



Minnesota Rural Electric Association

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Report to the members

It's an exciting time to be in the electric utility industry. The pace of change continues to accelerate, with broad impacts to generation and transmission as well as local energy, the distribution grid and consumer activities. We are exceeding renewable energy goals, integrating advanced metering technologies and leading the transition to an electrified economy. The National Academy of Engineers identified the electric power grid as the number one achievement in the 20th Century, and we are increasingly leveraging that grid to build an even better future. And as cooperatives, we do so while charting a course best serving those at the end of the line and strengthening our local communities – an enduring positive for all we serve.

Dealing with the rapid change around us makes *cooperation among cooperatives* more important than ever. The board and staff of MREA remain committed to serving you in carrying out this purpose. In 2019, we heard our member's call for a unified cooperative voice to better spread our message across the state. We have lots of positive things to share in areas including the cooperative governance model, public safety, economic development, charitable giving, and our public policy work. With the ever-rising level of noise around us, working together to get our message heard is more important than ever. MREA is pleased our members pointed to us as the best organization to tackle this challenge. To equip us in this endeavor, we responded with the



“Strengthen MREA” plan and recommended a modest adjustment in the dues distribution formula.

Safety remains our highest priority. Our safety program facilitates sharing experiences and learning from them, and ensures that every cooperative has access to high quality safety training and materials. In 2019, we safely persevered the devastating Winter Storm Wesley. MREA's safety group used this federally declared disaster as an opportunity to share lessons learned across the state. Of course, the storm hit us financially as well. It is estimated that Minnesota suf-



WES WALLER

(LEFT) MREA BOARD CHAIR AND NORTH ITASCA BOARD DIRECTOR

DARRICK MOE

(RIGHT) MREA PRESIDENT AND CEO

ferred \$70 million in damages from this storm, with the total damages to rural electric cooperatives around \$25 million. We can't avoid stormy weather in Minnesota, but our member-owners are benefiting from our recent work ensuring rural electric cooperatives are eligible for federal and state disaster relief funding.

With today's rapid pace of change, continual learning is more important than ever. We have built a robust education program together and enjoy improving it each year. Our work at the legislature and numerous regulatory venues impact-

ing cooperatives remains more important than ever. Even issues that get no public attention often have major impacts. Our successful efforts during the 2019 legislative session to protect cooperatives from onerous new data gathering requirements related to taxing property outside incorporated jurisdictions is one example. As we wade into the 2020 legislative session, it is critical that we continue to work as a unified front identifying and tackling policy priorities. We always enjoy getting in the trenches with our grassroots network — each of you participating across the state — in carrying out these efforts.

Thank you for another year of carrying out our vision of *strength through unity*.

Stay in touch,

Wes and Darrick

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2019 Session Review

The 2019 regular legislative session gavelled to a close on Monday, May 20, and we were happy with the overall results.

One big win was in the area of property tax reporting. We worked with the bipartisan tax committee chairs in the House and Senate to pass critical legislation to fix an issue impacting many of Minnesota's electric cooperatives. The Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR) had begun asking co-ops for granular parcel ID information that co-ops had not previously been required to report. Many co-ops indicated they had never collected this data in rural areas where they pay an alternative tax, and doing so would be time consuming, costly, and would require additional staff. We were able to amend the omnibus tax bill to clarify that property tax data in areas subject to the alternative tax were exempt from reporting.

In addition to the property tax vic-

tory, we were part of a successful effort to secure more than \$40 million in one-time funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Program. Perhaps our biggest success was stopping several bills that were harmful or created burdensome mandates or regulations on electric cooperatives, including 100% carbon-free by 2050 and an unworkable "clean energy first" bill.

While our CIP reform bill (SF 1915/HF 1839) failed to become law, a bill that would have made the CIP program far worse also died. Our CIP reform proposal easily passed the Senate Energy Committee as part of the Senate energy omnibus bill. However, the House energy omnibus bill contained CIP language that included more spending and oversight requirements than current law, and overall was worse than the status quo. While we spent countless hours during session with numerous stakeholders attempting to reach an agreement, the House and

Government Affairs

the Department of Commerce tied our CIP modernization reform provision to an ultimatum that we support the House/Governor's clean energy first and 100% carbon-free provisions. In the end, our CIP modernization bill was not included in the final bill, but thankfully neither were the House CIP provisions. We are continuing to work on this issue during the 2020 session.

Overall it was a successful session for rural electric cooperative priorities in a difficult legislative environment.

