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A NEWSLETTER FROM ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE



You are invited to the 67th Annual Meeting of Arrowhead Cooperative, which was rescheduled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cook County High School.

ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 25TH

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 25

As a member-owner of Arrowhead Cooperative, you are also an owner of the cooperative. As an owner, you have a voice in the operation of our organization. Through attendance at the Annual Meeting and the election of Directors, you help set the future direction of our Cooperative.

Join us to hear from your co-op leaders who will discuss priorities for the Cooperative, challenges we face, our financial health and operational plans for the coming years.

In addition, members will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain helpful information about the electric industry and the Cooperative. As a member of our community, you have a perspective that is valuable—and we invite you to share it with the co-op.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Cook County High School. Remember to bring the registration coupon from your annual report to receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill and to register for door prizes. Due to Coronavirus guidelines, the Annual Meeting will consist of a business meeting only for 2020.

ANNUAL REPORT

In early August all members will receive the 2019 Arrowhead Cooperative Annual Report. The publication includes a summary of last year's financials as well as a report from the management team.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The Annual Report also includes your ballot to vote for candidates for the Board of Directors.

This year one seat is up for election:

- District 1 (Hovland/Grand Portage)

If you are interested in serving on the Board, check out page 4.

The Annual Report will include short biographies for each of the candidates. Although candidates are elected to represent a specific district, ALL members may vote in the election. Please choose one candidate in each district and enclose your ballot in the envelopes provided. Sign the outer envelope and mail it (postage paid!) to our office.

Ballots must be received in our office by Tuesday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m. if mailed. If you prefer, you can bring your ballot with you to the Annual Meeting that evening.

Director elections in Districts 1 will come to a close at the Annual Meeting and the results will be announced after the votes are counted.

This is **YOUR** Cooperative. To remain healthy and strong, we need to have continued active participation and support by you. If you have not attended the Annual Meeting in the past, or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to join us. Arrowhead Cooperative is connected to you by more than just power lines. We are your neighbors and we look forward to seeing you at your Annual Meeting.

ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE MEMBERS DONATE \$32,000 TO 11 LOCAL AND WORTHY CAUSES

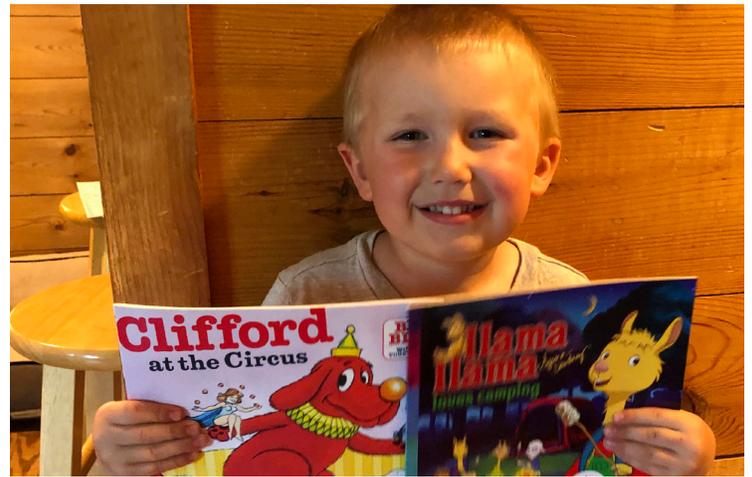
Your spare change adds up allowing 2020 Operation Round Up® grants to be distributed to support our community.

Through the Operation Round Up® program, Arrowhead Cooperative gives our member-owners and True North customers the opportunity to give back to the community. Each month the rounded-up funds (between 1¢ and 99¢) are placed in a trust fund and administered by the Cooperative's Board of Directors. In June, the North Shore Collaborative (NSC) was one of eleven local organizations to benefit from this grant program. They received funding to purchase books and support the administration of their summer reading program, "Learning Opportunities Through Stories (LOTS.)" NSC is a children's mental health and family services collaborative that formed in 1994 to serve Cook and Lake counties.

"The NSC has offered the LOTS summer literacy program for families with children birth to age five since 2009, shared NSC Executive Assistant Trisha Scamehorn. "In years past, the program was led 'in person' by local early childhood teachers who provide parents with the essential knowledge and skills to promote early reading. The program features a book and complimentary activity to promote the love of reading for children while showing parents the important

role books play in early learning. In 2019, 916 books were distributed."

Of course, for the summer of 2020, the program will be look a little different due to COVID-19. Book pick-ups were scheduled in six locations in Lake and Cook counties: Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Finland, Tofte, Grand Marais and Grand Portage. For more information visit www.co.lake.mn.us.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

The electric power sector is undergoing rapid transformation, and electric cooperatives are at the forefront of this change. An industry that began with a single purpose – to produce and deliver electricity to rural America – has become the backbone of technological innovation, driven in part by changing consumer expectations and needs. Elements of this change include providing our members with sustainable and renewable energy; and innovative energy solutions.

At Arrowhead Cooperative we believe that alternative energy sources are important to addressing our future energy needs and we are happy to support and partner with our members exploring these opportunities. Whether you're just looking into the technology and have questions, want to participate in our community solar garden, or are ready to interconnect your personal wind or solar installment, we're here to help! For more information visit www.aecimn.com or call (800) 864-3744.



