Maleski**  
CEC Consumer  
Marketing Representative

www.central.coop  
Check it out!



## Managing Winter Heating Bills

February is usually the most costly month to heat your home. By maintaining a lower interior temperature you can save money. An annual 3 percent savings per degree drop for eight hours to be exact! A programmable thermostat makes it easy to keep track. We recommend 68 degrees Fahrenheit when you're home and 55 degrees when you're away.

Programmable thermostats are not recommended for all-electric heat pumps because the expensive electric-resistance backup system runs longer during recovery time. Boilers and

radiant-floor systems also have a slow response to set back schedules. Some manufacturers do make special thermostats with programmed algorithms for all these situations. They track your system's performance to determine when to turn it on, maximizing your savings.

Thermostat location is very important. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions to prevent unnecessary furnace cycling from the effects of direct sunlight, drafts, doorways and windows.

# SAFETY

## M A T T e r s

### Stay Away From Downed Power Lines

Treat all power lines as if they are energized and dangerous.

Follow these safety tips:

- Never climb a utility pole, tower or substation fence.
- Never drive over downed power lines.
- Never touch a downed power line or use an object, such as a broom, board, limb or any plastic material to move it.
- Do not allow children to play in trees close to power lines.



Matt Alderson  
Manager of Safety and  
Operational Support

- Do not attempt to cut or remove a tree that is or could become entangled with power lines.
- If you are involved in a traffic accident that results in power lines touching your car, do not get out of your car unless it is on fire. If you must get out, jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Then shuffle away from the car.
- If you come across an accident involving downed power lines do not approach the car, call 911.

## Recipe of the Month

### Oriental Vegetable Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (10 ounce) package peas, thawed
  - 1 (16 ounce) can bean sprouts, rinsed and drained
  - 1 (12 ounce) can white corn, drained
  - 2 (5 ounce) cans water chestnuts, drained
  - 1 (4 ounce) jar diced pimento, drained
  - 1 large green pepper, diced
  - 1 cup thinly sliced celery
  - 1 large onion, diced
  - 1 (8 ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- Dressing:** 1 cup salad oil, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 1/2 cup vinegar, salt and pepper to taste.

#### Directions:

1. Mix dressing in blender until well homogenized.
2. Add to salad ingredients. Gently toss.
3. Cover and chill for 24 hours.
4. Drain before serving.

*Thank you to Sheryl and Ruth Ferguson  
for submitting the recipe!*

**Submit your recipe for a chance to win a special prize at the 75-Year-Anniversary Celebration and have your recipe published in "Power Lines."**

#### Send Recipes to:

Jessica Brison at [jbrison@central.coop](mailto:jbrison@central.coop) or mail to CEC, 716 Route 368, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049

## CEC Staff

Matthew P. Boshaw <i>CEO and General Manager</i>	Lisa A. Hoover <i>Director of Consumer Services</i>
Dennis W. Beggs <i>Director of Finance</i>	Christina J. O'Donnell <i>Director of Communication and Marketing</i>
Stephanie Deal <i>Director of Human Resources and Administration</i>	Fred E. Terwilliger <i>Director of Engineering and Operations</i>

## Read Power Lines and



Last Issue's Winner:

**Melvin Kapp of Shippenville**

Read your issue of CEC's Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$50 credit on your monthly electric bill by reading Power Lines and completing the quiz below.

Complete, clip and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For quiz rules or a faster entry you may complete the survey online at [www.central.coop/quiz](http://www.central.coop/quiz).

**1. EGS stands for energy generation supply.**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. True or False:** Each year three directors are elected from the membership.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. True or False:** If you come across an accident with downed power lines do approach the car and call 911.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How are we doing?** (no right/wrong answer)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account No:** \_\_\_\_\_



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