

August 2021

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting

What You Need To Know

Have you reserved September 9th on your calendar to be part of history?

We hope you plan on joining us for the very first ever virtual Annual Meeting of Members! Later this month, you will receive the Annual Report booklet in your mailbox. In the booklet you will find informative reports along with information on participating in the virtual Annual Meeting.

The decision to hold the meeting virtually was made with great consideration for the safety of our members, along with the fact that the preparations for the annual meeting must be done in advance and difficult decisions had to be made. Like you, we miss seeing everyone in person, but we are embracing this new opportunity this year. Many cooperatives have experienced greater participation with virtual meetings, as members who could not attend in the past are now able to participate.

We understand you may have some questions on how our Annual Meeting will work.

How will I participate in the virtual Annual Meeting? This year, you won't need to get in the car and drive to Fairview. You'll be able to participate by Zoom, online software that enables organizations of all sizes to easily conduct large online events with video and audio. It is a cost-effective way to conduct meetings and training that allows many people to participate, no matter where they are located. Zoom has options for those who can go online with a computer or tablet, as well as a phone line option for those who want to just call in and listen.

How will I vote in the virtual Annual Meeting? Voting for your Board of Directors is an important part of being in a Cooperative, and we understand your interest in participating. In the event of a contested election, meaning that there are two or more candidates for a district, all members will be mailed a ballot with candidate profiles and voting information. We have contracted Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to conduct our election if it is contested.

SBS has extensive experience with the world's top associations, cooperatives, and member-based organizations to plan and manage voting needs. If there is a contested election, you will have three choices for casting your ballot: Paper Ballot, SmartHub, or Online. Voting will be done in advance, with results announced at the virtual Annual Meeting.

We are hopeful and optimistic that with your support and cooperation we will have a successful virtual Annual Meeting on September 9th.

Look for your Annual Report arriving later this month and continue checking for current information . Updates will be posted on midcentury.com and the Mid Century Communications Facebook page. Together we will have a successful 71st Annual Meeting of Members.



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Thank You Sheila Downin!



Sheila Downin was elected to the Board at the 65th Annual Meeting of Members, September 10, 2015, representing District 1, Summum-Table Grove. Due to relocating outside the Cooperative service area she concluded her term as of April 30, 2021. Throughout her tenure she was part of many exciting changes and very supportive of Mid Century. Her dedication went beyond being on the Board of Directors. Prior to being elected as a Director Sheila served on the Member Advisory Council. We wish Sheila the best of luck in her future endeavors and will miss her contributions.











Our Business Office is now open after being closed due to COVID-19.

Monthly Bill Credit Winners

All members that pay their bill in full by the 25th of the month are automatically entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit.

Congratulations

April - Sammy Berry Summum Exchange

May - Gerald Nell Fairview Exchange

June - Beverly Tucker Williamsfield Exchange



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