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Electric Cooperative Association Elects New Slate of Officers

Glen Allen, Va. — The Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) board of directors took action at its July 27 annual meeting to elect a new slate of officers for 2015-2016.

Serving as chairman of the VMDAEC board is Larry C. Howdyshell, a farmer from Mount Solon, Va., who represents Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative.

James E. Huffman, a retired educator and farmer from Fincastle, Va., represents Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative and was named as the board's vice chairman.

Petersburg, Va. businessman Herbert Patrick serves on the board of Prince George Electric Cooperative and was elected to serve as VMDAEC board secretary.

Fletcher B. "Bob" Jones, an insurance agent from Boydton, Va., represents Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative and was elected to serve as the VMDAEC board treasurer.

"Each of these officers also serves on the board of his local electric cooperative and on one or more of the Association's 10 committees," said Richard G. Johnstone, VMDAEC executive vice president. "We depend on the leadership and commitment of each board member to help us expand and improve the services we provide our member cooperatives."

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for 15 consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives that serve Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The Glen Allen, Va.-based Association provides its member cooperatives with safety training for cooperative line crew members, continuing education for cooperative employees and board members, legislative and regulatory support, and communications services, including the publishing of *Cooperative Living* magazine. The magazine has by far the largest circulation of any Virginia publication, with more than 500,000 subscribers. For more information, visit www.vmdaec.com, www.gaffn-go.com or www.co-opliving.com.

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