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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Fridays and holidays

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### President

Alan Parks, Fort Rock

##### Vice President

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##### Secretary/Treasurer

Vic Russell, Fall River  
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Bud Kendall, La Pine  
Robert Reed, La Pine  
Leland Smith, Sunriver  
Ron Sommerfeldt, Gilchrist  
Ken Wilson, Chemult

Board meets the fourth Monday  
of each month at the co-op office.

#### STAFF

##### General Manager

Dave Schneider

##### Operations/Engineering Manager

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##### Information Services Manager

J.D. Powers

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Raymond Kindley

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## Manager's Message

### Dear Member:

Happy New Year! The calendar year is the fiscal and operating year for Midstate Electric Cooperative, so the staff will be busy closing out 2019 during the coming weeks.

I am pleased to report that even though the Bonneville Power Administration increased our wholesale power rate in October, your management team prepared a 2020 working budget that did not include a rate increase and did not reduce any of our services to you, our members. The budget was approved by the board of directors at the November board meeting.

### 2020 Annual Meeting

The 2020 MEC annual membership meeting is Saturday, May 9. Please make a note of it on your calendar. You will receive formal notification of the time and location of the meeting well in advance.

Districts 5 (Chemult), 7 (Fort Rock) and 9 (Sunriver) are up for election this year. Candidates to represent those districts may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative who reside in that district. Petitions for the three positions may be obtained at MEC's headquarters facility and must be filed with the secretary on or before Tuesday, March 10.

For information about qualifications and duties of directors, call 541-536-2126 option 5. For detailed descriptions of districts 5, 7 and 9, see page 8.

### Career Day

MEC hosted its fourth annual Career Day for North Lake, Gilchrist and La Pine high school students November 19. Check out the article and pictures on page 25.

### MEC High School Sophomores and Juniors—Last Call

MEC will send one student delegate to the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 18-25, 2020.

This all-expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members. The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 30. Call 541-536-2126 option 5 for information.

### Oregon Legislature Returns to Salem

The Oregon State Legislature returns next month for a short 35-day session. The leaders of both the House and Senate—along with Gov. Kate Brown—have made it clear that passing a cap-and-trade bill similar to California's is a priority.

As a BPA customer—using close to 100% carbon-free hydroelectric power—this should not be a concern to MEC. However, legislation of this nature can have far-reaching effects depending on the approach taken by the state government. With assistance from the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association and other organizations, MEC will be engaged throughout the 2020 session advocating for outcomes that have neutral or beneficial effects on our members.

We may need to call on our political grassroots advocates to band together to contact elected officials to affect the political process. If you are not an ORECA-Action member, please join today. Go to [www.mse.coop](http://www.mse.coop) and click on the ORECA-Action Grassroots button on the upper right of the home page or call 541-536-2126 option 5. Thank you for your support.

**Dave Schneider**  
General Manager