

# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## 2026 Annual Meeting

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

**Animas School Auditorium**

**Registration 10:00 A.M.**

**Business Meeting 11:00 A.M.**

**Barbeque Lunch**

**Door Prizes ~ Door Prizes ~ Door Prizes**

*The official notice of the meeting will be mailed at a later date.*

*CEC will be providing transportation to and from Animas  
(See reverse for complete details)*



The Cooperative is required to notify each member of the following provision of the By-Laws. The following passage regarding the nomination of Trustees is from page 7 of the By-Laws of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc.

#### ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, Nominations.

##### (a) NOMINATIONS BY PETITION

Any fifteen (15) or more members, in any one district, acting together may make nominations by petition for trustee of their district, and such petition shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Cooperative twenty-five (25) days prior to the annual meeting of the members. Upon receipt of such nominating petition from any district, the Secretary shall immediately post said petition at the office of the cooperative, and such nomination shall be announced at the annual meeting prior to election of trustees.

##### (b) NOMINATIONS MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

Additional nominations for trustee for a particular district or for trustee-at-large may be made from the floor at the meeting of the members by any member from the same district. Each member shall be entitled to nominate one candidate from his district.

##### (c) NOMINATING FOR TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE.

When the trustee-at-large is to be elected, nominations may be made by members of any district in the same manner set forth in sub paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

##### (d) NOTICE FOR NOMINATIONS

The names of the nominees for trustees so made by petition shall be set forth in the notice of the annual or special meeting of the members at which trustees are to be elected, and the Secretary shall at such meeting list all nominations made by petition and from the floor.

If you have questions about your Voting District, the nominating process, or would like a copy of the By-laws, please contact the Co-op.

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## Need a ride to the Annual Meeting?

Columbus Electric Cooperative is once again chartering buses to provide free transportation to and from Animas for our members in the Columbus and Deming service areas to attend the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in having this transportation service provided so you may attend our Annual Meeting, please notify us no later than

Friday, March 20, 2026

For reservations or questions please call us at 1-800-950-2667

Each bus will hold 56 passengers; only those that have reserved seats will be allowed to board. The buses will depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. from the Columbus Electric Cooperative office in Deming and from the American Legion Post in Columbus.

## Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. They set the date for the 2026 annual meeting of the members, and they approved the retirement of capital credits in 2026. The remainder of capital credits earned in 1997 and a portion of 1998 will be retired. Checks are scheduled to be mailed in early March.



### CEC Board Approves 2026 Rebates for Members

Take a look at February's Enchantment magazine for full details or at [columbusco-op.org/rebates](http://columbusco-op.org/rebates)



## Power Your Future! Apply for the Columbus Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program



**Deadline to Apply is March 4, 2026**

Columbus Electric Cooperative offers educational scholarships to active members of CEC and their immediate family members. Scholarship recipients can receive financial assistance for up to eight semesters of undergraduate studies at the college of their choice. Applicants must complete an application and submit letters of recommendation. Applications may be obtained by contacting our office, the student's high school counselor or at [columbusco-op.org/scholarships](http://columbusco-op.org/scholarships). If you are currently receiving a CEC scholarship, you must reapply to be considered for the next academic year. **The deadline to apply for new and renewal applicants is March 4, 2026.**

For questions, please call our office at 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667.

## Winter Moratorium Protection Notice (LIHEAP)

Protection from winter shut-off ends March 15, 2026. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 1-800-950-2667 to make arrangements for payment. Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at (888) 427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Para informacion en espanol llame  
1-800-950-2667

*Emergency Response Number*  
**1-800-228-0579**

*Toll - free Office Number*  
**1-800-950-COOP (2667)**

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