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Former director shares board experiences, encourages members to serve

If you are thinking about serving on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors, and wondering what you might contribute to the board with little to no experience, ask yourself this: "What will I gain from serving on the board?" Pam Geiger, a Morton County cooperative member who served on the board for 18 years, says if your experience is anything like hers, you will gain knowledge, friends, and a sense of fulfillment in knowing you helped guide the co-op into the future.

After serving six consecutive terms as a board member, Pam had met the cooperative's term-limit status. When people ask her about her many experiences on the board, serving both as a director and as the secretary-treasurer, Geiger says she feels she received more than she contributed to the organization because she learned from and worked with some very talented people.

"I had the opportunity to see the staff working from the inside, and I wish every member could see it because it's pretty phenomenal. They do it without regret and second thought, sometimes putting themselves in harm's way during adverse weather conditions," she says. "It's rare to have an outage when the sun shines. They spend many nights not having dinner with their families — and it is a great sacrifice."

In the December local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn some of the challenges Geiger faced as a board member, how she "grew" as a person and in her professional career — and why she encourages YOU, the member-owners of Mor-Gran-Sou, to consider running for a position on the board.



Geiger

National Apprenticeship Week celebrated

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Mor-Gran-Sou celebrated National Apprenticeship Week Nov. 14 to 20.

The North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives reports there are 72 workers enrolled in the apprenticeship program in North Dakota. Mor-Gran-Sou currently has one apprentice: Brady Zachmann. He works at the co-op's service center in Mandan.

Learn more about National Apprenticeship Week in the December local pages of *North Dakota Living*.



Zachmann



**High School Sophomores & Juniors:
NOW's the time to apply for
the 2017 Youth Tour,
scheduled for JUNE 10 to 16**

Read the December local pages of
North Dakota Living for details.

**Co-op scholarships available
for high school graduates**

Mor-Gran-Sou is again offering
four \$500 scholarships to qualifying
seniors, in partnership with
Basin Electric. Read the
December local pages of
North Dakota Living for details.

**Co-op offers safety poster
coloring contest**

Kids, draw a poster that tells our
readers how you play and work safe
around electricity! Read the
December local pages of
North Dakota Living for details.

**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:**

- Merry Christmas!
- Holiday closings
- Meeting minutes & more

Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting scheduled for July 21, 2017

Have you considered serving the people of central southwestern North Dakota — by holding a position on the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors? 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 Casey Wells;
- The Mandan Area position presently held by Robert Leingang; and
- The Sioux County position presently held by Lance Froelich.

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 29, 2017. 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. 11, 2017. The members of the Nominating Committee include Leslie Dirk, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Kathy Hoff, Leith; Jim Hopfauf, Flasher; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Rhonda Leingang, Solen; 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 8, 2017. The completed form must be mailed to Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Attn: Jackie Miller, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297. For more information, 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, or emailing jlmler@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 at www.morgransou.com (click Home/Your Power in Membership/Forms and Applications/Declaration of Candidacy Form). Candidate qualifications can also be found at www.morgransou.com (click Your 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 8 deadline will be included in the list the Nominating Committee will provide to the board.



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