Recognize someone?
This should be you on June 1.

Attending an annual meeting in the 1960s, most of these Capital Electric Cooperative members could remember the first time the lights came on. They knew the value of electricity, and the important role they played as member-owners. Today, electricity is a commodity rather than a novelty. In this month’s local pages, new General Manager Paul Fitterer shares some of the challenges electric cooperatives face, and why it’s more important than ever to be active and involved member-owners.
Empowering members to make informed energy decisions

BY CARMEN DEVENY

Change is ahead for your electric cooperative. Paul Fitterer, the new general manager of Capital Electric Cooperative, explains some of the prominent challenges, and why it’s important for our member-owners to stay informed.

On April 1, Fitterer took over as general manager, following the retirement of Lars Nygren, who served as general manager for 32 years. Prior to being hired by Capital Electric as business manager in 2004, Fitterer worked at National Information Solutions Cooperative in Mandan, giving him 20 years of cooperative education and experience.

He’s stepping into some big challenges immediately. In last month’s North Dakota Living local pages, Paul Sukut, general manager of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, told Capital Electric’s Member Advisory Committee members that he couldn’t think of anything that would have a more dire effect on North Dakota than the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan. One week later, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a “stay” of the plan, which proposes to reduce carbon emissions in North Dakota by a staggering 45 percent. While the stay means the Clean Power Plan currently has no legal effect while the courts are reviewing the rule for its lawfulness, Fitterer says public perception dictates that we’re moving toward a carbon-constrained world.

“We will see pressure on our wholesale power rates, especially if the Clean Power Plan would go into effect as is,” he says. “It would require Capital Electric to purchase power from less carbon-intensive areas like wind, solar and gas. You can implement all the solar and wind you want, but at nighttime when the wind isn’t blowing and you don’t have solar, you have to have something else to cover it. That has to be a gas, and it costs money to build those plants,” he says.

Fitterer noted that consumers would be paying to bring new generation online, while at the same time paying the debt on existing coal-fired power plants that would have to be shuttered before they reach their remaining useful life.

Capital Electric purchases power from Central Power Electric Cooperative. Today, the cost to purchase power is roughly 70 percent of Capital Electric’s operating costs — and growing.

“That’s only 30 percent of our operating costs that we have direct control over,” Fitterer says. “To give Lars credit, we have one of the lowest-controllable operating costs per-member in the country. There’s not a lot of room to save money there, so we need to be diligent in working with our power providers to minimize the impacts of changes.”

Another big challenge for cooperatives across the country is there aren’t a lot of people who remember the novelty of when the lights came on.

“The people who went through it remember. They still come to our annual meetings. They get it and are involved,” Fitterer says. “Most people nowadays who are members weren’t alive during that time. They’ve had safe, affordable and reliable energy their whole life. It’s a commodity,” he says.

As the electric industry continues to change, so do the needs of the cooperative’s membership. Fitterer says it’s important to him to learn what the co-op’s member-owners want in terms of service, rates and carbon footprint.

“It’s important that co-ops embrace what their members want. To get feedback from them and find out what that is, and set up our rates to promote that variable, we will be incentivized as a co-op to help our members save energy,” he says.

The cooperative plans to reach out and receive feedback from millennials. “They are on their cell phones; they aren’t at our meetings. I want to know what a 30-year-old wants as much as I want to know what a 60-year-old wants,” Fitterer says. “It’s important that we connect with our members, build relationships and get them involved. Empowering our members to make informed energy decisions is really going to be the key.”

Staying vigilant in the legislative process on the state and federal level, and utilizing the strength of the electric cooperative network, is another challenge for Capital Electric and its members, as more issues like the Clean Power Plan continue to arise.

“It’s important to use our grassroots capabilities,” Fitterer says. “Electric cooperatives serve 42 million people across the country. That’s why we are powerful on a national level, and it’s similar statewide. Together, we have a powerful voice.”

