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

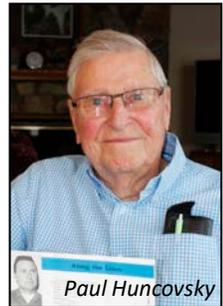
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Mor-Gran-Sou remembers Paul Huncovsky

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors and staff were saddened to learn of the death of Paul Huncovsky, who passed away this fall.

Paul, who grew up in Timmer, graduated from Flasher High School in 1948 and took a job with Mor-Gran-Sou, before serving in the U. S. Army. He finished his service in 1953, married wife Lavina, and the couple made their home in New Salem. Paul returned to work for Mor-Gran-Sou, doing maintenance out of the New Salem outpost from 1954 to 1965. When the service center was moved to Mandan and another started in Glen Ullin, Paul transferred to Flasher to work as a lineworker, and later a line superintendent.



Paul Huncovsky

Those who knew Paul best describe him as fun-loving; he always had a smile on his face and was known for playing practical jokes. Paul also had a serious side, and he was responsible for his line crew throughout his work career.

In the December local pages of the *North Dakota Living* magazine, read some fond memories of Paul shared by friends and family members — and how he was a pioneer of Mor-Gran-Sou's culture of safety.

Strong financials lead to end-of-year return

The Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors and management staff have good news to share. In addition to the check for the general retirement of capital credits, to be mailed mid-December, you will also find a bill credit on last month's billing statement and this month's enclosed statement.

At the end of each year, Mor-Gran-Sou completes its financials and prepares a budget to plan for future cooperative needs. As the board of directors and management staff plan, they reflect on the current financial strength of the cooperative. In recognition of the fact that the 2017 financials were stronger than forecasted, the board of directors decided to issue a bill credit to the members.

Thank you, members, for your support throughout the year.

Holiday closings: Our entire organization wishes our member-owners a Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year! In observance of the holidays in December and January, Mor-Gran-Sou will be closed:

- Friday, Dec. 22, and Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas
- Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for New Year's Day

Line crews will be available in case of an electrical emergency outage.





Co-op scholarships available for high school graduates

Mor-Gran-Sou has updated its scholarship program to offer more opportunities to qualifying seniors. \$7,500 is available to help finance local students' educational journeys. We encourage students to apply!

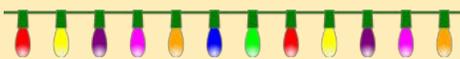
High School Sophomores & Juniors: Apply NOW for the 2018 Youth Tour, scheduled June 9 to 15

The question honors veterans and those who serve in the military.

Co-op offers safety poster coloring contest

Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity!

For details on all youth opportunities, read the December local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



The holidays are around the corner! Gift certificates are available at Mor-Gran-Sou.

If a certain someone on your list is a member of Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and you need a bright idea on what to buy for Christmas ... why not wrap a gift certificate he or she can use toward an electric bill? Call Mor-Gran-Sou at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212 and ask for Julie or Jackie.

We can help "lighten" the holidays.

Also in the DECEMBER issue of *North Dakota Living*:

- Directors receive recognition
- Board meeting minutes & more

Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting scheduled for July 20, 2018

Are you interested in serving as 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 At-Large position presently held by Mark Doll;
- The Morton County position presently held by Bonnie Tomac; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Chad Harrison.

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 21, 2018. 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. 10, 2018. The members include Leslie Dirk, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Rhonda Leingang, Solen; Alan Malm, Flasher; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; 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 Wednesday, March 7, 2018. The completed form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, N.D., 58535-0297. If you or someone you know is interested in being nominated, 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, or emailing jmiller@morgransou.com.

The Nominating Committee members or Jackie can provide you or the potential candidate with the declaration of candidacy form. It is also located on Mor-Gran-Sou's website; to download the form electronically, visit our website at www.morgransou.com and click Home/Your Power in Membership/Forms and Applications/Declaration of Candidacy Form. Candidate qualifications can be found at www.morgransou.com and click Your Cooperative/Articles and Bylaws/Board of Directors/402 Director Qualification or on the declaration of candidacy form.

If you have questions about the process, give Jackie a call. 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 7 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.

Bylaws and resolutions for the annual meeting

Under the bylaws, any bylaw amendments or resolutions must be presented to the members in writing in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for July 20, 2018. The board of directors has charged the Nominating Committee with reviewing and advising the board of any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions. Therefore, any proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions should be submitted in writing no later than March 14, 2018, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- ✓ Jan. 10, 2018 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT
- ✓ March 14, 2018 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you do wish to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution in writing, please forward it to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND, 58535-0297, before March 14. Thank you.