

# SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC Cooperative



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## Annual Meeting: Bylaw amendments

By **TYE WILLIAMS** | Manager

**T**HE annual meeting is coming up quickly and will be held on June 13th at the Southeast Electric truck shop in Ekalaka. In addition to the regular meeting agenda, the board will present a resolution to amend the bylaws to the membership. There are minor wording adjustments, but the primary goal is to simplify the directorship nomination process and streamline annual meeting timelines for office staff.

• **Article III. Section 1.** Amendments are designed to give staff more time to plan, including speakers, food and entertainment. The current bylaws indicate that the board must decide the annual meeting date at the February



meeting. The updated language allows the board to designate the annual meeting date at any meeting, provided it is selected by the end of February.

• **Article IV. Section**

**3.** Amendments clarify qualifications for trustees. The significant change allows authorized agents of member companies to serve as trustees, provided they are bona fide residents and physically reside in the district for which they are running. Another change clarifies that employees cannot be trustees, and must wait three years after employment ends to run for a trustee position.

• **Article IV. Section 4.** Amend-

ments in this section simplify the process for nominating trustees. This removes the nomination committee and nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. The only way to be nominated for a trustee position will be by petition, starting in 2026. Additionally, the petitions will have designated dates for signing and returning them to the office of Southeast Electric. This designated timeline will allow office staff to prepare and mail out required documents to the membership for each annual meeting.

We will be mailing out the amendments to the bylaws with the annual meeting notice; however, please get in touch with us if you would like to learn more about the planned changes before then. RM

We hope to see you at the **2025**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**

**REGISTRATION & MEAL - 4:30 PM**  
**BUSINESS MEETING - 6:00 PM**



*Southeast Electric Truck Shop, Ekalaka, MT*

# SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



## Kendra Tookey

**SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

**I**t is the year 2040. What are you doing and how will you meet this objective in the next 15 years? With a record number of applications and essays, the board had a difficult decision to make. Many occupations were mentioned, including massage therapist, veterinarian, dentist, dental hygienist, nurse, paramedic and rancher. This year's winning essay writer for the Southeast Electric Cooperative Essay Scholarship is Kendra Tookey. Kendra would like to study exercise science, and better yet, she says in 15 years she hopes to be living in Ekalaka. Kendra, the daughter of J.O. and Kim Tookey, will attend Black Hills State University in the fall.



## Hayden Lane

**BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**W**HEN applying for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, students were asked "How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?" Hayden Lane of Ismay, shared that one of the most important ways that electricity improves our lives is providing our homes with comfort and power for essential appliances. The support for healthcare and safety is also a vast part, as it keeps our hospitals, clinics and other healthcare facilities running. Hayden will use the \$1,000 scholarship to help continue her education at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Hayden is the daughter of Bill and Katie Lane of Ismay.



## Kayl Hadley

**MONTANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES'  
ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**S**OUTHEAST Electric is pleased to announce that Kayl Hadley from Plevna has been awarded the MECA Scholarship for the Southeast District. This scholarship in the amount of \$500 is funded by individual contributions to the Memorial Scholarship Program through the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. According to Kayl's personal statement, she intends on attending school in Sheridan, Wyoming, pursuing a career as a dental hygienist. Family and community are very important to Kayl, and that drives her to return home when she finishes school. She states that her future endeavors are guided by her dad's advice. "If you are going to do something, do it right the first time." Kayl is the daughter of Jeff and Josi Hadley of Plevna. Congratulations Kayl!

## IS THIS A PLANNED POWER OUTAGE?

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Personal calls are only made to members who rely on special medical equipment.

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