Another challenge on the horizon is distributed generation. As the cost of electric service is being driven up by issues like the Clean Power Plan, technology is advancing in the forms of solar and wind. As the cost of station power increases and the cost/benefit of alternative energy improves, members may be adding solar and wind capabilities to their homes; especially once battery storage improves and becomes affordable.

“That will be another challenge for us to find out what our members want and how they want us to help them,” Fitterer says.

While issues like the Clean Power Plan may leave our members feeling uncertain as to what the future holds for their electric bills, they can take comfort in knowing Capital Electric is closely monitoring issues on a state and federal level, and will do its best to keep providing safe, affordable and reliable electric service. And as Paul Fitterer becomes comfortable in his new role as general manager, he looks forward to visiting with our members and receiving their feedback — and ultimately working together in cooperative style to move Capital Electric forward.
PLAN TOGETHER. STAY SAFE TOGETHER.

NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY
APRIL 11, 2016

Standing: Jeremy Ensign, journeyman lineman; Digger: Braden Martin, journeyman lineman

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**Directors represent your interests**

Capital Electric Cooperative is overseen by a board of directors elected by the member-owners of our co-op. Each director represents the members on the board and each director is a co-op member.

Directors represent the members’ interests. They learn and internalize concerns, expectations and ideas, and take the information into the board room. During board meetings, directors exchange information and strategize for the co-op’s progressive growth.

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the cooperative. They exercise care, time and responsibility in reviewing co-op matters. Because they are also owners of the cooperative, they treat the business like their own.

Directors devote a certain amount of time to the cooperative. At a minimum, directors attend a monthly board meeting. To learn about the industry and understand critical issues, directors also read and research, and attend state and national meetings.

To help directors with their responsibilities, training is offered through the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. If directors choose to pursue certification, they must take and complete five courses that cover director duties and liabilities, understanding the electric business board roles and relationships, strategic planning and financial decision-making.

Serving Capital Electric Cooperative and your community can be a rewarding experience! For more information, contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see C5) or call the co-op at 701-223-1513.

**Be a part of the team**

Besides working as a pilot for the North Dakota Department of Transportation, Deon Vilhauer and his wife, Renae, keep busy with their daughters, the family farm and their small business of netwrap sales. A board member for Capital Electric Cooperative for more than 6 years, Deon says he chooses to serve for the simple reason of wanting to help members continue receiving reliable electricity at an affordable rate. “I grew up on a farm that relied on electricity provided by an electric cooperative, and I know the importance of reliability,” he says. Deon is pictured here with daughters Isabella, left, and Delaney.

Now’s the time to consider running for a position on Capital Electric Cooperative’s board of directors. Deon and the other eight directors encourage you to join them in the board room, and understand how the power of human cooperation changes lives — and makes cooperatives and communities stronger.

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**Save the Date**

**JUNE 01, 2016**

**WHAT:** Capital Electric annual meeting

**WHERE:** Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

**WHY:** To learn about co-op issues; to cast your vote and elect three members to serve on the board of directors; to collect a capital credit check if you qualify; and to enjoy entertainment and eat a free meal.
Are you interested in serving as a director for Capital Electric?
Place YOUR name on the ballot today!

Capital Electric Cooperative’s 70th annual meeting will be held June 1 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. This year, three seats on the co-op’s board of directors will need to be filled. Directors whose three-year terms will expire this June include David Liuska and Arlene Olson, both from District 2, and Sheri Haugen-Hoffart from District 1. Director Liuska will not be seeking re-election.

The nine members who make up the Capital Electric board of directors set policies and make decisions that will guide the cooperative into the future. With the annual meeting just a few short months away, now is the time for members to start thinking about whether they have the time and desire to serve their electric cooperative.

