



# Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



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#### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Chair.....Leland “Judge” Barth  
Vice Chair.....Casey Wells  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Pam Geiger

#### Directors:

Mark Doll  
Vern Frederick  
Lance Froelich  
Chad Harrison  
Bob J. Leingang  
Bonnie Tomac

#### Co-General Managers/CEOs:

Chris Baumgartner  
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*Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.*

*We also aspire to meet the four Touchstone Energy core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.*

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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## Serve your electric cooperative as a director Mor-Gran-Sou’s annual meeting scheduled for July 15, 2016

It’s time to consider serving the people of central southwestern North Dakota and your electric cooperative by becoming a board director for Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative. The initial commitment is a three-year term, with provisions in the bylaws limiting a director to serving six consecutive three-year terms, after which time the director is not eligible for another six consecutive three-year terms until one year has elapsed.

At the annual meeting, the following three board positions will be elected:

- The Grant County position presently held by Vern Frederick;
- The Mandan Area position presently held by Leland “Judge” Barth; and
- The Morton County position presently held by Pam Geiger.

Under the bylaws and due to the use of a mail-in ballot, no nominations are accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. Instead, the bylaws require the board of directors to appoint a Nominating Committee of five to nine members who geographically represent the cooperative. These members will provide a list of qualified and willing candidates to the board for approval and inclusion on the ballot at the board of directors’ meeting scheduled for March 30, 2016. This date has been set so there is adequate time for each candidate’s biographical information to be included with the notice of meeting sent to the members in June, along with the mail-in ballot for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting in person.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by the board and will meet for the first time, set for Jan. 13. The members of the Nominating Committee include Leslie Dirk, Andrew Holle and Jim Neubauer, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Jim Hopfauf, Flasher; Lisa McLaughlin, Fort Yates; Rodney Nelson, Almont; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

For a person to be nominated, the member vying for a board seat must submit the completed declaration of candidacy form to Mor-Gran-Sou by 4 p.m. CT (3 p.m. MT) on Thursday, March 10. The completed form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297. If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members or Jackie at Mor-Gran-Sou by calling 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301. You can also email Jackie at [jlmler@morgransou.com](mailto:jlmler@morgransou.com).

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. To download the form electronically, visit [www.morgransou.com](http://www.morgransou.com) and click the link “Find the Declaration of Candidacy form” on the home page. Candidate qualifications can be found on the website under Home/Cooperative/Articles and Bylaws/Board of Directors/402 Director Qualification or on the declaration of candidacy form.

All qualified and willing candidates who have completed and forwarded the written declaration of candidacy form to the Mor-Gran-Sou office by the March 10 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.



Frederick



Barth



Geiger

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, read the January local pages of *North Dakota Living* or call Jackie or Julie at 597-3301, 663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

### Scholarships

Mor-Gran-Sou is once again offering four \$500 scholarships to qualifying high school seniors, with the assistance of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

The scholarships will be awarded during the 2015-2016 school year.

Applications are available at area schools, co-op headquarters in Flasher, or online at [www.morgransou.com](http://www.morgransou.com).

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 17, 2016**.

Please deliver or mail information to Mor-Gran-Sou at P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297.

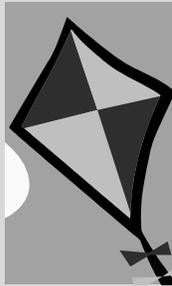


### Poster coloring contest

Kids, grab your art supplies for Mor-Gran-Sou's safety poster coloring contest. The topic is, "How do you stay safe at your home or farm when around electricity?"

All posters should display the Touchstone Energy® logo. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Posters must be received at the Flasher office by 4:30 p.m. CT (3:30 p.m., MT) on **Feb. 29, 2016**.



### Youth Tour

Mor-Gran-Sou is accepting Electric Cooperative Youth Tour applications. Juniors or seniors in the fall of 2016, compete by answering the essay topic,

"Pick one of the four Touchstone Energy core values — innovation, integrity, accountability or commitment to community — and describe how you see this in action at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative."

The deadline to apply is **Jan. 29, 2016**.



## It pays to have options

Mor-Gran-Sou members can pay for electric service online, over the phone, by mail or by visiting their local office. Our members want choices, and Mor-Gran-Sou provides convenient options.

### CONNECT IT...

#### Web Access

The "My Account" SmartHub Web is available on [www.morgransou.com](http://www.morgransou.com) and gives you full access to your account information, including some additional features not available through SmartHub mobile. From there you can view, print or pay your bill, review account history and usage, set up auto pay or paperless billing, and change your address or phone number.

#### Mobile Account Access

Using the SmartHub App delivers consumers with convenient access to account information like monthly usage, payment history, quick bill pay and more. This safe and secure App is available for iOS (iPhone, iPad) and Android users, and it takes less than three minutes to set up. With people relying more and more on their mobile devices, we're pleased to offer this quick solution to help members easily manage their electric accounts.

### A PHONE CALL AWAY...

Members can check account balances, set up auto pay, and pay their bill 24 hours a day by calling **1-877-853-5865**.

### SET IT ON AUTO...

The Automatic Payment Plan allows you to pay your monthly electric bill, as an electronic transfer of funds, from a checking/savings account or a credit/debit card. The payment will be made automatically on or around the 15th of each month.

### LEVELIZE IT...

Concerned about balancing monthly expenses? Levelized budget billing is a billing method whereby the member's bill is recalculated every month based on the past 12-month's bills, and the amount due will fluctuate. The amount will change each month, but since it is an average, it is not a big change from month to month.

### EARN CREDIT BY GOING ELECTRONIC...

Members have the option of receiving a \$1-per-month credit by agreeing to receive their bill electronically and a \$1 credit to members who have their payment automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account on the 15th of each month.

**UNDERGROUND LINE LOCATES:** Toll-free: 1-800-795-0555 or 811.

## STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested on the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax at 202-690-7442 or by email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).



**Happy New Year!** May the New Year bring to you the warmth of love, and a light to guide your path toward a positive destination.

### Also in the JANUARY issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Dan Hoskins shares lineman memories
- Winter safety ■ Meeting minutes