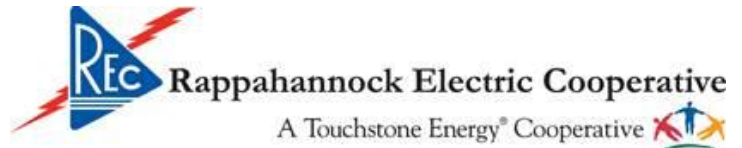


November 5, 2018

Co-op Innovation

REC is First Cooperative to Sign Transportation Electrification Accord

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) is proud to announce it has recently signed the **Transportation Electrification Accord** – an agreement among multiple entities to jointly encourage the **advancement of electric vehicles**. The accord outlines principles on how the transportation sector can **reduce energy use** and **pollution** through the expanded use of **electric vehicles**. It also outlines how to **advance the use of electric vehicles** in a manner that benefits all utility customers while encouraging innovation.



REC is the **first electric cooperative to sign the accord**, and **pledges** to continue to **promote** and **educate** the **community** on the **benefits of electric vehicles**. Other signatories to the accord include electric car manufacturers such as **GM** and **Honda**, electric vehicle organizations such as the **Clean Cities coalitions**, charging station companies, environmental interest groups and electric utilities.

“Electrification of transportation has tremendous potential for our members,” said **David Koogler, REC’s VP of member services and external affairs**. “Our all-electric Chevrolet Bolt has proven to be an extremely popular educational resource at community events.”

REC is also a member of **Virginia Clean Cities**, an alternative fuels membership organization, and participated in several of the **2018 National Drive Electric Week** events.

Due to growing interest in electric vehicles by members, REC provides an informational page online at www.myrec.coop/ElectricCar. Employees have presented at several regional seminars to share the essential role electric utilities, such as REC, have in providing electricity for residential and public charging stations. To view the accord and the list of signatories, visit www.theevaccord.com.

-Report by Casey Hollins, REC Director of Communications and Public Relations.

NRECA Annual Meeting 2019

VMD Association Draws HQ Hotel in Orlando

Mark your calendars for the **2019 NRECA Annual Meeting** in **Orlando, Florida, March 10-13** (Sunday – Wednesday). The Virginia, Maryland and Delaware statewide delegation has been assigned a sleeping room block at **THE HOST HOTEL**, the **Hyatt Regency Orlando**. The Hyatt is connected to the **Orange County Convention Center** by three pedestrian bridges. This hotel location will give delegates **walkable access** from the **hotel** to the **Convention Center**. Of course, the **shuttle** will also be available and details regarding the shuttle will be available online at www.cooperative.com.

VMDAEC members will enjoy these amenities at the Hyatt:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi;
- Two outdoor pools, one with a waterslide;
- The Spa, with full-service salon;
- Seven dining outlets, including Fiorenzo Italian Steakhouse;
- 24-Hour StayFit™ Gym;
- Rooftop Tennis Court; and
- 11th Hour Business Solutions Center.

The online housing website is set to be available for reservations in **late November**. Be sure to **register your delegates before going online to make reservations**, as registration is necessary prior to making reservations.

As advised by NRECA: All reservations must be secured through NRECA’s Housing Center via www.cooperative.com. NRECA has indicated that it will not be held responsible for rooms secured directly with the hotel prior to the published cut-off date. For questions regarding the meeting or any of the registration or reservations process, contact **Robin Byrd Wilfong** at 804-968-4079.