In accordance with Article 4, Section 3 of the co-op bylaws, current members of Capital Electric can have their names placed on the ballot to be voted upon for the open board positions in one of three ways: accepting a nomination by the Capital Electric Nominating Committee; submitting a petition signed by at least 15 current members of the cooperative, not less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting; and having your name placed in nomination from the floor at the annual meeting prior to the board of director election.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Capital Electric Cooperative board of directors or wish to have a member considered for nomination, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed above prior to April 12. Committee members will have information on the requirements a member must meet in order to serve on the co-op’s board of directors. Pursuant to the bylaws, the Nominating Committee must post a list of nominations at least 35 days prior to the annual meeting. Current board members whose terms will expire in 2016 are:
- District 1: Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
- District 2: David Liuska and Arlene Olson

Official notice of Capital Electric’s 70th annual meeting will be mailed to members in May.

In Memory of Gene Hilken

Longtime Capital Electric Cooperative board director Gene Hilken, from Wilton, passed away on March 14. Gene, 86, served on the Capital Electric board for 38 years. He also served two terms in the N.D. Senate, where he at one time chaired the Transportation Committee. Gene was a co-op believer through and through. His son, Kyle, now serves on the board of directors for Capital Electric, Central Power Electric Cooperative and the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, continuing the co-op service tradition that was so important to Gene and his wife, Vivian. We fondly remember Gene and are appreciative of his many years of service to the cooperative.
Bylaw change to be voted upon at annual meeting

Capital Electric Cooperative’s board of directors has unanimously approved a proposal to change the cooperative’s director districts. The change would be effected in the form of an amendment to the cooperative’s bylaws. The proposed changes are listed below. Please note that words deleted from existing bylaw language in the proposal have been struck through, and words added in the proposal have been underlined. This proposed change to the bylaws will be voted upon by the membership at Capital Electric Cooperative’s annual meeting on June 1, 2016. It will take a majority of members voting for the change at that meeting for it to become effective. If adopted, the board director districts will change will take effect in 2017.

The proposed change will make the bylaws easier to understand and continue the proportional representation within each new district. Each new district will have a similar number of members.

The director district changes are being made in the “Nominations and Elections” section of the cooperative’s bylaws. In that section, the proposal replaces the district identifiers “District 2, Subdistrict 2A” and “District 2, Subdistrict 2B” with “District 2” and “District 3”. District 1, which encompasses the cooperative’s service area in south Bismarck, will be expanded to the east and partially to the north. District 2, which now consists of two subdistricts, 2A and 2B, will be divided in more of a north to south manner and split into District 2 and District 3.

The proposed bylaw change retains the role of a Nominating Committee of cooperative members in each of the districts to name directors candidates to the board. The proposal states that each of the three newly created districts will elect three (3) members to the board. The proposed changes will continue to say the committee should make nominations that provide for a dispersed geographical representation within the respective districts. In order to ensure that there are three (3) board members from each district and each year one (1) member from each district is up for re-election, terms of existing board members may be shortened until the terms are staggered correctly.

(DRAFT)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that one of the items of business is a proposal to amend Article III, Section 7, Voting Districts, of the Bylaws of the Cooperative as follows:

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 7. Voting Districts. Beginning with the annual membership meeting in the year 2017, the territory served or to be served by the Cooperative shall be divided into three (3) two (2) districts, one to be called “District 1,” and one to be called “District 2,” and one to be called “District 3,” District 2 shall be further divided into two (2) subdistricts, one to be called “Subdistrict 2A” and those to be called “Subdistrict 2B” to be defined as follows:

DISTRICT 1

Township 139-75.............................................Driscoll ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 139-76.............................................Sterling .........................................Burleigh County
Township 139-77.............................................McKenzie ......................................Burleigh County
Township 138-75.............................................Thelma ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 138-76.............................................Boyd ..............................................Burleigh County
Township 138-77.............................................Logan .............................................Burleigh County
Township 138-78.............................................Taf ..................................................Burleigh County
Township 138-80.............................................Lincoln ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 137-75.............................................Wild Rose ........................................Burleigh County
Township 137-76.............................................Long Lake ........................................Burleigh County
Township 137-77.............................................Morton .............................................Burleigh County
Township 137-78.............................................Missouri ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 137-79.............................................Fort Rice ........................................Burleigh County
Township 136-76.............................................Dana ...............................................Emmons County
Township 136-77.............................................Buchanan Valley ..............................Emmons County
Township 136-78.............................................Emmons County
Township 136-79.............................................Emmons County

