# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION Wednesday, May 21, 2025

# **SAVE TIME - VOTE ONLINE**

Vote online where you pay your bills. Not registered? Visit Ipea.coop to get started.

#### co-op ownership

LPEA is a not-for-profit cooperative owned by the members it serves. When you became an LPEA member, you automatically became an owner and voting member of the cooperative.

LPEA is governed by a member-elected Board of Directors who oversee long-range strategic planning and ensure the financial health and stability of the organization. Directors are elected by the membership and receive a monthly stipend for their service.

As a member, you have an active voice in the operation of this co-op, and participating is as easy as attending the Annual Meeting and voting in the Director Elections.



#### **DIRECTOR ELECTION**

LPEA's members elect directors to the Board by secret ballot and the results are announced at the Annual Meeting.



## DIRECTOR DISTRICTS

LPEA's Board is comprised of 12 member-elected directors serving four geographic districts. Directors serve threeyear staggered terms to ensure equitable representation of members on the cooperative's governing body. Members may only vote for the Director representing their district. Find your district by visiting **lpea.coop/voting-districts**.



# **INTERESTED IN SERVING?**

We are no longer accepting applications for the 2025 Board elections. However, we hold elections every year, and eligible members are welcome to run. Learn more at lpea.coop/elections.



#### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Written statements provided by the candidates\* will be available at **Ipea.coop/elections**, posted in the online voting portal, and printed out at each of LPEA's offices and at the Annual Meeting. Statements may also be mailed upon request via msr@lpea.coop. We will no longer include the candidates' biographical information on printed ballot inserts. \*Information is not verified or edited by LPEA.

# You are invited!

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# WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2025

Truck Barn at LPEA Headquarters: 45 Stewart Street, Durango, CO 81301

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Registration, lunch and in-person voting

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM: Meeting and election results

Every year, LPEA hosts its Annual Meeting to conduct the business of the cooperative, provide an annual update, and certify the results of the annual Director Election. Members are invited to attend for lunch. presentations and certification of the Director Election. The meeting will also be livestreamed.

FOR EVENT INFORMATION VISIT lpea.coop/annual-meeting

# **ALL ELECTION DETAILS:**

lpea.coop/elections

#### **RETURNING YOUR BALLOT**

The 2025 Director Election will be conducted by

- Online voting
- Mail-in ballot
- LPEA drop boxes
- In-person voting at the Annual Meeting

On April 21, 2025, online voting opens at 8:00 AM MDT and election materials will begin to arrive in mailboxes.



#### **VOTE ONLINE**

Log in to your LPEA SmartHub account at Ipea.coop (where you pay your bill) to securely submit your electronic ballot. Online voting closes at Noon MDT on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.



### VOTE BY MAIL

Return your mail ballot via U.S. Mail in the postage-paid envelope included in your ballot packet. Mailed ballots must be received by 4:00 PM MDT on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.



## **VOTE BY LPEA DROP BOX**

As of 2025, we will NO longer accept ballots dropped in County ballot boxes. We will ONLY accept ballots submitted in official LPEA ballot drop boxes located by the front doors of the LPEA offices:

- 45 Stewart Street, Durango, CO
- 603 S 8th Street, Pagosa Springs, CO



# **VOTE IN PERSON**

In-person balloting will be open for members at the Annual Meeting from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM MDT. If you mail your ballot or vote online, you will not be reissued a new ballot at the Annual Meeting. Confirm your ballot was received at the Annual Meeting or via email at msr@lpea.com.

#### ONE BALLOT PER MEMBER

In co-op elections, only the LPEA account holder can vote, not all registered voters in a household. Each membership gets one vote. To verify membership or account status, call LPEA Member Services at (970) 247-5786.

