

BARC Annual Meeting and Proxy Announcement

As announced in the June 2026 issue of *Cooperative Living*, BARC will hold its 2026 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, at 2 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Lexington office located at 1972 Big Spring Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may return a signed proxy, found inside this issue of *Cooperative Living* magazine. Members returning a signed proxy prior to the meeting will be eligible to participate in a prize drawing for \$150 in free electricity.

On May 20, 2026, a district meeting was held in District 4. On May 25, 2026, a district meeting was held in District 3. The purpose of these meetings was to select nominees to serve on the board of directors for a period of three years.

Listed below are the names of the nominees from their respective districts whose names will appear on the official ballot. Members may make additional nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

- District 3 – Keith Swisher
- District 4 – Albert J. “Jay” Lewis, II

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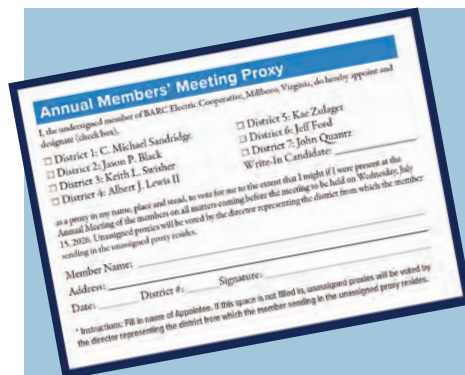


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Bill Buchanan

Local Pages Editor
Amanda Cunningham

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YOUR PROXY IS ENCLOSED!

Return your proxy for a chance to WIN \$150 in free electricity!!!

This proxy card allows you to officially participate in the business of your electric cooperative and to be eligible for the prize drawing.

Please remember that this proxy card must be signed by the member whose name appears on the first line of the bill and returned to the office by 4:30 p.m., July 13, 2026. To determine the district in which you reside, please refer to the mailing address on the front cover. In the numbers above your name is the director district (BA XX) in which you reside.

Example: BA 01

Mr. John Doe
Route 3, Box 100
Anywhere, U.S.A. 20156

Bylaws Pertaining to Election of Directors
Article IV, Section 4.5: Director Elections.
Not less than seven days before an Annual Member Meeting or a Special Member Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall be responsible for mailing to each Member a list of the candidates selected at all District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. This list may be included with the notice of the meeting. At the meeting the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of the official candidates of each district.

Additional nominations for Director for a particular district may be made from the floor. Election of the Directors shall be by printed or mimeographed ballot. The ballots shall list the candidates selected at the District Meetings, the names to be arranged by districts. A candidate nominated from the floor of the meeting may be voted for by writing in the name of the official candidate of the particular district. Each Member of the Cooperative

present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each district. The candidate from each district receiving the highest number of votes at the meeting shall be considered elected as Director.

Article IV, Section 4.6: Director Terms. A Director's term is three (3) years ("Director Term"). The Cooperative shall stagger Director Terms by dividing the total number of authorized Directors into groups of approximately equal number and members will annually elect an approximately equal number of Directors. Decreasing the number of Directors or length of Director Terms may not shorten an incumbent Director's Director Term. Despite the expiration of a Director Term, the Director continues to serve until a new Director is elected, or until the number of Directors is decreased. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Director Term of a Director filling a vacant Director's position is the remaining unexpired Director Term of the vacant Director's position.

Electric Cooperatives Announce Scholarship Recipients

The Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives and its Education Scholarship Foundation are proud to announce that \$165,000 in college scholarships was recently awarded to 92 deserving high school students for the 2025-26 school year. Recipients' parents must live in areas served by electric cooperatives in the three-state region. Students receiving scholarships in BARC's service area are Kaleena Botulinski, Isabella Fitch, Owen Perdue and Renee Tuning.

"Our scholarship program is a direct reflection of who we are as a cooperative," says BARC CEO Bill Buchanan. "Cooperative Principle No. 5 highlights the vital importance of Education, Training and Information. We take that responsibility seriously. Providing these financial awards is our way of ensuring that the deserving students in our communities have the resources they need to pursue higher education, master new skills and return to lead our workforce into the future."

