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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND INVITATION

The Cooperative's 79th Annual Meeting will be held in person, Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Milford Central School located at 42 W. Main Street, Milford, NY 13807. Registration will open at 9:00 A.M. with the business meeting to begin at 10:30 A.M. We will have coffee and donuts or pastries available for refreshments as well.

Official notice and an open invitation are hereby extended to all bona fide members and their families of the Cooperative to come and take part in the proceedings. We have also proposed bylaws changes that are set forth on the following page. Full text versions are available on our website at www.otsegoec.coop and on our social media sites. Please call if you prefer a paper copy.

REGISTRATION 9:00—10:15 AM BUSINESS MEETING: 10:30 AM

Brooks' House of BBQ will be serving a to-go chicken dinner from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM by **Reservation ONLY**. There will be bill credits to all members who are registered and seated in the auditorium before 10:15 AM. Early Registrants will be entered in a drawing to win a bill credit of \$100.00 Please register by August 1st to be included in this drawing!

If you would like to join us and participate in the chicken BBQ dinner, please complete the ticket that can be found on the back and return it with the \$10.00 per dinner payment by 8/11/2023. Please make checks payable to "Otsego Electric Cooperative" and please **DO NOT** include this payment in your check for payment of your electric bill. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the meeting.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

The official Business Meeting of the Cooperative will include: President and CEO Annual Reports (including OEConnect broadband) and the election of three directors. OEC's Financial Report, as audited by Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, CPAs, will also be available at the registration table.

A Nominating Committee composed of: Paula Matteson, Glen Kohler, Bruce Phillips, Susan Mathiesen, Thomas Clapperton, and Stacey Frazier met on June 7, 2023 to review the petitions for nomination for directors to be elected to a new term. Nominees are Amy Parr (3-year term), Ed Clarke (3-year term) and Charles Arnold (3-year term).

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Summary of Bylaw Changes

1. **Article IV Directors.** These changes are mostly self-explanatory and we have added a few more basic qualifications to be more specific about what kind of member might become a director.
2. **Article V.** Changed last year. No new change.
3. **Article VI Officers.** Changed terminology to conform to current practices.
4. **Article VIII. Disposition of Property.** This allows OEC to seek financing with any institution that operates on cooperative principles. We currently do business with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) so this will allow us to seek other competitor's products and services in the future.
5. **Article IX.** No changes.
6. **Article X. Financial Transactions.** Very basic changes primarily to allow electronic payments and transfer by OEC to vendors.
7. **Article XI. Miscellaneous.** Basic accounting rules change to conform to current practices.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

Source: Dept. of Energy



Howard S. Marlette Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced!

This year OEC and the family of Howard Marlette awarded scholarships to three outstanding high school seniors. Jacob Burkhart of Milford Central was our winner and Leah McCrea and Jeana Geertgens of Cooperstown were our first and second runners-up. These awards are given annually in memory of Howard Marlette who was an active and well-respected member of the community and served Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. for 37 years as a Director and President of the Board. The Marlette family and OEC established these awards to honor Howard's lifetime of service.
Congratulations to all of our winners!

If you would like to order chicken or to pre-register, please call us and/or return the coupon located below along with the \$10.00 per dinner payment. Please make your check payable to Otsego Electric Cooperative. Please do not include this in your electric bill payment. No chicken tickets will be sold at the meeting.



79th Annual Meeting — Brooks' Chicken Bar-B-Q \$10.00 Per Serving

Enclosed Please Find \$ _____

Please Reserve _____ Tickets at \$10.00 Each

Name(s) _____

(Otsego Electric Cooperative Members and Family Only Please)

