



Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members
Thursday, June 15, 2023

Annual Meeting of Members. On June 15, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and its members met for the Annual Meeting of Members at Cedaredge High School located at 575 SE Deer Creek Dr., Cedaredge, CO.

During the Annual Meeting of Members:
1. CEO Jack Johnston and Board President Kyle Martinez made presentations addressing key matters that occurred at DMEA & Elevate in 2022.
2. The 2023 DMEA Board election results were announced.
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- I. **Call to order and welcome.** Board President Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** President Martinez led the Pledge of Alliance.
- III. **Invocation.** Director Lockhart led the invocation.
- IV. **Quorum report & reading of official notice.** In his capacity as DMEA Board Secretary/Treasurer, Jock Fleming confirmed the participation of at least 50 DMEA members, thereby constituting a quorum for conducting business. Fleming also confirmed that DMEA notified its members of the Annual Meeting and election as required by state law and DMEA bylaws.
- V. **Board of Directors introductions.**
 - a. **Introduction of current board members.** President Martinez introduced individual Board Directors to the membership providing insightful



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information on each one.

District 1: Bill Patterson

District 2: Kyle Martinez

District 3: Jacob Gray

District 4: Emily Sanchez (not present due to a prior engagement but was appointed to the Board in April)

District 5: Kevin Williams

District 6: Damon Lockhart

District 7: Enno Heuscher

South Region: Jock Fleming

North Region: Stacia Cannon

VI. Board President's message. President Martinez delivered his President's Report to the membership. He addressed the Board's role within the cooperative; stewardship on behalf of the membership through governance and strategic planning in addition to hiring the key leader of the organization, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). 2022-member outreach events were highlighted including: Member Appreciation, Spark Sessions, and Brews with the Crews. It was noted there has not been a rate increase since 2019, and that there is no projected rate increase for 2024. President Martinez also addressed a capital credit retirement to the membership in 2022 noting how important that was in short succession after switching wholesale power suppliers and launching Elevate, DMEA's fiber internet subsidiary.

He also recognized partnership organizations and other Colorado electric cooperatives with representatives in attendance at the meeting including: Guzman Energy, the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA), San Miguel



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Power Association, the Montrose Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and Gunnison County Electric Association.

VII. CEO report. CEO Jack Johnston presented his CEO Report to the membership. He highlighted the current executive staff team and General Counsel. Safety and reliability were addressed including DMEA instituting wildfire risk prevention measures in 2022. Community assistance by DMEA through sponsorships, donations, and the crisis fund and by Elevate through the Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in 2022 were discussed. Additionally, Elevate's launch of multi-Gig services in 2022 was touched on. CEO Johnston also addressed how DMEA and Elevate are both in a financial stable position and have shown continued recovery and advancement in security and customer management software since the November 2021 cyber-attack. His presentation concluded by showcasing the Garnet Mesa Solar Project, an 80 MW solar array in Delta County, that wholesale energy supplier Guzman Energy had approved by the Delta County Commissioners in 2022.

VIII. Board election. General Counsel Jeffrey (Jeff) Hurd proceeded to announce the results of the 2023 Board of Director's election first introducing the incumbents for District 6, 7, and the North Region (Damon Lockhart, Enno Heuscher, and Stacia Cannon, respectively) and the District 6 and North Region candidates (Mark Youngwirth and Paul Sweitzer, respectively).

In District 6, there were 3,151 valid ballots cast. Of the valid ballots, 2,242 (71.2%) were cast in favor of incumbent Damon Lockhart and 909 (28.8%) were cast in favor of candidate Mark Youngwirth. Lockhart was re-elected to a three-year term representing District 6.



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In District 7, there were 2,722 valid ballots cast. Of the valid ballots, 2,722 (100%) were cast in favor of incumbent Enno Heuscher who ran unopposed. Heuscher was re-elected to a three-year term representing District 7.

In the North Region, there were 3,165 valid ballots cast. Of the valid ballots, 2,343 (74%) were cast in favor of incumbent Stacia Cannon and 822 (26%) were cast in favor of candidate Paul Sweitzer. Cannon was re-elected to a three-year term representing the North Region.

- IX. Member comments and questions.** Following the announcement of the election results, the meeting was opened to questions and comments from the membership. There were questions presented regarding: residential rooftop solar and net metering; DMEA's power supply portfolio with Guzman Energy; transparency of management turnover with the membership; the Garnet Mesa Solar Project; Time-of-Use rates; and beneficial electrification which were addressed by CEO Johnston and President Martinez.

The membership also expressed gratitude to the Board for their service and their determination for rate stabilization. The membership also highlighted appreciation for the DMEA employees.

- X. Door prizes.** Gift cards to small businesses throughout the DMEA service territory were given away to the membership as door prizes.

- XI. Statement confirming no unfinished business.** Following member comments and door prizes, Board President Martinez confirmed that there was no



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unfinished business at the meeting.

- XII. Adjourn meeting.** With no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



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