

New Year Greeting from the Chairman of the Board

—*Bob Bryant*

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Rocky REA, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2018.

2017 was an exciting year for the Rocky REA. Despite province-wide economic challenges, the Rocky REA demonstrated significant growth. Facilitated by the competitive Investment Program established in 2016, the Rocky REA acquired and constructed 35 new services with the inclusion of three large services.

As the Rocky REA continues to grow, the Board and management continue to responsibly plan for the resources required to sustain this growth. The new property, two doors south of the existing office has provided our line operation and vegetation crews with the space needed for effective operation. Plans are underway to renovate the main office to allow for administrative growth.

The safety of our employees and our members remains at the forefront of all that we do at the Rocky REA. This focus has helped us build a strong record of safety. In 2017 the Rocky REA scored 97% in our annual COR Safety Audit.

Alongside a commitment to safety, the reliability of our system is one of our highest priorities. As a part of our safe and economical pole maintenance program we continued to perform our System Inventory Audit. Upgrades to the distribution system included 175 poles being replaced. Four major storms were successfully managed in 2017.

The relationship between the Rocky REA and the Duffield REA continues to grow, moving to a broader level of service. The Rocky REA performed a distribution system inspection for Duffield in 2017.

Each year the Rocky REA invests time and energy to support our local community. Some of these initiatives include the support of local parades and various community and sporting events.

Our annual Scholarship program was a great success in 2017, with 12 applications submitted. Once again we would like to extend our congratulations to Kyle Valstar and Taylor Lund, graduates of Rimbey High School and West Central High School respectively. These exceptional students were awarded \$1,000 each for academic excellence, which will be used towards their post-secondary education.

It is with great pleasure that I commend my fellow board members, management and staff for the commitment and hard work demonstrated in the past year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation toward all of our members for your ongoing support and wish you all the best in 2018!

Call for Nomination of Directors



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rocky REA Board of Directors, nomination packages are available for pick up at the Rocky REA office during regular office hours, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

There are 4 Director Positions open this year; three whose term expires this year and one to fill a position left vacant in 2017. That position will serve a two year term.

The nomination package includes:

- The Nomination Form
- Duties and Responsibilities of a Director
- Information on the Rocky REA
- Eligibility Criteria including a Criminal Record Check

Nomination forms must be received by the Rocky REA office (4920-43 Street, Box 1538, Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1B2) no later than 4:00 pm February 2, 2018.

The election will be conducted at the Association's Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on April 18, 2018 at the Dovercourt Hall.

For more information please contact the Rocky REA office 310-POWR (7679) Ext.: 108 or the Nominating Committee comprised of Bob Bryant 403-845-7168, Earl Graham 403-722-2774 or Dave Simmelink 403-845-5373.



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