42,901 kWh

PRODUCED IN 2019 BY ARROWHEAD'S
COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN

60 SOLAR PANELS PURCHASED BY MEMBER-OWNERS
ADDITIONAL PANELS ARE AVAILABLE NOW.



FORTY FIVE
MEMBERS INTERCONNECTED
TO THE ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

FOR A TOTAL SOLAR CAPACITY OF

246 kWh



“The outpouring of generosity from our members has stretched to the far ends of our communities and touched many lives,” said Arrowhead Cooperative Member Services Manager Sara McManus. “The grants we have distributed improve the quality of life for residents in the counties we serve. It’s members helping members.”



Scamehorn shared her appreciation, “Thank you so much for the generous donation to the LOTS program! Because of your member’s donations, the North Shore Collaborative was able to continue to offer the LOTS program for the summer of 2020 and purchase enough books for the children in our community. The LOTS program strives to foster a love of reading in children, which increases the likelihood of greater success at the start of kindergarten.”

Arrowhead Cooperative’s Operation Round Up® program has awarded nearly \$400 thousand to over 100 local non-profit organizations and community service programs since the program’s inception in 2003. In June 2020, the Cooperative and Operation Round Up® contributed \$32,000 to 11 area organizations.

2020 OPERATION ROUND UP RECIPIENTS | \$32,000

Birch Grove Community School (<i>Summer Kids Camp Program</i>)	\$2,500
Borealis Chorale and Orchestra (<i>Winter Concerts</i>)	\$800
Care Partners of Cook County (<i>Delivery/Errand Service for Seniors</i>)	\$3,500
Cook County Community Center (<i>6 Month - 5 Year Old Playground</i>)	\$1,880
Grand Marais Playhouse (<i>School Residency Program</i>)	\$4,000
Great Expectations Foundation (<i>GES Great Lunch Program</i>)	\$4,570
North House Folk School (<i>Local Youth Programming</i>)	\$5,000
North Shore Collaborative (<i>Learning Opportunities Through Stories Program</i>)	\$1,000
North Superior Ski and Run Club (<i>Youth Ski League and High School Nordic Team Equipment</i>)	\$5,000
Northwoods Volunteer Connection (<i>Volunteer recruiting and training for Cook County Trail Projects</i>)	\$2,000
Sugarloaf: the North Shore Stewardship Association (<i>Sugarloaf Point Interpretive Sign</i>)	\$1,750

Operation Round Up funds are given to local civic organizations and worthy causes through an application and selection process. For further information or to obtain an application form, visit www.aecimn.com or call (800) 864-3744.

CO-OP NEWS

COGENERATION NOTICE

In compliance with Minnesota Adopted Rules Relating to Cogeneration and Small Power Production, Chapter 7835, Arrowhead Cooperative is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from cogenerators and small power producers who satisfy the conditions as a qualifying facility. Following Arrowhead Cooperative’s policies and Minnesota Statute 216B.1611, all new distributed energy resources are required to follow the Cooperative Minnesota Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection process (C-MIP), which was updated by the State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Arrowhead Cooperative will provide free information to all interested members regarding rates and interconnection requirements upon request. An application for interconnection is required for a qualifying facility to interconnect and operate in parallel with the cooperative’s distribution system and is subject to approval by the Cooperative. Any dispute over interconnections, sales, and purchases are subject to resolution by the Arrowhead Cooperative Board of Directors. Members interested in further information can visit our online portal available at www.aecimn.com/distributed-energy; or contact our office at (800) 864-3744, or DER@arrowhead.coop.

OFFICE CLOSED

Arrowhead Cooperative will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. Please call (800) 864-3744 in the event of an outage or emergency.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.



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before you dig.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

The cooperative model depends on its members to provide leadership and guidance.

Arrowhead Cooperative Directors are members just like you who understand and listen to the community. They represent you on the Cooperative's Board, while responsibly overseeing the business of the Cooperative and determining its strategic direction.

Each year an election takes place to ensure that every member has a voice in the operation of this organization and that any member in good standing may seek election for the Board of Directors.

In 2020, there is one district up for election:

District 1: Hovland/Grand Portage

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

- Attend monthly meetings to receive updates from managers and review financial reports.
- Collaborate with the CEO to make decisions about the annual operating budget.
- Direct the management of the Cooperative, including rate setting and the development of the rules and regulations that govern service to members.
- Hire and delegate duties, responsibilities, and authority of the General Manager.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Be an Arrowhead Cooperative member and live in the district you wish to represent.
- Willing to attend regular meetings (time and travel are compensated.)
- Not be employed by, or have financial interest in, a competing enterprise.
- Have an interest in shaping the future of Arrowhead Cooperative.

Individuals who serve on the Arrowhead Cooperative Board of Directors possess a sincere interest in the Cooperative and the willingness to work with others to ensure its strong future. They are available to participate in monthly meetings and special events and are also accessible to the members whom they represent.

If you are interested in serving on the Arrowhead Cooperative Board or would like more information please call (800) 864-3744 or email newsletter@aecimn.com by July 10.

The nominating committee will be meeting in mid-July

Director elections take place at the Annual Meeting which has been rescheduled on August 25. Ballots are mailed to all members along with the Cooperative's Annual Report prior to the meeting.



JULY CALENDAR WINNER

Submitted by: Brian Hoffman



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save.

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