



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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LPEA 2023 election results announced

DURANGO, Colo. – Results of the 2023 La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) election were announced at the cooperative’s annual meeting on June 8, 2023. This meeting was held to elect and seat new directors and present LPEA’s 2022 accomplishments. In accordance with LPEA Bylaws, one seat in each of LPEA’s four districts comes up for election annually.

This year, members also voted on a bylaw amendment. The Board of Directors proposed the amendment to create internal consistency with LPEA bylaws that were amended in 2011. Furthermore, it aligns with current state law and member-expressed preferences and it allows the LPEA Board of Directors to add electronic balloting in future LPEA elections, matching the current state law.

Detailed election results are as follows:

- **District 4 (North & East La Plata County):** Candidate David Luschen won with 1,187 votes. Candidate John Purser received 769 votes.

As no challenger applications were received in Districts 1, 2, and 3 the following candidates were seated unopposed:

- **District 1 (Archuleta County)** new candidate Nicole Pitcher filled the seat vacated by retiring director Bob Lynch.
- **District 2 (South & West La Plata County)** incumbent John Lee Jr. was seated.
- **District 3 (City of Durango)** incumbent Rachel Landis was seated.

The proposed bylaw amendment passed with 3,973 in favor and 2,021 opposed.

Out of 36,003 ballots mailed in all districts, a total of 6,083 LPEA members cast votes for an approximate 17% return rate. Due to unopposed candidates, there was no election in 2022.

Officers will be elected at the next meeting of the LPEA Board of Directors scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, beginning at 9 a.m. Members can join [virtually](#) (or attend in person). Meeting details can be accessed [here](#).

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta counties and segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to approximately 35,000 members. Contact LPEA at (970) 247-5786 or visit lpea.coop for more information.

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