

2026 ANNUAL MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

SAVE TIME - VOTE ONLINE

Vote online where you pay your bills. Not registered? Visit lpea.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 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 three-year 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 2026 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 lpea.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! 2026 ANNUAL MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2026

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

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Registration, lunch
(*provided to pre-registrants only*) and in-
person voting

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM: Meeting and election
results

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

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

lpea.coop/annual-meeting

REGISTER BY MAY 13 TO RESERVE LUNCH

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

The 2026 Director Election will be conducted by:

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

On April 20, 2026, 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 lpea.coop (where you pay your bill) to securely submit your electronic ballot. Online voting closes at Noon MDT on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

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 19, 2026.

VOTE BY LPEA DROP BOX

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.coop.

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**.

ALL ELECTION DETAILS:
lpea.coop/elections



CANDIDATES

District 1, Archuleta County:

Nicole Pitcher
James D. Lane

District 2, South & West La Plata County:

Greg Barber *(Deemed elected per LPEA Bylaws, Article III, Section 5)*

District 3, City of Durango:

Jennifer Jenkins
Jodi Zuber

District 4, North & East La Plata County:

John Purser
David Luschen

Notice: Candidates are listed in the ballot order randomly assigned by the Election Supervisory Committee.

BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors proposes a Bylaw amendment to add a section defining the date by which new members are eligible to vote in LPEA elections. This will align with how elections have been managed in the past and will give members a written reference for understanding voter eligibility.

A **YES** vote would approve the changes.

A **NO** vote would result in no change to the Bylaws.

BYLAW AMENDMENT (CONTINUED)

The proposed amendment recommended by the Board is:

Article II, Section 7 - Record Date

The record date for determining the members who are entitled to notice of an annual or special meeting of the members and to vote shall be as follows:

(a.) The record date for determining the members who are entitled to notice of a meeting of the members and to vote by Mail Ballot or Electronic Ballot shall be the date of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors immediately before the Mail Ballots are mailed according to policy.

(b.) The record date for determining the members who are entitled to vote in person at a meeting shall be on the date of the meeting of the members at such time as the Board of Directors has approved applications for new membership at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

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05.20.2026

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