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Members Cast Votes for Directors and Receive Reports at Barron Electric's 89th Annual Meeting

Members had the opportunity to vote for three directors, listen to reports, and win prizes, as they gathered at Barron Electric for the cooperative's 89th annual meeting held on Tuesday, April 8. Two incumbent directors in this year's board election were re-elected. Members Michael Baker and Michael Decker both submitted nomination papers for District 3. Michael Baker was re-elected to District 3. He has served on Barron Electric's Board since 2011 and currently serves as vice president. Members Patricia Mandel and Don Drost both submitted nomination papers for District 6. Patricia Mandel was re-elected and currently serves as the secretary of the board. In District 9, Member Richard Bol did not seek reelection. President Randy Cook recognized Richard for his 16 years of service and his dedication to the members of Barron Electric. Members Mark Bowers and Richard Broten both submitted nomination papers for District 9, and Mark Bowers was the winner of that race.

Matt Brandrup, President and CEO of the Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO), was the

guest speaker. Barron Electric is a member of RESCO, which is a member-owned, not-for-profit wholesale distributor of high voltage electrical products. Matt discussed how significant inflation has affected product costs since 2020. "RESCO built a plant in Stanley, Wisconsin, which will allow faster access to material for Barron Electric and also allow the cooperative to reduce on-hand inventory," remarked Matt.

Aaron Torud, General Manager of Barron Electric Cooperative, told members that our goal is to continue completing projects to enhance reliability, power quality, and make improvements that benefit all of our members. He showed members how the investments on the system have reduced the outage count.

Randy Cook, President of the

Board of Directors, remarked, "Our distribution equity has grown since 2022, which results in less interest for the members." He also discussed the price increases the cooperative has experienced since 2020 on products purchased, which resulted in a new rate schedule for 2025. He highlighted the process of

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Randy Cook(right), Barron Electric's Board President, recognized Member Richard Bol (left) for his 16 years of service on Barron Electric's Board of Directors.



Win a \$50 Credit with Winning Photo

E-mail your “on the farm” photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by May 15, 2025. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in publications and on our website.

GPS Project Continues

Global Mapping Solutions(GMS), contracted by Barron Electric, will continue gathering data on our system, which may include working weekends and any daylight hours. They may be on your property by foot, ATV, or UTV, taking photos of Barron Electric equipment, posting signs, or locating cable.

GMS employees will have a badge, letter of contract with Barron Electric letterhead, and their equipment will include a contracted by Barron Electric Cooperative sign.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or operations@barronelectric.com.

Youth Conference Could Lead to Washington D.C. Youth Tour in 2026

Sign up today for the annual Youth Leadership Conference(YLC) to be held July 15-17 at UW-Stout. YLC helps high school students build their leadership skills, while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses. Participants will get a glimpse of college life, stay and eat on campus, and make life-long connections. Barron Electric will cover the registration cost. Contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com for more information. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2025.

Washington D.C. Youth Tour

Students attending the Youth Leadership Conference will have the opportunity to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour, all expenses paid. Travel to Washington, D.C. to explore monuments and museums, meet with members of Congress, and meet students from across the country.



Pictured are the Wisconsin youth delegates who attended NRECA's Youth Tour in 2024. They were among over 2,400 high school juniors and seniors to visit memorials and museums around Washington, D.C., and meet with legislators.



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how crews are dispatched during storms, focusing on restoring power to the greatest number of people, in the shortest time possible, until all members have power. He announced the winners of the 2025 scholarships, 26-\$1,000 scholarships were awarded to high school students in our service territory whose parents/guardians are Barron Electric Cooperative members. Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to members who are pursuing a career that is an electric-related trade or field program. One \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to a non-traditional student who is enrolled in college or technical courses. More information regarding Barron Electric scholarships is available on our website at barronelectric.com/scholarships.



Member Mark Bowers was elected Director for District 9. He will succeed Member Richard Bol.



Matt Brandrup, President and CEO of RESCO, was the guest speaker at Barron Electric's 89th Annual Meeting. He presented a capital credit check to Mandy Straw, Barron Electric's Director of Finance.



Member Patricia Mandel, pictured with husband Todd Mandel, was reelected to Barron Electric's Board of Directors. She represents District 6 and also serves as secretary of the board.



Tyler Nanstad, Barron Electric's Line Superintendent -Spooner, helped register members at Barron Electric's annual meeting. Nearly 400 members and guests attended the meeting.



Member Michael Baker(left) was reelected to Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 3. He is pictured with Barron Electric Board Director Tim Kessler(right). Michael serves as Vice President of the Board and is also a Dairyland Power Cooperative director.

Testing Poles to Improve Reliability

American Energy Services is testing poles in the townships listed. A sign that displays Barron Electric Cooperative's name will be displayed on their vehicles, while a 4-wheeler may be used to move efficiently throughout the system. If you have questions, please call 800-322-1008 or e-mail operations@barronelectric.com.



Poles will be tested in the following townships:

Barron County Washburn
Sioux Creek County
Dovre Crystal
Stone Lake

Chippewa County Sawyer
Sampson County
Sand Lake

Dunn County
Sand Creek



Visit Barron Electric's website at barronelectric.com/2025-energy-rebates for rebates on cooling systems.

*Condensed Board Minutes February 26, 2025

Scott Warwick serves on Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 4, which includes the following townships: Roosevelt, Maple Plain, Lakeland, and Cumberland.



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #104037 through #104106 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$371,809 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$4,625. Total receipts in the office \$2,220,102; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,633,319; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$3,165,883; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$214,470 and the power bill was paid on 02/26/2025 in the amount of \$2,499,211.
- A membership list of 32 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of January in the amount of \$173,258.01 was presented for approval and included new services \$0; change jobs \$0; Other Work Order Projects \$173,258.01 and 27 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 747.00 consumer hours off, which is 12.7% below 2024 hours of 855.65. Overtime year-to-date is 101.75 hours, which is 40.34% above 2024 hours of 72.50.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.

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