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Annual Meeting Bylaws Information

REC's Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day will be held on August 25, 2007

Roanoke Electric will host its Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 25. The three-year term for directors serving districts 1, 5, and 9 will be up for election.

Respectively currently serving these districts are J. P. Garner, Kenneth Jernigan, and Chester Deloatch.

The cooperative's Bylaws require that a director must:

- Be a member of the cooperative receiving service there from his/her primary residential abode.

- He/she must be a member in good standing and cannot be a close relative on an incumbent board member or an employee of the Cooperative.

- He/she must be 18 years of age not employed by or have any financial interest in a competing enterprise, or an enterprise that does business with the cooperative or sells electrical or plumbing supplies, appliances, fixtures and wiring primarily to cooperative members.

The Bylaws establish two methods for nominating board members:

(1) By Nominating Committee or

(2) By signature petition of 15 or more members at least 35 days before the Annual Meeting.

At press time, the nominating committee was not yet formed. It was to be created on June 26. To find out the date for the meeting of the Nominating committee, please contact Roanoke Electric Cooperative.



Energy audit helps you save money

Roanoke Electric offers a free home energy auditing tool to help you save on your utility bill. The auditing calculator is available online at www.roanokeelectric.com.

This calculator will provide you estimates of energy use costs based on your input. The annual and monthly results are not intended to be exact but rather to provide a comparison between the energy your home is currently using (Base House) and various new scenarios.

After you run a few variations, be sure to click the view details and chart buttons for different views. Roanoke Electric wants to help you conserve on your utility bill. For more information, on how to save on your utility bill, visit us online at www.roanokeelectric.com.

Roanoke Electric awarded nationally for its Member Guidebook

Roanoke Electric Cooperative recently received recognition in the 2007 “Spotlight on Excellence” national awards program, sponsored by the Council of Rural Electric Communicators and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



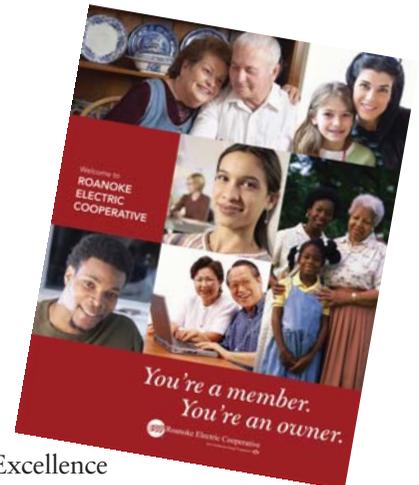
Marshall Cherry (left) accepts the Spotlight award from Maggie Tilley, administrator of the awards program.

Roanoke Electric received an Award of Excellence in the “Best Special Publication” category for “2006 Member Guidebook.” Marshall Cherry, Vice-President of Member Services and Marketing, accepted the award on Roanoke Electric’s behalf.

“One judge summed it up by describing the overall quality of work as simply outstanding,” said Maggie Tilley, administrator of Spotlight on Excellence. “In quality of writing, clarity of presentation, and level of creativity these professionals are excelling at serving the people with whom they are communicating.”

Awards participants competed with electric cooperatives of similar sizes in 19 categories.

Electric cooperative communicators and marketing professionals submitted more than 830 entries in the Spotlight on



Excellence program, now in its 19th year. Faculty members from the University of Missouri–Columbia and the University of Southern Mississippi judged the entries. The Spotlight awards competition is an annual event recognizing the top-rated communication and marketing efforts by electric cooperatives and related organizations.

REC subsidiary employee attends state's first Campus CERT training

East Carolina University hosted the state’s first Campus Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training May 8-10.

Sponsored by ECU’s Department

of Health Education and Promotion, Michigan State University, and N.C. CERT, the training drew interest from 25 campus and public safety

responders from across the region, including Peace College, Guilford College, East Carolina University and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Stephanie Duffey, Regional Marketing Coordinator for Roanoke Economic Development, Inc. and Coordinator for the Hertford County Citizen Corps Council/CERT, was among those who attended. Roanoke Economic Development, Inc. is a Roanoke Electric subsidiary.

The three-day training showed participants how to tailor emergency

response procedures to specific needs of a campus environment. Campus concerns include transient populations, large groups of people, campus visitors, political activity, communication limitations, industrial hazards, pandemics, crime, special events and research facilities.

“A campus is like any other big neighborhood,” said C-CERT project coordinator Chuck Bouth. “It’s very important we have an organization that when emergency response officials are overwhelmed we can help them and take care of our own.”

Phil Schertzing from Michigan State University’s School of Criminal Justice led the sessions, which offered hands-on disaster preparedness training and helping attendees train others to become CERT volunteers on their campuses.



Stephanie Duffey, REDI Regional Marketing Coordinator and Coordinator for Hertford County Citizen Corps Council/CERT, with her new Campus-CERT equipment.

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Individuals, agencies recognized for community service at CISNE gala

Communities In Schools of the Northeast and the United Faith Coalition held their first annual Gala awards banquet in late April at Nebo Family Life Center in Murfreesboro. The banquet also raised money to help keep kids stay in school and prepare for life.

Communities In Schools of the Northeast (CISNE) is a three-year-old non-profit organization that works with schools, agencies and organizations to connect community resources and effect a greater future for area youth.

The organization covers 16 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrell, Warren and Washington.

Developed through a collaboration between Communities In Schools, Roanoke Economic Development, Inc. and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, CISNE works to ensure young people remain in school, learn needed skills and prepare for post secondary education and careers.

