

# 2016 Annual Member Meeting Minutes

## September 10, 2016

Pursuant to notice thereof, the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Members of Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC) was held at Portola, California, at the Portola office premises. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Board of Directors President Dave Roberti. Thereafter, the following proceedings were held:

Pastor Tony Loubet delivered the invocation. The American Legion Color Guard placed the flags and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roberti.

Roberti introduced the board of directors and General Manager Robert Marshall. Marshall thanked the Loyalton FFA, Eastern Plumas Health Care, the Portola High School Soccer teams, Portola Preschool and all other organizations for their help with the annual meeting. Marshall introduced the special guests who were present. Marshall also introduced Subhash Palaru, regional manager of Western Area Power Administration; Randy Howard, general manager of Northern California Power Agency; and Jackie Coombs, manager of corporate and member relations of Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems.

Palaru and Howard reported on impacts of the greenhouse gas regulations, wildfire impacts, an aging infrastructure, physical and cybersecurity issues.

Coombs discussed carbon-free power projects and options for Plumas-Sierra to participate in.

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Dave Roberti at 1:09 p.m. Roberti introduced the cooperative's attorney, Mike Vergara. He then turned the meeting over to Vergara, who presided over the business portion of the meeting.

A quorum was determined to be present, with 205 registered members in attendance. Vergara asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous year's meeting. The reading was so waived. It was moved and seconded to

approve the minutes of the annual meeting of 2015. The minutes were approved. Vergara introduced members of the nominating committee, Chairwoman Pam Pasquetti, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Gage and committee members Tom Connolly, Rick Giese, Tim Garrod, Jan Tew and Jeff Hemphill.

Pasquetti gave the Nominating Committee's report and Vergara opened the floor for nominations for Districts 2 and 5. As there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The candidates nominated were Ole Olsen, District 2, and David Hansen, District 5.

Vergara asked for any ballots that had not been received yet. A motion was made and seconded to accept all candidates without qualification, subject to being verified by the counting of the ballots. The motion was passed by majority vote.

Vergara introduced Credentials and Election Committee members Caroline Keeler, Bill Keese and Suzie Steele.

Roberti recognized Plumas-Sierra's staff for their hard work. He also thanked the membership for attending the meeting. Roberti addressed the accomplishments over the last year and discussed the costs of regulations and efforts to mitigate those costs. He discussed the community solar project and the co-op's efforts to get broadband to all areas. Roberti then turned the meeting over to Marshall.

Marshall reported on the benefits of having small utilities band together to reduce costs on regulations. He also discussed the need for broadband and the acquisition of the coax system in Quincy.

Marshall then introduced Director David Hansen for the reading of the Treasurer's Report.

Hansen reported on the board's hard work to hold rates and the advantages of the cogeneration plant at the prisons in Susanville, which provides up to 20 percent of PSREC's power and voltage support. He also discussed the direc-

tion broadband is headed. Hansen asked for a motion to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and financials, which were published in Ruralite. The reading was so waived and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The floor was open to members for a Q&A session.

The Credentials and Elections Committee verified the count of ballots and confirmed the election of the candidates. Vergara announced the election results: District 2, Ole Olsen with 588 votes, and District 5, David Hansen with 560 votes.

Door prize and survey winners were drawn.

Marshall recognized the cooperative's member services staff for all their hard work on the annual meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. ■

### Certificate of Nomination By Nominating Committee

We, the undersigned, attest that the Nominating Committee met in accordance with the bylaws governing Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative. Members of the committee were duly appointed by the Board of Directors, and charged with the duties of nominating fellow members of the cooperative to run for the position of director. The Nominating Committee wishes to submit the following candidates:

**District 6:** Tom Hammond.

**District 7:** Nancy Miller.

The committee has reviewed the qualifications and performance of the candidates listed above, and recommends these candidates without qualification.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Chairwoman Pamela Pasquetti**  
**Vice Chairwoman Jan Tew**