REPAC

Our REPAC revitalization efforts paid off in 2019, with receipts increasing by nearly 15% over 2018! Additionally, we were able to more than double our contributions to candidate committees and political party units. These contributions are critical for MREA to continue to be a strong force at the capitol, and all the more important in the current difficult political environment. Thanks to all of you in our grassroots network for your continued support! (See page 22 for the 2019 REPAC honor roll)



Training

Leadership training

Of Minnesota's 2,974 electric cooperative employees, 15% were eligible to retire in 2019. MREA is committed to assisting its members prepare future leaders through leadership training that combines AchieveForum's award-winning corporate leadership modules with a curriculum designed specifically for rural electric cooperatives.

2019 Leadership Training Graduates

Chris Bechtold, BENCO Electric Cooperative
 Cody Black, BENCO Electric Cooperative
 Tim Braulick, BENCO Electric Cooperative
 Jon Bosman, East Central Energy
 Angie Clifton, People's Energy Cooperative
 Mike Beck, People's Energy Cooperative
 Joe Diethelm, East Central Energy
 Shavonn Eastlee, People's Energy Cooperative
 Jacob Engebretson, Crow Wing Power
 Darla Honkomp, Stearns Electric Association
 Brian Hoppe, Runestone Electric Association
 Adam Johnson, South Central Electric Association
 Vonda Johnson, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Jolene Kallroos, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 John Kuehn, Red River Valley Co-op Power Association
 Tina Lanhart, East Central Energy
 Ben Lundberg, Crow Wing Power
 Lisa Marks, East Central Energy
 Felicia Skaggs, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association
 Amanda Smith, Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services
 Kim Wilson, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric
 Donna Winters, East Central Energy
 Ashley Wright, People's Energy Cooperative

Education & training

Throughout 2019, MREA offered 78 education & training events for directors, CEOs and employee groups. In addition to our formal partnerships with NRECA, MMUA and Central Lakes College, we contract with a wide variety of independent professional speakers, consultants and subject matter experts across the cooperative network.

MREA's education program relies on the generous support of CFC, CoBank and NCSC. In addition, we appreciate the various resources each of these organizations provide to assist in delivering timely, relevant and valuable information to the membership. Thank you for your ongoing support!

2,528 registered attendees in 2019

78 onsite education & training opportunities in 2019

Director education & training

Minnesota has 356 directors, second only to Texas. In 2019, directors attended training, meetings and conferences to develop and advance their knowledge and skills necessary to govern their cooperative and navigate the complex electric industry. More than 200 directors have earned the NRECA credentialed cooperative director (CCD) and just over 20% have earned their NRECA board leadership certificate (BLC).

Our 2019 annual meeting brought more than 330 directors, CEOs and co-op staff to St. Paul where cooperative leaders spent time in training, meeting with legislators and attending the MREA business meeting. MREA's flagship event, Energy Issues Summit, was held in St. Cloud where we discussed consumer trends, evolving business models, rate design, and heard from Dr. Scott W. Tinker on the energy transition.

Please join us in St. Cloud August 10-13, 2020 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Energy Issues Summit!

NRECA's Director Certificates Earned

NRECA's Director Certificate Programs (offered in three levels, from fundamental to advanced) are designed to help electric cooperative directors, at every stage of their service, understand their roles

and responsibilities, stay up-to-date on the key issues and trends in the industry and prepare them to meet the challenges facing electric cooperatives now and in the future.

Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)

Terry Genelin, BENCO Electric Cooperative
Bryan McCulloch, Crow WingPower
Tracy Lauritzen, People's Energy Cooperative

Board Leadership Certificate (BLC)

Michael Forsman, Lake Country Power
Craig Olson, Lake County Power
Larry Huhn, Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association
Gary Haberman, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
Audry Hjelle, Runestone Electric Association

Director Gold Credential (DGC)

Orvin Gronseth, Agralite Electric Cooperative
Jerry Tvedt, East Central Energy
Diane Zimmerman, East Central Energy
Robert Bruckbauer, Lake Country Power
Craig Carlson, Lake Country Power
Ronald Stevens, MiEnergy Cooperative
Brent Lawrence, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
Arthur Friedrich, People's Energy Cooperative
John Beal, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric
Geraldine Lienke, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric

Of the **356**
directors in Minnesota

68%
have earned the CCD

21%
have earned the BLC

8%
have earned
Director Gold



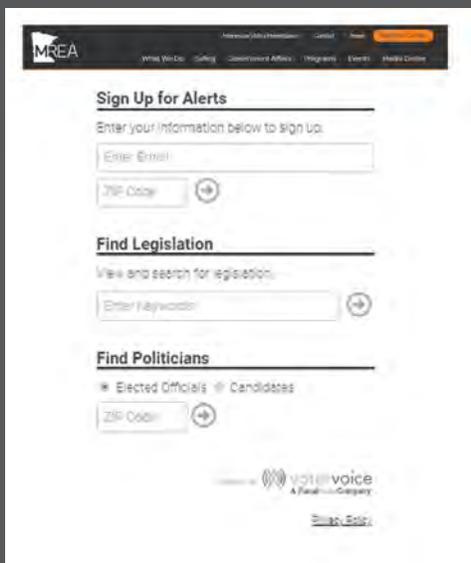
Communications

MREA worked to enhance existing and add new member communication vehicles to better serve the membership.

