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Expect Changes At Annual Meeting

Board responds to member requests to change meeting format

Survey responses following the East Central Electric (ECE) Annual Meeting last year found that co-op members prefer a shorter annual meeting, expanded registration area, and a change in the prize drawing format that would give members who are not present at time of drawing a chance to win.

Last month, the ECE board approved the following resolutions regarding the annual meeting, giving the green light to several of these member-generated ideas.

1. Members need not be present at the time of drawing to win prizes. Winners will be selected electronically from the list of annual meeting registrants, and announced at the end of the meeting. If a winner is not present at the time of drawing, they will be notified by telephone and their prize will be mailed to them. Grand prize winners must come to the co-op to claim their prize and have a photograph taken for the newsletter and local media.

2. In response to member surveys, the registration area will be enlarged and an air conditioned overflow tent will be located ouside to provide additional seating for members. The tent will be equipped with audio/video equipment to allow members in the overflow tent to follow the details of the business meeting.

The overflow area is necessary due to maximum occupancy regulations for OSUIT buildings. The occupancy limit for Covelle Hall is 1,900 persons, with no standing permitted. At the upcoming ECE Annual Meeting, co-op employees will monitor the occupancy to make sure everyone is seated. When the crowd reaches capacity, members will be directed to the overflow area.

Commenting on the board's decision, General Manager Tim Smith said, "The annual meeting grows larger every year and that's a good thing. By adopting the changes suggested by our members, we believe we will improve our meeting, and make sure it's safe and comfortable for everyone."

The 2014 ECE Annual Meeting will be held on July 24,2014 at OSUIT Covelle Hall in Okmulgee. Please watch your newsletter for more details, and make plans to attend.

> **"These changes will help us improve our meeting while making sure it's safe and comfortable for everyone."**
>
> —TIM SMITH, GENERAL MANAGER
> EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

operation roundup
update

Operation Roundup funds support local charitable organizations, civic groups, youth programs, community services, and needy families and individuals. For more information on this voluntary bill roundup program, please visit **www.ecoec.com.**

Figures to date:

Applications reviewed	586
Applications granted	424
Applications denied	151
Applications tabled	10
Scholarships awarded	$107,000.00
Total Disbursements	**$1,086,799.46**
Average member contribution	44¢

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