Scholarship recipients are selected through a competitive screening process considering financial need (40%), academic achievement (20%), and community involvement and personal history (20%). Funds are paid directly to the institution to help the student with tuition or room and board.

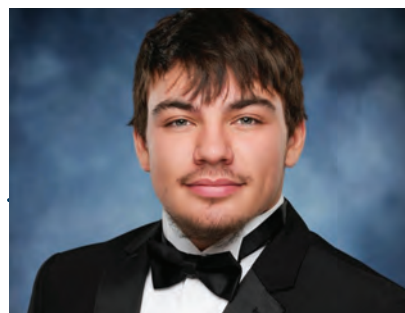
Kaleena Botulinski

High School: Rockbridge Co. High School
College: Virginia Tech



Isabella Fitch

High School: Rockbridge Co. High School
College: University of Vermont



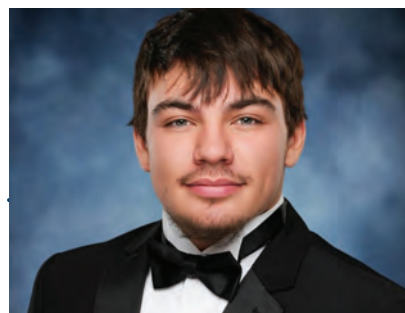
Owen Perdue

High School: Bath Co. High School
College: Mountain Gateway Community College



Renee Tuning

High School: Bath Co. High School
College: Virginia Western Community College



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BARC Linemen Celebrate Multiple Awards at 2026 Gaff-n-Go Rodeo

Local electric crews proved they are among the best in the business at the 22nd annual Gaff-n-Go Rodeo. The team from BARC Electric Cooperative returned home decorated with multiple awards after competing against more than 400 of the region's elite utility workers in a fierce test of safety, speed and skill.

The event, hosted by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, drew 200 journeymen, 90 apprentices and 140 equipment operators from 12 states.

Representing BARC's Journeyman team were Caleb Armstrong, Sam Schindler and Will Reid. The Apprentice team included Tanner Buchanan, Quinton Gamble, Ashby Taylor and Derek Smith.

BARC was proud to have three linemen place and be recognized across four categories, highlighted by Smith's second-place overall finish among his class of lineworkers.



Ashby Taylor, Derek Smith and Quinton Gamble proudly represented BARC, bringing home several awards.



"Our linemen showed incredible dedication and represented BARC with true professionalism at this year's Gaff-n-Go Rodeo," says BARC CEO Bill Buchanan. "Events like this are a great way to celebrate and share their specialized skills with our communities, but the real testament to their hard work is the dedication they bring to the job every day, rain or shine."

OVERALL "APPRENTICE" WINNER

2ND – DEREK SMITH

LINEWORKER DOWN – CPR

1ST – QUINTON GAMBLE

2ND – ASHBY TAYLOR

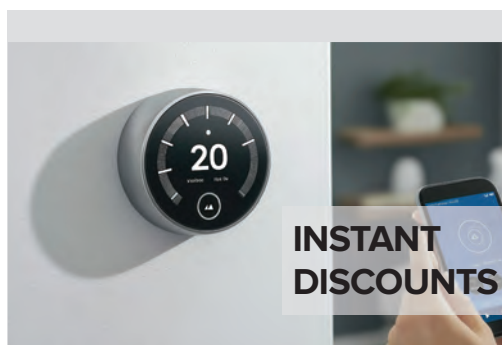
DOUBLE DEAD-END INSULATOR CHANGE-OUT

2ND – DEREK SMITH

HURTMAN RESCUE

2ND – DEREK SMITH

The 2025 BARC Electric Cooperative and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations will be available through our July digital e-newsletter or a printed copy at our Millboro office.



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