MREA WEBSITE

With an average of 3,400 monthly visitors, mrea.org is MREA’s primary communication tool providing vital information to the public and our members.

The new site features simpler navigation and content, along with a new grassroots advocacy platform, VoterVoice, for fast and easy communication with your statewide elected officials. With VoterVoice, we can notify you quickly to contact your legislators on a specific issue during the legislative session. You can sign up on the newly created “Take Action” page.



ARCMEDIA PARTNERSHIP

To help us share our collective stories with audiences across social media platforms, MREA began working with ARCmedia (ARC), a full-service media company, in September 2019.

With ARC managing our social media platforms, MREA is building engagement with non-traditional, but important, audiences. Our top audience cities are consistently Minneapolis and St. Paul, with men between the ages of 25-34 as the leading force among our fans. Our goals include:

- Enhancing the member’s efforts to raise awareness of the innovative work cooperatives are doing related to the integration of new technologies,
- Promote cooperatives as energy experts to ensure our voices are included in energy policy discourse, and
- Celebrate the integral role cooperatives play in their communities.

The membership also asked MREA to do more to educate urban legislators and voters, and special interest groups about how the cooperative governance model differs from

investor-owned utilities and why energy policy can impact rural electric consumers differently, and often adversely. Similar to our grassroots legislative activity, together we can build a powerful social media platform to amplify the cooperative story!

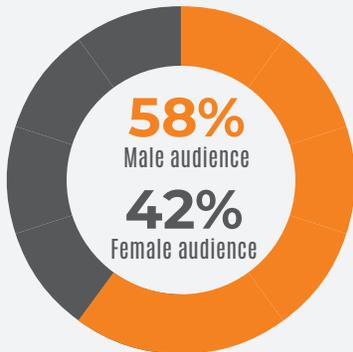




1,585
Facebook fans



45,804
Total engagements



Post Content	Total Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares	Message Clicks
Our thoughts and prayers go out to those impacted by Winter Storm Wesley. Thank you, U.S. Senator Tina Smith, for cosponsoring the RURALAct! The tax-exempt!	21,801	3,318	381	505	17,597
KEEPING SAFETY IN MIND THIS SPRING...We have had a winter to remember and this...	1,103	932	19	56	96
Thank you, U.S. Senator Tina Smith, for cosponsoring the RURALAct! The tax-exempt!	830	79	2	30	719

PROACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

In 2019, MREA introduced a sample article series and provided the membership with 10 articles to use in communications with their membership. Additionally, the MREA Report was refreshed to incorporate more industry specific content and highlight member projects or accomplishments.



MREA also introduced a mobile event application to better manage communication and information at events. The mobile app allows users to view the agenda, access presentations and meeting materials, rate speakers and the overall event, and connect with sponsors and other members.



Mark your calendar

Annual meeting
InterContinental Hotel
St. Paul, MN

Energy Issues Summit
Rivers Edge Convention Center
St. Cloud, MN

2021 February 28-March 3
2022 March 13-16
2023 February 19-22
2024 March 17-20

2021 August 9-12
2022 August 1-4
2023 July 31-August 3
2024 August 12-15

Our Cooperative Members



Employ approximately
2,974 PEOPLE



Total members served
855,002



Median sized co-op has
8,267 CUSTOMERS



Co-ops range in size between
1,883 TO 133,567 CUSTOMERS

16,683
MWH per year supplied

135,258
Miles of electric distribution lines
(the largest distribution network
in the state - by far)

Average 6.6
Consumers per mile of distribution line



Approximately
2,974
Minnesota co-op employees

437 are eligible
for retirement

MREA district map of Minnesota cooperatives



Vendor Membership

The MREA vendor membership program is valuable for both electric cooperatives and utility vendors and suppliers. The most exceptional value for our members is they can learn about several products and services needed to fulfill cooperative initiatives at a local trade show, saving countless hours of research at the co-op. The most significant benefit for our vendors is meeting new customers as well as making face-to-face connections with those already know.