DISTRICT 2

SUBDISTRICT 2A

Township 146-74.............................................Goodrich ......................................Sheridan County
Township 146-75.............................................Denhoff ..........................................Sheridan County
Township 146-76.............................................Lamont ..........................................Sheridan County

DISTRICT 3

SUBDISTRICT 2B

Township 146-77.............................................McClusky ......................................Sheridan County
Township 146-78.............................................Pickard ..........................................Sheridan County
Township 145-74.............................................Maucy ..........................................Sheridan County
Township 145-75.............................................Sperry ..........................................Sheridan County
Township 145-76.............................................Whittaker ......................................Sheridan County
Township 145-77.............................................John’s Lake .....................................Sheridan County
Township 145-78.............................................Edgemont .......................................Sheridan County
Township 144-75.............................................Hazel Grove .....................................Burleigh County
Township 144-76.............................................Florence Lake ..................................Burleigh County
Township 144-77.............................................Schrunk ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 144-78.............................................Sterling ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 144-79.............................................Wilson ...........................................Burleigh County
Township 143-75.............................................Phoenix ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 143-76.............................................Richmond ........................................Burleigh County
Township 143-77.............................................Canfield ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 143-78.............................................Estevanville .....................................Burleigh County
Township 142-79.............................................Grass Lake .......................................Burleigh County
Township 142-75.............................................Harriet ...........................................Burleigh County
Township 142-76.............................................Wing .................................................Burleigh County
Township 142-77.............................................Rock Hill ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 142-78.............................................Ghylin ...........................................Burleigh County
Township 142-79.............................................Ecklund ..........................................Burleigh County
Township 142-80.............................................Painted Woods ..................................Burleigh County
Township 142-81.............................................Painted Woods ..................................Burleigh County
Township 141-75.............................................Lein ...............................................Burleigh County
Township 141-76.............................................Lyman .............................................Burleigh County
Township 141-77.............................................Trygg .............................................Burleigh County
Township 140-75.............................................Clear Lake ........................................Burleigh County
Township 140-76.............................................Christiania ......................................Burleigh County
Township 140-77.............................................Sibley Butte .....................................Burleigh County
Township 140-78.............................................Frances ...........................................Burleigh County
Township 140-79.............................................Naughton ........................................Burleigh County
Township 139-78.............................................Menoken ........................................Burleigh County
Township 139-79.............................................Gibbs ............................................Burleigh County
Township 139-80 (East ½)..............................Hay Creek ........................................Burleigh County
Township 139-80 (West ½)  Hay Creek  Burleigh County
Township 139-81  Hay Creek  Burleigh County
Township 138-79  Theda  Burleigh County
Township 138-78  Theda  Burleigh County
Township 137-78  Wild Rose  Burleigh County
Township 137-77  Long Lake  Burleigh County
Township 137-76 motion  Burleigh County
Township 139-82  Hay Creek  Burleigh County
Township 139-80 (West ½)  Hay Creek  Burleigh County
Township 136-77  Buchanan Valley  Emmons County

Nominations and Elections
amend Article IV, Section 3,

Township 136-77  Buchanan Valley  Emmons County

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that one of the items of business is a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3, Nominations and Elections, of the Bylaws of the Cooperative as follows:

ARTICLE IV
DIRECTORS

Section 3. Nominations and Elections.

