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A NEWSLETTER FROM ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE

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# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

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.



The cooperative model depends on its members to provide leadership and guidance. Each year an election takes place to ensure that every member has a voice in the governance of this organization and that any member in good standing may seek election for the Board of Directors.

In 2023, there is one district up for election: **District 1: Hovland/Grand Portage** 

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 you must obtain a petition form from Arrowhead Cooperative by calling our office to request or downloading from our website. Petition forms need to be signed by 15 members from your district and returned to the Cooperative by 4:00pm on April 5.

Director elections take place at the Annual Meeting held during the month of June. Ballots are mailed to all members along with the Cooperative's annual report prior to the meeting.

ARROWHEAD COOPERATIVE IS A DEMOCRATICALLY CONTROLLED BUSINESS, MEANING THAT IT IS GOVERNED BY LOCAL PEOPLE, JUST LIKE YOU AND ELECTED BY YOU. WITH MEMBERS IN CHARGE, YOU CAN FEEL CONFIDENT THAT BOARD DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

### 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.

# **ORU APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Since 1953, Arrowhead Cooperative has been committed to improving our members' quality of life. This tradition continues through our community service program called Operation Round Up.

Arrowhead Cooperative members and subscribers participate by agreeing to have their monthly bill amount rounded up to the next whole dollar. Members make a tax-deductible donation of \$.01 to \$.99 per month, a maximum annual donation of \$11.88 a year. On average, our members each donate \$6 a year. Yet, taken together, these contributions add up to something pretty remarkable: thousands of dollars in grants.

In 2022, Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association (Sugarloaf) was one of 12 local organizations to benefit from this grant program. They received a \$5,000 grant for improvements to the Center's outdoor education spaces.







# WIN A FREE TRIP TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Arrowhead Cooperative is looking for two high school juniors (11th grade) to send on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to experience the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Each year, rural electric cooperatives across the nation sponsor roughly 1,900 students on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour program continues to foster the grassroots spirit of the rural electric cooperatives by demonstrating to high school students how our government works and what the electric cooperative business model is all about. The selected students will visit with congressional representatives, tour some of the most famous museums and monuments in the world, and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

In 2023, Arrowhead Cooperative will sponsor an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to two qualifying candidates. The contest is open to any current high school junior who lives in Cook County. **The 2023 Tour takes place June 13 - 18.** 

Interested students must submit a completed application and a 1,500word essay about the importance of electric cooperatives by 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 17 to be considered for selection. If you know a high school junior that wants to be part of this fun (free!) week in Washington, D.C., **download the application at www.arrowheadcoop.com.** 

APPLY NOW! APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Sugarloaf was founded in 1992 by a group of citizens concerned with a proposed safe harbor or marina at historic Sugarloaf Cove in Schroeder, MN. Although the initial successes of the organization were at the Cove, the mission of the organization has always been inclusive of the entire Minnesota North Shore. Sugarloaf has succeeded at "winwin" activities on the shore, including the successful preservation and restoration of Sugarloaf Cove and early efforts to coordinate environmental and interpretive groups on the North Shore.

"Sugarloaf offers three program areas - North Shore Forest restoration, North Shore nature education, and the management of Sugarloaf Cove Nature Center. Our current forest restoration and education efforts include working with partners to reach more North Shore landowners and offer these landowners broader opportunities for assistance with their forest restoration projects," shared Sugarloaf Executive Director, Molly Thompson. "At Sugarloaf, we offer selfguided trails, a nature center with displays about local cultural and natural history, and naturalist-led programs throughout the year. Two of our most popular programs are our bird banding demonstrations and our geology walks. Another extremely popular program is Minnesota Master Naturalist training."

Operation Round Up grants have been used to install interpretive signs along the Sugarloaf nature trail and building and will also be used towards creating an outdoor classroom that will accommodate 80 people in all weather conditions. Construction is expected to begin this summer. Thompson shared her thanks, "We appreciate the funding we have received and look forward to having Arrowhead Cooperative members visit Sugarloaf Cove to see what their funds have accomplished."





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. Operation Round Up funds are given to local civic organizations and worthy causes through an application and selection process.

## **APPLY TODAY**

The deadline to submit applications for the next grant cycle is Friday, April 14 by 4:30 p.m. 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.arrowhead.coop or call (800) 864-3744.

# **CO-OP NEWS**

# COLD WEATHER RULE REMINDER

Do you need help paying your electric bill this winter? The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule helps homeowners and renters protect and reconnect heat during the winter months. If you are worried about paying your electric bill on time, contact Arrowhead Cooperative at (800) 864-3744 before the due date of your bill. By completing an "inability to pay" form and making/maintaining a payment arrangement we can help you avoid disconnection.

If you need additional help you can also call the following numbers:

- Energy Assistance Hotline (800) 657-3710
- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (800) 662-5711
- Grand Portage Energy Assistance (218) 475-2822
- Salvation Army Heatshare (800) 842-7279

# **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

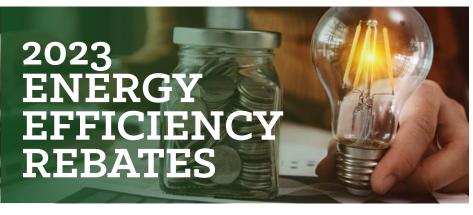
Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.



# Tune In. Stay Informed.



CEO John Twiest airs live Friday, February 24 on the North Shore Morning show (90.7FM) at 8:40 a.m. with the latest Arrowhead Cooperative news.



Arrowhead Cooperative works to help families and businesses use energy wisely. Whether you're building a new home, remodeling an existing home, or simply buying a new appliance, your cooperative offers professional advice and a wide array of incentives to ensure you get the most for your energy dollar.

Arrowhead Cooperative is excited to announce new rebates for energy efficient improvements in 2023. In addition to the residential rebates listed below Arrowhead Cooperative offers commercial rebates for lighting, motors, drives, and more. All rebate and incentive programs have certain restrictions and requirements that must be met before a rebate can be issued.

Contact Arrowhead Cooperative for more information and to access the appropriate rebate forms by calling (800) 864-3744 or emailing newsletter@arrowhead.coop

You don't have to sacrifice your lifestyle or a single degree of comfort to be a smart energy user. Contact the member services department today to learn more about how you can improve your home's energy use.

## **ENERGY STAR® APPLIANCES**

Energy Star<sup>®</sup> Dehumidifier \$25

Energy Star<sup>®</sup> Clothes Dryer \$25

New Energy Star Freezer or Refrigerator \$75 (Proof of recycling old unit required.)

Recycling Only of Energy Star Freezer or Refrigerator \$75 (Proof of recycling old unit required.)

## LIGHTING

Energy Star<sup>®</sup> LED Bulbs up to \$2 per bulb; limit 10

LED Yard Light \$30

### HVAC

Smart Thermostat \$25

ETS Space Heating System \$50 per kW\*

Interruptible Heating System \$50 per kW\*

# WATER HEATING

ETS Water Heater \$400\*

(80+ gallon and high efficiency only)

Heat Pump Water Heater \$500

Hot Water Circulating Pump \$50

Interruptible Water Heater \$200\* (50+ gallon and high efficiency only)

\*Rebate only available with enrollment in the associated load management program.



**FEBRUARY CALENDAR WINNER** Submitted by: Don Wendel



## SAFETY TIP

If you ever have to deal with electrical issues, always cut the power at the breaker box. Before you start work, test to make sure the outlet, fixture, or switch is shut off. Then plug something in, flip the switch, and use a tester.

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