MREA's vendor members were busy networking and advertising in 2019

129
total vendor members

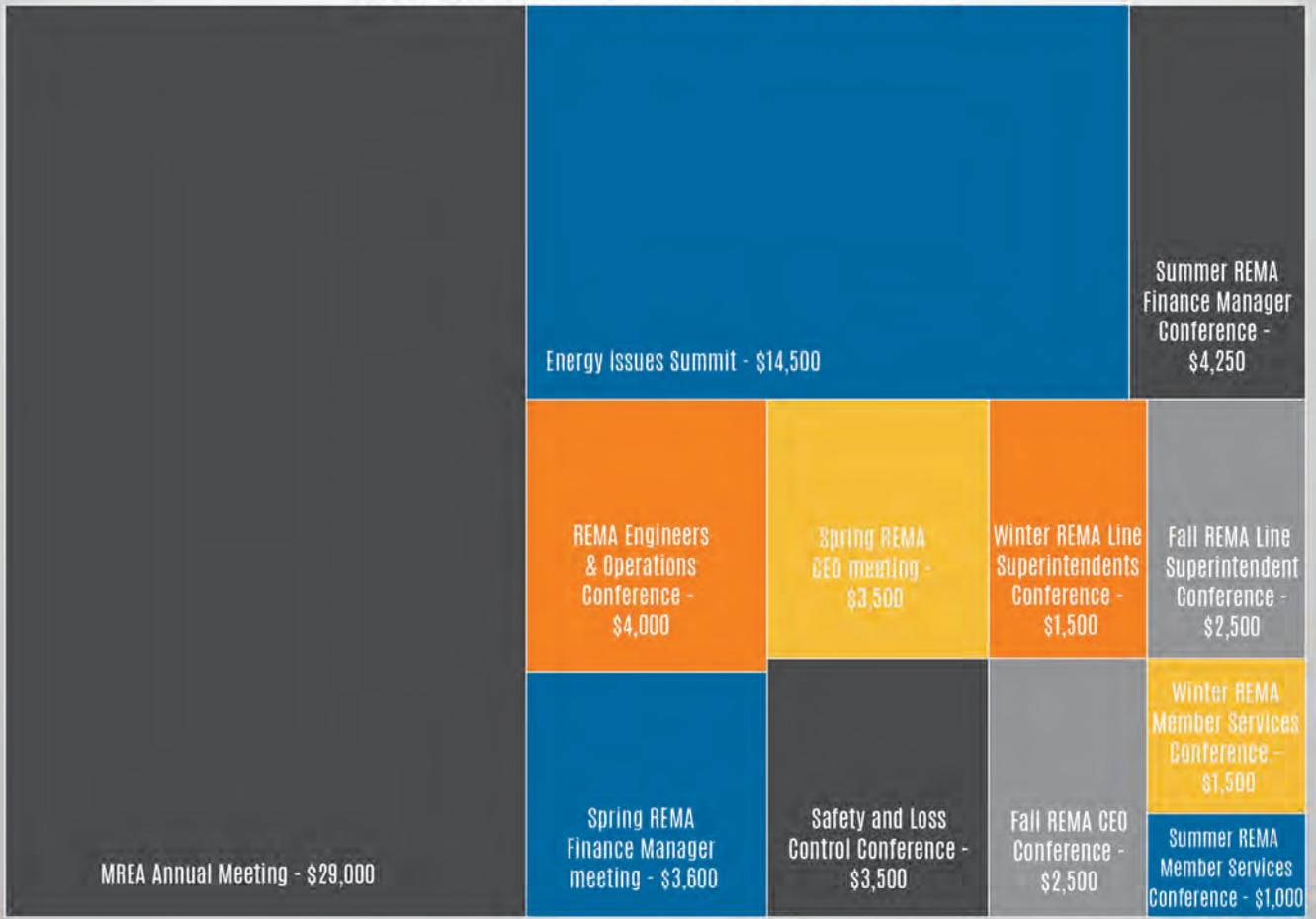
532
vendors attended at
13 trade shows

22 vendor member
ads in the MREA Report

1,304 company
listings in Minnesota Utility
Marketplace

104
total advertisements
in the MREA Directory
& Buyer's Guide

MREA received \$72,350 sponsorship dollars from vendor members, which offset costs of our 12 largest conferences.



Safety

STRENGTHENING THE CULTURE OF SAFETY FOR OUR COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY

Developing skilled employees through engaged training

With over 82 training labs available in the key areas noted below, our member co-op employees are balanced in their safety skills and knowledge. We developed a lineworker safety curriculum roadmap in 2018 to track the progress on a 3-year cadence.