(a) Nomination of Directors: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty days nor more than one hundred-twenty days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than eleven members who shall be selected from each of the districts so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Directors may serve on such a committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty-five days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors. It is recommended that at least two candidates be nominated from "District 1" and at least four candidates be nominated from "District 2" by the committee from each district. The committee shall nominate candidates that provide for a dispersed geographical representation within the respective districts. Any fifteen or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than thirty days prior to the meeting and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates. The names shall be arranged by districts, and/or subdistricts, and shall specify separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and also the nominations made by petition, if any. Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations from the floor at the meetings of the members. The members may, at any meeting at which director or directors shall be removed as hereinafter provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations, except that the new director must reside in the same district as the directors in respect to whom the vacancy occurs. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

(b) Election of Directors: Election of directors shall be by printed ballot. The ballots shall list the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations and by petitions, if any, arranged by districts, and/or subdistricts. A candidate nominated from the floor of the meeting may be voted for by writing in the name of such candidate beneath the names of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations and by petitions, if any, of the particular district, and/or subdistrict. The board of directors will have the authority to provide for staggered board terms as necessary to ensure there is one director from each district up for re-election each year. At such time the board terms have been appropriately staggered. Each member of the Cooperative present in person at the annual meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from "District 1," and two candidates from "District 2," and one candidate from "District 3." Beginning with the annual membership meeting in the year 2005/2006, at least two directors from "District 2" shall reside in Subdistrict 2A and at least two directors shall reside in Subdistrict 2B. In the event the minimum geographical dispersity requirement is not met, then only those members who reside in the subdistrict with a vacancy or vacancies may be nominated and elected. Directors shall be nominated and elected first to fill the subdistrict vacancies, if any, on the Board of Directors so that the new board will be vacant in the year 2005/2006, as the Board of Directors is then constituted. The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes in a vacant subdistrict, if any, shall be deemed to be elected director from that subdistrict and district. As soon as the Board of Directors has achieved the minimum geographical dispersity requirement, remaining vacancies, if any, on the Board in "District 2" shall be elected at large and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be deemed elected. Annually thereafter, vacancies in "District 2" on the Board shall be filled in the same manner, with minimum subdistrict vacancies filled first, followed by election of remaining directors, if any. At large, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for the candidates in "District 1," "District 2," and "District 3" shall be deemed to be elected from that district. A director shall be elected for a three-year term and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

The presiding officer at each annual meeting of the members shall appoint an election board to consist of three members from "District 1," and two members from "District 2," and three members from "District 3" present at such meeting. In the event of a tie vote, the election shall be determined by lot in such manner as shall be selected or determined by said election board.

The maps to the right reflect the boundaries of the current districts, 1, 2 and 2A, and the proposed new districts, 1, 2 and 3.

CURRENT DISTRICTS

District 1 - 5,115
District 2A - 534
District 2B - 10,668
Total members - 16,317

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICTS

District 1 - 5,383
District 2 - 5,540
District 3 - 5,394
Total Members - 16,317
Board minute excerpts Feb. 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held Friday, February 19, 2016, at co-op headquarters in Bismarck, North Dakota, pursuant to due notice to all directors. All of the directors were present at that time.

**Financial review:** Prior to the board meeting, Directors Wrangham and Patrie reviewed the January 2016 check register and expenditures. Patrie reported all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve January expenditures in the amount of $2,908,525.73.

**Business department report:** The Manager reviewed the January financial and statistical report with the Board. The total kilowatt-hour (KWH) sales for January 2016 were below budget by 4.4 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue was below budget by 4.6 percent. The total margin for January is $78,641 compared to the budgeted margin of $34,290, above budget by $11,931.

The year-end financials for 2015 have been completed. Some adjustments were made; most notably approximately $50,000 in expenses that should have gone to December but had originally been posted to January. After the adjustments, our 2015 operating margins were $391,800 and total margins were $1,752,744. The most revenue that can be deferred in $340,000. It was recommended by management that the Board move to defer the $340,000.

It was moved, seconded and carried to defer $340,000 to our revenue deferral plan.

