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Chair.....Leland "Judge" Barth  
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### Directors:

Mark Doll, Vern Frederick,  
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Jay Larson, Bob J. Leingang

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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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**JUNE 15-21, 2019**

## DEADLINES APPROACHING on youth opportunities Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

**The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.** The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip is supported by the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative board of directors to contribute to community and help develop our state's future leaders.

Strengthen your resume by noting you toured our nation's capital, learned about history and government, and represented your family's electric cooperative for an intense week that could change your life.

If you like to travel, learn, and build lifelong friendships and leadership skills, apply now for the 2019 Youth Tour.

## Student scholarships

**The deadline to apply is Feb. 20.** Mor-Gran-Sou takes pride in assisting with the development of rural leadership through our scholarship program. We feel it's important to help finance our local students' educational journeys by offering scholarships to qualifying seniors.

Again this year, \$7,500 in scholarships is available to assist qualifying seniors.

## Safety poster coloring contest

**The deadline to enter is Feb. 21.** Kids, draw a poster that tells our readers how you play and work safe around electricity!

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

## Mor-Gran-Sou line crews patrol power lines

As time allows, Mor-Gran-Sou line crews patrol line. They concentrate on certain areas of the power system and look for possible line maintenance issues, safety hazards or other problems that may affect the distribution lines that bring power to your home or business.

Line crews are currently patrolling line throughout the system. Because power lines are on and off the beaten path, you may see employees in a Mor-Gran-Sou truck, an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile. When you see them patrolling line, thank them! They are there for your safety.

## Serve your electric co-op as a director

### Mor-Gran-Sou's annual meeting scheduled for July 19, 2019

It's time to consider 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 four board positions will be elected:

- The Grant County position presently held by Vern Frederick;
- The Mandan-Area position presently held by Judge Barth;
- The Morton County position presently held by Jay Larson; and
- The Morton County position presently held by Bonnie Tomac.\*

*\*This position is to serve the remaining two years of Bonnie Tomac's three-year term, as Ms. Tomac resigned effective Dec. 31.*

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 co-op. 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 27.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed by the board and will meet for the first time, set for Jan. 9. Members include Bryce Allen, Mandan; Glenda Gross, Selfridge; Andrew Holle, Mandan; Rhonda Leingang, Solen; Alan Malm, Flasher; Garek Murphy, Fort Yates; Jim Neubauer, Mandan; Shari Striegel, Carson; and Travis Wilkens, New Salem.

To learn the process and procedure to be nominated as a board member, read Mor-Gran-Sou's January local pages in the *North Dakota Living* magazine. Or, contact one of the Nominating Committee members or call Jackie Miller at Mor-Gran-Sou at 800-750-8212, 701-663-0297 or 701-597-3301 or email Jackie at [jlmliller@morgransou.com](mailto:jlmliller@morgransou.com).

## Partnerships — and the power of human connections — help keep Mor-Gran-Sou strong

When Mor-Gran-Sou experienced straight-line winds in May 2018 that toppled power poles north of Solen, the operations department contacted 3C Construction. Several of their traveling line crews were pulled from a project near Lark to help Mor-Gran-Sou linemen restore the outage. In the January local pages of *North Dakota Living*, learn about 3C Construction, a cooperative-owned business, and how this partnership adds a layer of assistance.



### 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 19, 2019. 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 21, 2019, and/or they can be presented in-person at one of the following in-person meetings of the Nominating Committee:

- Jan. 9 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT
- March 21 in the Mor-Gran-Sou office board room in Flasher at 7 p.m. CT

If you 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 21.

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