

Policy decisions made at the state legislature impact co-op members in many ways. Join us in advocating for affordable, reliable electricity by participating in one or all of these advocacy options. Your voice can make a difference. Start by finding out who your Minnesota State Senator and Representatives are using the "[Who Represents Me?](#)" tool. Listed below are several options for you to get involved in advocating today!

▶ **Schedule a meeting with your legislators.**



Contact your legislators to request a meeting to discuss legislative issues that impact your cooperative. You can come to their office in St. Paul or ask to meet locally.

Identify yourself as a constituent by mentioning that you live in their district. Talking points and handouts to help guide your discussion are available on the policy section of [MREA's advocacy webpage](#). If you would like MREA Government Relations staff to help set up a meeting, or attend a meeting you scheduled, please [email us](#) a request.

▶ **Invite your legislators to speak at a board meeting.**



Invite a local legislator to speak briefly or participate in a Q&A on legislative issues at a board meeting. When extending an invite, emphasize that it's a great opportunity to meet engaged, local voters in their district.

▶ **Host a candidate energy forum for your employees and/or members to attend.**



Invite candidates running for office in your area to participate. Write questions to ask candidates about their policy positions on the issues that matter most to your cooperative community.

▶ **Sign up for Voter Voice to email your legislators about important issues.**



[Create an account](#) on Voter Voice and receive notifications from MREA when issues Important to cooperatives are being debated in St. Paul. With the click

of a button, you can send an email directly to your legislators letting them know you care about select issues impacting electric cooperatives.

▶ **Attend MREA's Annual Meeting or Grassroots Day in St. Paul.**



MREA's Annual Meeting takes place in St. Paul during February or March each year and offers several opportunities to engage with legislators including a legislative panel on energy policy, individual legislator meetings, and a legislative reception. Grassroots Day is a second opportunity, usually in April, to come to the State Capitol for the day to meet with legislators. Check out current year event dates on [MREA's event page](#).

▶ **Donate to the Rural Electric Political Action Committee (REPAC).**



REPAC allows MREA members to combine smaller, individual contributions into a large fund which increases our advocacy impact at the state legislature by allowing us to donate meaningful checks to the campaigns of current legislators. These donations help us keep the issues important to our members visible by helping us build relationships with legislators who make decisions that directly impact electric cooperatives.

▶ **Facilitate a candidate questionnaire.**



Create a questionnaire that asks local candidates about issues that impact your cooperative. Contact each candidate's campaign and request they fill out the questionnaire. Share the results with your members.

▶ **Attend a campaign fundraiser or event.**



Legislators running for office in your area hold campaign events, town halls, and fundraisers throughout the year. Visit their Facebook page or campaign website to find out when these events are occurring and attend to meet your legislator in person. If you attend a fundraiser, you can request a check from REPAC to donate.