Core (6)
Overhead (10)
Underground (5)
System (14)
Fleet (11)

Environmental (14)
Health/Wellness (8)
Response (9)
Skills (8)
Safety Industry (3)



Influencing a RESAP standard of safety

In Minnesota, 35 cooperatives participate in the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program. These cooperatives completed their 3-year actions in 2019.

- Agralite Electric Cooperative
- East Central Energy
- Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative
- Lake Region Electric Cooperative
- Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative
- Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
- MN Valley Co-op Light & Power
- Nobles Cooperative Electric
- People's Energy Cooperative
- Renville-Sibley Cooperative
- Roseau Electric Cooperative
- Runestone Electric Association
- Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative

“Thank you for all you do to keep our people safe in an engaging way.”

“Thanks, I really appreciate your presentation to my crews today. I have heard nothing but good comments.”

“Honestly, you guys have been a real partner for us. Heard a lot about how some statewides weren't meeting member needs...and all I could do was tell them how extremely satisfied we were with ours!”

Promoting safety for all

We are in the business of protecting families! Therefore, we reach out and engage all members of our safety community. In 2019, we made these connections.

- Online safety lessons developed by MREA and targeted for inside employees
- Presented Electrical Safety at the Minnesota State Fire/EMS/Rescue School
- Published "Four Things We Shouldn't Say" article in a national magazine.

In 2019, we provided a full safety service day, in addition to training, to connect all employees with our experienced safety staff and ambassadors.

INSPECTIONS 550

CREW OBSERVATIONS 328

RANDOM SAFE ACTS 992



MREA SAFETY STAFF



YEARS OF UTILITY EXPERIENCE



YEARS OF SAFETY EXPERIENCE

Offering tools to use in a safe environment

MREA provides tools to co-ops so they can learn skills in a safe environment and promote safety.

- The Overhead Transformer Connections software and voltage regulators are available for co-ops to check out and use.
- The driving simulator has 10 lessons to "drive"
- The Hazard Hamlet electrical display supports your public safety presentations



Apprentice Completions

- Kyle Blade, Runestone Electric Association
- Josh Carolan, MiEnergy Cooperative
- Ashmore Chase, Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Dustin Cole, Minnesota Valley Co-op Light & Power
- Tyler Doherty, Runestone Electric Association
- Travis Donnelly, Stearns Electric Association
- Joseph Erickson, Lake Region Electric Association
- Seth Felland, Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Adam Huot, Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association
- Brady Kerkhoff, Brown County Rural Electric Association
- Tyler Kuechle, Irby Construction Company d/b/a/ Okay Construction
- Lucas Larson, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
- Noah Manning, MiEnergy Cooperative
- Logan Mystic, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Daniel Morris, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association
- Sawyer Moser, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
- Nathan Oberlander, Irby Construction Company d/b/a/ Okay Construction
- Nathan Pavek, Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Cody Regan, Connexus Energy
- Ryan Vogel, Lake Country Power
- Jacob Wurm, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association

How many co-ops use each of our apprentice programs?