The event featured former educator and respected role model Dr. Dudley E. Flood of Raleigh as the keynote speaker, Wendell Hall acting as MC. Banquet, and included appearances from Senator Ed Jones (4th District – N.C. Senate) and N.C. House Representatives Michael Wray (27th District) and Annie W. Mobley (5th District).

Also joining the celebration were corporate platinum sponsors Dominion North Carolina Power and Roanoke Electric Cooperative. State and county agencies, local government and school officials and non-profit and community outreach groups were also present.

“This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to thank our partners, businesses, educators, and volunteers for all they bring to our youth and the community,” said CISNE Executive Director Diana Mitchell. “This just shows what happens when



Left to right: Communities In Schools of North Carolina Donya Perry, NC House Representatives Michael Wray (27th District), CISNE Program Coordinator Rosetta Smith, Gates County Cooperative Extension Shevon Riddick, CISNE Executive Director Diana Mitchell and Senator Ed Jones (4th District – NC Senate).

we collaborate and turn a vision into an outpouring of the community so that our students can flourish.”

The Gala served as a dual celebration. The event correlated with the third anniversary of the United Faith Coalition, an alliance of Northampton County churches dedicated to the spiritual, educational, and well-being of our families, individuals and communities.

Winners of the CISNE Gala Awards were as follows:

Organizational Awards

- **Children, Youth and Families Award:**

presented to Weldon City Schools Parent Advisory Committee for its demonstrated extraordinary commitment to meeting specific, measurable needs in the lives of families and children.

- **Health & Wellness Community Outreach Award:** presented to Gates County 4-H TRY-IT Health Rocks/Obesity Prevention Team for targeting the prevention of diseases most prevalent in the region and demonstrated impact of its effort to make the community healthier.

- **Faith-based Award:** – presented to the United Faith Coalition for its strategic community outreach to help children, youth and families.

- **Business & Industry Award of Philanthropy:** presented to The

Roanoke Center for its proven record of partnering with community organizations to improve the quality of life of the community.

Individual Awards

- **Young Bright Star Award (Ages 12-18):** presented to Shante Burke of Gates County for being proactive in addressing children, youth and family issues through advocacy and community service or CISNE counties.

- **Shining Star Award (Ages 19-59):** presented to Curtis Newkirk of Bertie County for outstanding commitment toward making a difference in the lives of children, youth, and families in the community and a demonstrated impact of the county-wide service provided.

- **Silver Star Award (Ages 60 and up):** presented to Earlie C. Brooks of Halifax County, for outstanding commitment toward making a difference in the lives of children, youth and families in the community and a demonstrated impact of the county-wide service provided.

“Our attendees have worked incredibly hard and deserve an evening of recognition and celebration,” said Mitchell. “I thank all of our youth, sponsors, volunteers, and silent auction donors for helping to make the GALA a tremendous success.”

Save energy costs at home while on vacation

For consumers going on vacation this summer, the nation's electric utilities advise that they make sure their home's energy use takes a vacation as well. Simple tips can save consumers money while they are away.

Air Conditioning

Set the thermostat to 85 degrees. If it is a programmable thermostat, use the "hold" or the "vacation" setting to keep it at that temperature.

Electronics

Computers, CD/DVD players, TVs, and VCRs – these and other electronic appliances use electricity, even when they are not turned on. Unplug them before leaving.

Lighting

Consumers can improve their energy savings, and their home's security, by using timers to operate lights each night. And by installing compact fluorescent bulbs, or CFLs, in those lamps, consumers will be saving more energy, up to 66 percent less in each lamp. Also, a CFL bulb will last approximately 10 times longer than a regular incandescent bulb.

Water Heating

Turn the water heater's temperature down to the lowest

setting. Many water heaters have a "vacation" setting for this purpose. Leave a reminder to turn it back up upon returning home.

Waterbed owners should unplug the heater, or at least lower the temperature 10 degrees.

Pool owners should shorten the operating time for the pool filter and automatic cleaning sweep (if applicable). A pool cover can save energy too. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, up to 70 percent of pool heat loss is by evaporation.

Refrigerator

Adjust the refrigerator control to a warmer setting. If going on an extended trip, consider emptying the fridge and turning it off. Remember to leave the door open to prevent mildew.

For more information on how to use your energy more efficiently this summer, and all year round, contact www.roanokeelectric.com.



CERT Training (continued from page 22)...

Neither Pitt County nor ECU has a CERT team, but Judith Taylor, a professor in ECU's Department of Health Education and Promotion, hopes to lead a

training in the near future for faculty, staff and students.

"Our department views CERT as a way to promote a culture of preparedness throughout our region," Taylor said. "We hope to infuse CERT in our curricula, specifically through our community and environmental health programs."

Duffey, who is pursuing a degree at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, said that although Chowan University does not presently have a CERT team she hopes to coordinate similar training for faculty, staff and students and the general population of Hertford County. In March, she and emergency management personnel from Chowan and Hertford counties collaborated to provide CERT training for the first volunteer.

"This training will no doubt be an asset to the community," said Duffey. She also hopes to plan a joint disaster simulation or "tabletop" exercise with Chowan County and perhaps some of the campus and public safety responders who attended the May 8-10 training at ECU.

The ECU training was sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, The North Carolina Citizen Corps, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and Pitt County Emergency Services. The program enables community members to help each other during natural or man-made disasters.

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