Capital Electric began billing 25 new services in January, bringing our active services to 19,233 versus 18,527 at this time last year, or a net increase of 706 accounts over the last 12 months.

The Manager reviewed the comparison of actual-to-budgeted expenses for the month of January and year-to-date through February 2016. Accounts receivable balances as of Feb. 18, 2016, were reviewed.

**Job position changes:** Dana Solem has accepted the open position of Billing Coordinator, effective Feb. 1, 2016. The Business Manager position has been posted with applications due by Feb. 29, 2016.

**Project Use Power:** The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District has an irrigation pump serviced by Capital Electric that is eligible for a fixed allocation of power under a Project Use Power (PUP) contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. Capital Electric has been working with the Western Area Power Administration, Garrison Diversion and Central Power Electric Cooperative. It is likely a proposed contract will be presented to the board in a future meeting.

**Estate retirements:** Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members’ estates:

- Christian Jensen $ 801.28
- Julia Roehrch $ 541.54
- TOTAL $1,342.82

**Engineering and operations report:** The Manager reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department. We completed 37 work orders this month, adding 105 new consumers to the system.

Fisher continues to trenched in new services and VIP continues to work on our overhead rural rebuild.

We received our replacement bucket truck for unit #85.

Nygren, Fitterer and Lipp attended the N.D. Supreme Court hearing on the Menards site on Jan. 27, 2016. Our side was well-presented.

We met with Central Power on Feb. 9 to discuss the new 71st Substation that they will build this summer. It will be built in August/September of this year.

This new substation was not in our 2016 budget; with five new circuits we need five OCRs with controls, an RTU, TWACs system and miscellaneous cable for a total of $180,000.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve an amendment to the budget to include these expenditures.

It was moved, seconded and carried to purchase Ermco transformers for the 2016 construction season from RESCO, as set forth in a department letter dated Jan. 20, 2016.

It was moved, seconded and carried to purchase 2016 cable from Okonite.

We received underground contractor bids for this construction season. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve all three contractor pricings, to be used based on pricing and availability.

**Member services department:** The Manager reviewed the member service written report.

**Electric heat installs:** Propane prices have dropped since last year’s heating season, but interest in electric heat is still there.

**Energy Resource Conservation loans:** There are no loans for Board approval this month.

**Communications and public relations department:** Madison Fritz of Bismarck is our Electric Cooperative Youth Tour essay contest winner and will participate in the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour in June.

**Safety report:** There was no lost-time accidents this month.

**North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) employees Christy Roemnich, director of safety services, and Steve Homes, safety instructor, were at our shop Feb. 10, 2016 conducting a Speak Up! / Listen Up! safety meeting.

All of Capital Electric’s commercial driver’s license holders completed their Department of Transportation physicals this month.

Without objection, the safety report was approved.

**Nominating Committee:** It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Brian Bittner, LeAna Hug, Warren Larson, Julie Roswick, Sanford Williams, Gary Hansen, Arlliss Koski, Ann Reich, and Kristi Schlosser Carlson to the Capital Electric Nominating Committee.

**Bylaws:** The goal is to get the three Director Districts to the point where each District elects one director each year. The Bylaw would be effective at the annual meeting in 2017.

It was moved, seconded and carried to have the attorney draft a revised Bylaw to establish three new Director Districts to accomplish this purpose.

**Central Power:** Hilken was elected as Central Power director with the alternate being Haugen-Hoffart.

It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Hilken to cast our vote on contested matters at Central Power and Olson as alternate.

All directors will serve as delegates to the Central Power annual meeting.

Olson reported on the results of the Resolution Committee at Central Power.

**NDAREC:** There was no meeting this month.

**National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) meeting report:** Haugen-Hoffart and Nygren reported on the NRECA annual meeting.

**Basin Electric:** The February Basin Electric report from Troy Presser was reviewed. Presser would like to meet with Capital Electric at our March meeting in Minot to update the Board on Basin Electric matters.

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.