14

Merchant program

16

T&D Powerskills CDL online

2

Northwest Linemans College

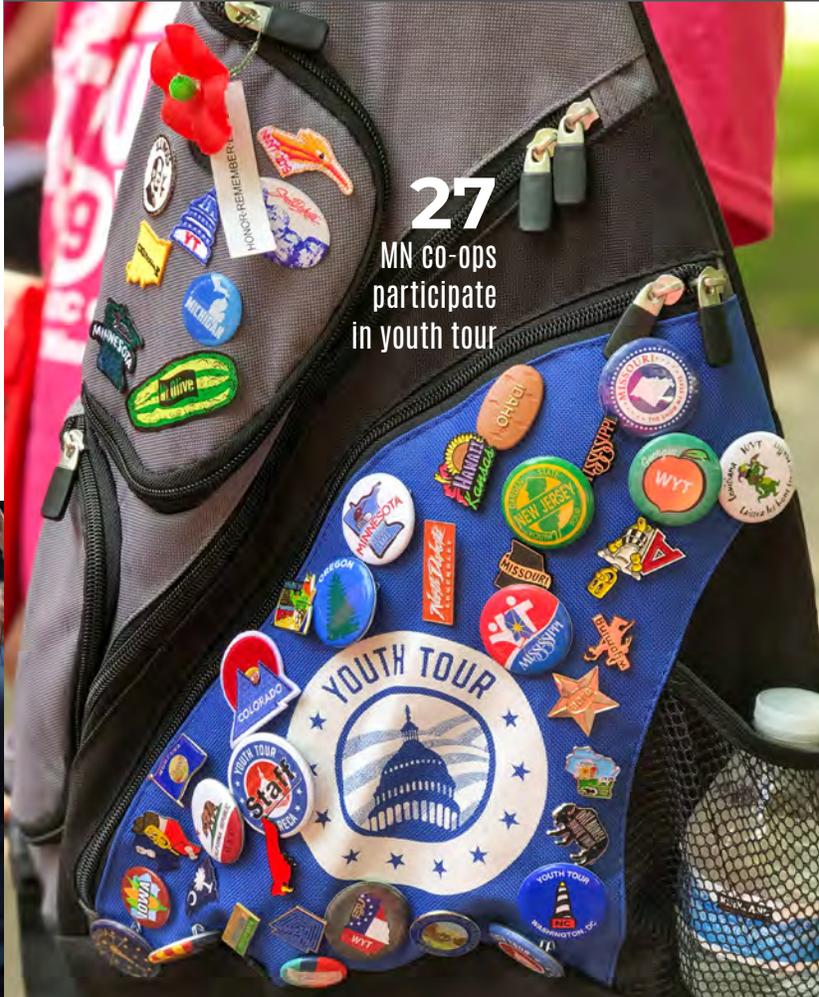


2019 saw another successful National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Last June, electric co-ops across the nation brought 1,833 student delegates to D.C. with 308 staff and chaperones from 42 participating states. 27 Minnesota electric cooperatives sponsored a total of 37 students for the tour. The event featured countless historic monuments and museums, as well as a visit to George Washington's residence at Mount Vernon, Virginia and a Co-ops 101 presentation by Adam Schwartz. Students also got the opportunity to visit with their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol. Ethan Price, sponsored by Redwood Electric Association, was selected as Minnesota's youth representative for the 2020 NRECA annual meeting.

