

Looking Out for BARC's Members



On Jan. 28, Virginia electric cooperative leaders and directors gathered in Richmond to visit with elected officials about proposed legislation.

Representatives from Virginia's Electric Cooperatives headed to the General Assembly building for in-person meetings with legislators and staffers. They collaboratively presented a strong front, engaging with more than 40 legislators, effectively communicating the cooperative difference and outlining legislative priorities for 2025.

In attendance from BARC was Chief Executive Officer Bill Buchanan,

Chief Operations Officer Chris Botulinski, Communications Director Amanda Cunningham, and Michael Sandridge representing the BARC board of directors.

BARC Electric Cooperative and BARC Connects CEO Bill Buchanan stresses the importance of opportunities to engage with policymakers, saying, "These in-person meetings continue to be a valuable exercise that helps educate our legislators on our cooperative principles, while advocating for electric cooperatives, and what is best for our membership and the communities we serve. It shows our collective strength and influence to help reinforce strong relationships with our legislators."

"BARC is committed to effectively and responsibly maintaining and improving the BARC Electric system for all 13,000-plus members across the five counties we serve," says Chris Botulinski. "This is your electric cooperative, and we are here to serve you."



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BARC Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

BARC Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric utility that values our members' voices.

We always look forward to hearing about issues that matter to you and your community.

Contact us at PR@Barcelectric.com.



Certificate of Safety

Greg Rogers, right, president and CEO of Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, presents the 2024 Certificate of Safety Achievement to Bill Buchanan, left, CEO of BARC Electric Cooperative.

Awarded by NRECA through the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program, this national recognition honors BARC Electric Cooperative's commitment to employee and public safety, regulatory compliance and loss control.



ATTENTION: Buffalo Creek and Spring Valley Areas



Town Hall Meeting on BARC Connects

March 3, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
Lexington Moose Lodge
1465 Thorn Hill Rd.
Lexington, VA 24450

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BARC Communities

Graduation Announcement

On Jan. 31, BARC lineman Michael Long, left, completed the VMDAEC Lineman Training Apprenticeship program. J.T. Jacobs, right, of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, helps congratulate Michael on his accomplishment.



Rick Armstrong Winners

BARC is proud to announce our 2024 Rick Armstrong Award winners: Kevin Bryant, left, and Rachel Harris, right. This award was created in honor of Rick Armstrong, dedicated and long-term BARC employee, and given to two employees who consistently demonstrate the values of our **#cooperative** in everything they do.



BARC Promotions



Ashby Taylor, left, has been promoted to apprentice lineman, and Will Reid, right, has been promoted to foreman. Congratulations to Ashby and Will on these well-deserved advancements.

Spring Forward



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour!

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Scholarships Closing Soon

The Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Education Scholarship Foundation will be accepting applications until April 1. For more information and to apply, scan the QR code below or visit vmdaec.com/scholarship.