Continuing Education

VMDAEC Training Calendar Filled with Rich Array for Staff, Board Members

NOVEMBER 2018

- 6-7 Underground Distribution Power Design, Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 16 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop: *Emotional Intelligence (EQ)*, Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 28 Q4 IT Exchange, Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

DECEMBER 2018

- 5-6 NRECA Retirement Planning Seminar, Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 13 Legal Seminar, Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

JANUARY 2019

- 17 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Personality & Organizational Behavior,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

FEBRUARY 2019

- 6 Q1 IT Exchange
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 21 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Mentoring & Coaching,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

MARCH 2019

- 13 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Leadership as a Practice,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 26-29 Power Line Design & Staking, Level 4
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

APRIL 2019

- 10-11 Director Education Day
Palmyra Training Center & Charlottesville, VA

MAY 2019

- 1-2 VMDAEC Engineers & Operations
Conference & Vendor Expo,
Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront,
Virginia Beach, VA
- 8 Q2 IT Exchange
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 23 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Leadership through Communication,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

JUNE 2019

- 18-19 Six Sigma Yellow Belt Class (NEW!)
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

JULY 2019

- 28-30 VMDAEC's 75th Annual Meeting;
ODEC Annual Meeting
Williamsburg VA

AUGUST 2019

- 22 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Tools & Methods of Leadership,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 11 Q3 IT Exchange
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 24-25 VMDAEC Regional C.R.A.F.T. Conference,
Stonewall Jackson Hotel,
Staunton, VA

OCTOBER 2019

- 17 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Managing Up,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

NOVEMBER 2019

- 13 E&O Exchange
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 20 Q4 IT Exchange
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 21 VMDAEC Leadership Workshop:
Continuous Improvement,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA

DECEMBER 2019

- 10 NRECA's Introduction to Retirement
Planning & Investment Workshop,
Assn. Office, Glen Allen, VA
- 11-12 NRECA's Retirement Planning Seminar,
VMDAEC Training Center, Palmyra, VA

Contact Brandon Burton, Director of
Continuing Education, for more information
at bburton@vmdaec.com or (804) 346-3344.

Co-op People

MEC Director David Hall Receives Recognition

Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative board member **David C. Hall** recently received recognition for **successfully completing the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program** through NRECA. Mecklenburg Board Chairman **David J. Jones** presented the Certificate of Achievement to David Hall.

Congratulations David, on reaching this milestone!

-Report by Debbie Blue Winn, MEC Member and Public Relations Specialist.



Mecklenburg board member David Hall (l) receives his Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from MEC Board Chairman David Jones.

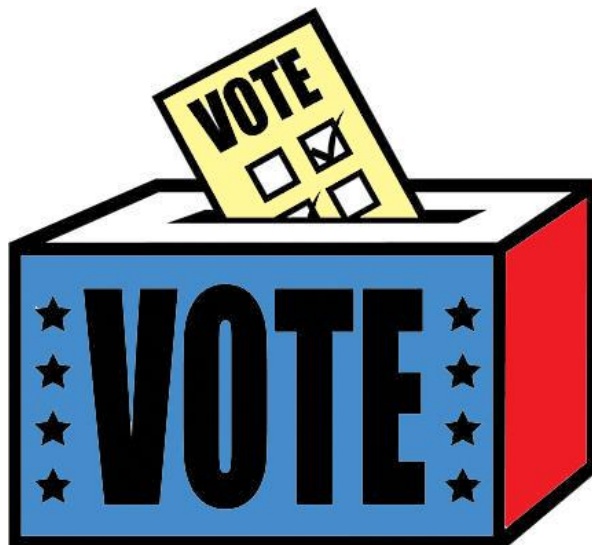
Personals

News About Members of the VMD Cooperative Family

- ❖ We are very sad to report the passing on Oct. 23 of **Alice Julia Wilkins Forrester, 90**, of Suffolk, Va. Alice was the widow of the late **Richard “Dick” Forrester, Sr.**, who during his long career worked for **Community Electric Cooperative** as a lineman, for the **VMD Association** as manager of safety training, and later for **Central Virginia Electric Cooperative** in a part-time capacity as a safety professional. Alice and Richard are survived by their five children, including long-time Community Electric Cooperative employee **Arthur “Art” Forrester, Sr.**; their children’s spouses; plus seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Condolences may be registered online at www.parrfuneralhome.com.

Be Sure to Vote on November 6!

Co-ops Vote



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