Youth tour

27
MN co-ops
participate
in youth tour

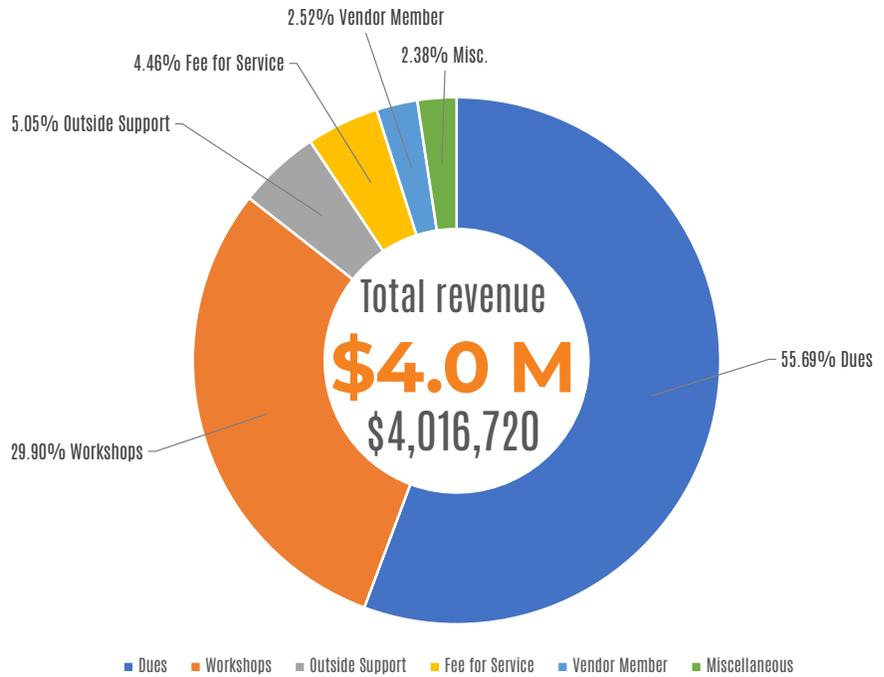


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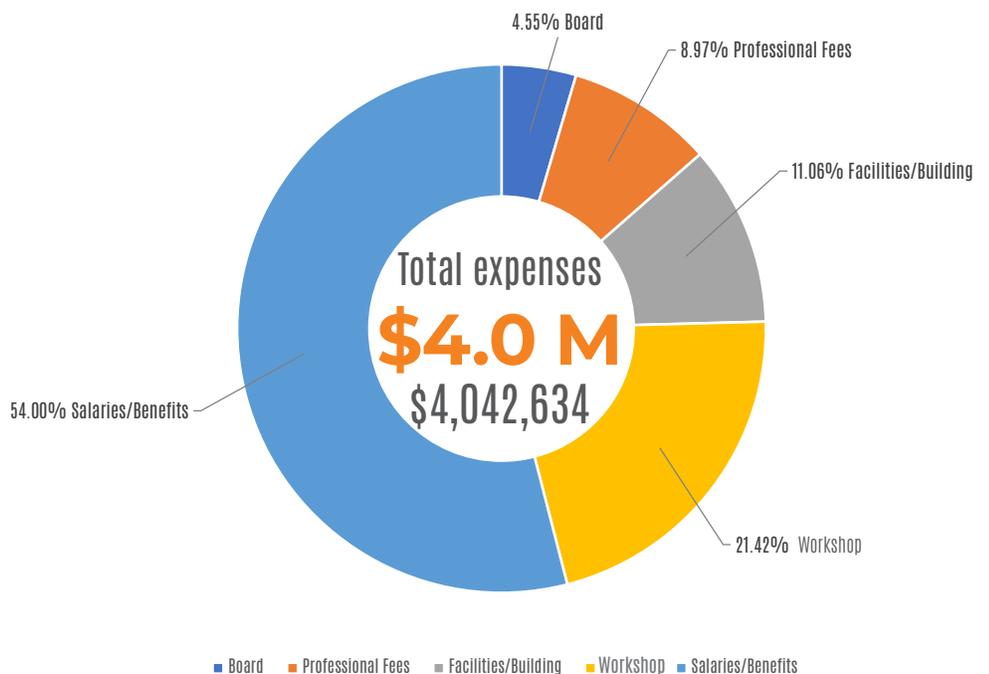
MREA's 2019 actual revenue mix was 55.69% from dues and 44.31% from workshops, outside support, fee for services, vendor member program, and miscellaneous income. Workshops and program revenue make up close to \$1.2 million of our overall revenue, or 29.9%. Of the total workshops held in 2019, ten were unbudgeted and four were cancelled. Our fee for services has grown from \$78,000 in 2013 to \$182,500 in 2019.

MREA's staff is the infrastructure of the organization and account for 54% of our overall expenses with \$2.18 million. Workshops, such as education events, play a key role in our finances. Expenses for these events make up 21.42% of total expenses at \$865,800. Professional fees is an area MREA is using more of from IT support, safety ambassadors, contract lobbyists, and communicators at the expense of \$362,600 or 9%.

2019 REVENUE SOURCES



WHERE DID THE 2019 RESOURCES GET SPENT?



MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2019
ASSETS

	2019
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	580,818
Investments - short term	1,175,000
Prepaid expense	87,453
Prepaid pension expense - current portion	47,096
Accounts receivable	20,468
Total current assets	1,910,835
Investments - long -term	167,322
Property and equipment:	
Land	101,845
Building and building improvements	629,214
Office furniture and equipment	179,826
Automobiles	204,560
Equipment	91,641
	1,207,086
Less: accumulated depreciation	(792,012)
Net property and equipment	415,074
Other Assets:	
Prepaid pension expense net of current portion	157,417
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,650,648

The audited financial statements will be available at www.mrea.org in MREA's member community following the 2020 annual meeting.

MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2019
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

	2019
Current liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	13,637
Accrued Expenses:	
Vacation and paid time off	57,889
Salaries and other expenses	43,191
Deferred revenue	252,231
Other current liabilities	7,307
Current portion of note payable	54,554
Total current liabilities	428,809
Long-term liabilities:	
Note payable net of current portion	207,100
Deferred compensation	62,000
Total long-term liabilities	269,100
Members' equity - without donor restrictions	
Membership certificates - \$5 face value - 53 issued	265
Board designated funds for:	
Investment in land and building	466,063
Undesignated	1,486,411
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,952,739
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$2,650,648

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MINNESOTA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019		Total
	without donor restriction	with donor restriction	
Support and Revenue			
Membership dues	\$2,156,292	\$ -	\$2,156,292
Safety, loss control and miscellaneous	630,864	-	630,864
Education program fees	293,642	-	293,642
Annual meeting	124,350	-	124,350
Energy issues summit	142,441	-	142,441
Safety and loss control insurance contribution	113,546	-	113,546
Youth program	93,808	-	93,808
Vendor member dues	101,150	-	101,150
Government affairs support	43,500	-	43,500
Rural Electric Managers Association	161,822	-	161,822
NRUCFC	25,600	-	25,600
District meetings	13,930	-	13,930
Interest	47,768	-	47,768
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	8,684	-	8,684
CoBank contribution	20,000	-	20,000
Other	39,323	-	39,323
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$4,016,720	-	\$4,016,720
Expenses:			
Programs			
Education	602,068	-	602,068
Safety and loss control	1,115,371	-	1,115,371
Legislative	629,834	-	629,834
Membership	99,207	-	99,207
Supporting activities			
Administrative and other	1,596,154	-	1,596,154
Total expenses	4,042,634	-	4,042,634
Change in members' equity	\$(25,914)	-	\$(25,914)

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MREA Board of Directors



WES WALLER
CHAIR, MREA DISTRICT 2
North Itasca Electric Co-op, Inc.



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PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc.



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2ND VICE CHAIR, MREA DISTRICT 1
Beltrami Electric Co-op, Inc.



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Dakota Electric Association



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MiEnergy Cooperative



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Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative



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Connexus Energy



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EVENT & MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



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DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
& GENERAL COUNSEL



ANDREW SJOLIE
SAFETY SPECIALIST



MELISSA STACHOVICH
DIRECTOR, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION



SHARI WORMWOOD
MEMBER SERVICES COORDINATOR

2019 ACRE HONOR ROLL

100% BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

Agralite Electric Cooperative
Beltrami Electric Cooperative
BENCO Electric Cooperative
100% PRESIDENT'S CLUB
Brown County Rural Electrical Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
Cooperative Light and Power Association
Dakota Electric Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
Freeborn-Mower
Lake Country Power
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative
Meeker Cooperative Light & Power Association
Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative
Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association
Nobles Cooperative Electric
100% BOARD VICE PRESIDENT'S CLUB
North Star Electric Cooperative
People's Energy Cooperative
PKM Electric Cooperative
100% CENTURY CLUB
Sioux Valley Energy
100% MANAGEMENT CENTURY CLUB
Stearns Electric Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
100% CENTURY CLUB
Wild Rice Electric
Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association
100% CENTURY CLUB

100% BOARD

Connexus Energy
100% CENTURY CLUB
Crow Wing Power
East Central Energy
Federated Rural Electric Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
100% SPOUSE PARTICIPATION
Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services
1% OR MORE CO-OP OWNER PARTICIPATION
Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association
McLeod Cooperative Power Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
MiEnergy Cooperative
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative
100% CENTURY CLUB
Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association
100% CENTURY CLUB
South Central Electric Association
Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric
100% CENTURY CLUB
100% SPOUSE PARTICIPATION
1% OR MORE CO-OP OWNER PARTICIPATION
Traverse Electric Cooperative
100% Management
Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative
Lake Region Electric Cooperative
Redwood Electric Cooperative
Roseau Electric Cooperative
Runestone Electric Association



2019 REPAC HONOR ROLL

100% BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

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Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association

100% BOARD

Crow Wing Power
Federated Rural Electric Association
Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association
Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association
Kandiyohi Power Cooperative
PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc.
South Central Electric Association

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Lake Region Electric Cooperative



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MC Sales, Inc.
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In memoriam

Betty Mezzenga, age 95, of Crosslake, passed away February 28, 2019. Bette served on numerous boards of directors, including Crow Wing Power for 23 years, 12 of which she served as board president.

Donald Wellendorf, Jr., of Ortonville, Minnesota, passed away on April 4, 2019, at the age of 87. Donald served as board president for Agralite Electric.

Gary Bergan, of Hawley, Minnesota, passed away April 13, 2019 at the age of 79. Gary served as director on the Wild Rice Electric board for 21 years.

James Cox passed away at age 78 on April 29, 2019. Jim served the members of North Itasca Electric Cooperative for 29 years and was board chair for 10 of those years.

Lyle Schleif, age 91, passed away on May 23, 2019. He served on the Anoka Electric Cooperative/Connexus Energy board of directors from 1974-2000, and was secretary/ treasurer from 1983-2000.

Steffen "Steve" Pederson, of Farewell, Minnesota, passed away at the age of 50 on May 25, 2019 after a four-year battle with cancer. He had served on the Runestone Electric Association board of directors since 2014.

Thomas "Tom" Wittry, of Dorchester, Iowa, passed away on May 28, 2019. Tom was a dedicated lineman to MiEnergy for 36 years. He was 57 years old.

Bill O'Brien, of Nelson, Minnesota, passed away on October 6, 2019. Bill was director for Runestone Electric Association for 36 years. During that time he also held leadership roles on both the REA and Great River Energy boards. He was 85.

Philip "Phil" Tideman, of Wahkon, Minnesota, passed away December 2, 2019 at the age of 93. Phil served as director for 15 years with North Pine and East Central Energy along with being a director of United Power Association in Elk River and president of the board for eight years.

Janet Lekson, age 68 of Lakeville, passed away unexpectedly on February 29, 2020. Janet served as a director for both Dakota Electric Association and MREA. She was also a REPAC trustee and an MREA Resolutions Committee member.

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