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Dear Dakota Electric Association Member:

Enclosed are your 2020 Official Ballot, candidate information and envelopes for returning your ballot.

Please read and follow voting directions carefully. If you inadvertently vote both by paper ballot and online, only the paper ballot will be counted.

Voting by mail. If you choose to vote by mail, insert your completed ballot into the white Ballot Secrecy Envelope and seal the envelope. Insert the sealed Ballot Secrecy Envelope into the green Business Reply Envelope. Tear off and discard the address stub on the back of the green Business Reply Envelope. Seal and mail the green Business Reply Envelope.

Voting online. If you choose to vote online, go to www.dakotaelectric.com. **You will need your Account Number and Election Passcode found on the backside of the enclosed green Business Reply Envelope. Or, scan the QR code near your Election Passcode with a mobile device to be quickly logged in to vote.** Then simply follow the instructions given on the website. In the past, many have found online voting to be very quick and easy.

Ballots must be received at Survey & Ballot Systems, an independent election service, no later than noon on **April 30, 2020. Please do not enclose any other correspondence to Dakota Electric Association with your ballot.** As an option, your ballot may be submitted in person at the annual meeting. Be aware, however, that you must bring the enclosed ballot to the meeting in the envelopes provided because you will not receive a second ballot at the meeting. The annual meeting starts at 7 p.m. on April 30, 2020, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 22120 Denmark Ave, Farmington, MN 55024.

Sincerely,
David Jones
Elections Committee Chair

2020 Director Candidate Profiles

District 1



John (Jack) DeYoe, Lakeville, is seeking re-election in district 1 and is a 43-year Dakota Electric member. He retired from Ziegler Power Systems as a business manager providing power generation systems to businesses and utilities, working with utilities and businesses on “Peak

Shaving” Interruptible Power Systems and Emergency/Prime Power Systems. Past affiliations include Caterpillar Dealer Advisory Committee as chairman, and as a member of Rural Electric Cooperatives, American Facilities Engineers, Minnesota Health and Housing Association, Minnesota Rural Water Association, Minnesota’s Chief Engineers Guild and the Minnesota Telecom Association. DeYoe also served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1973. He is a graduate of Brown Institute, Electronic Technician Program. DeYoe has also completed the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

District 2



Bill Middlecamp, Apple Valley, is seeking election in District 2, and is a 27-year Dakota Electric member. He is a retired software engineer. He has served in leadership at Cray Research, Nemadji Research Corp., The Well United Methodist Church and several volunteer organizations.

He is a commissioned United Methodist Earthkeeper. Middlecamp has two years of electronics training, Bachelor of Science degrees in computer science and meteorology, and a Master of Science in computer science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has also worked for AT&T Bell Labs, holds three patents and has owned a computer consulting company. For more than a decade, he has led public conversations about trends and technologies for the future. More information is available at <https://billmiddlecamp.weebly.com>.

District 3



Margaret D. Schreiner, Eagan, incumbent district 3, policy/legislative analyst, 43-year Dakota Electric member, 10 years as board chair also serving on subsidiary boards. Schreiner serves as a Great River Energy board member, vice chair of Finance; past chair of both

Transmission and Corporate Services committees. Lead director for state and federal legislative efforts and appointed to the National Director Advisory Committee. She chaired Dakota Electric’s committee for the National Association of Large Distribution Cooperatives, and three statewide best practices taskforces on Elections, Governance and Service Territory Protection. Twice appointed to state legislative committees for renewable energy development and energy conservation. Nationally recognized in RE Magazine cover story for helping Dakota Electric become the national pioneer for online voting and named in 2015 as Exceptional Businesswoman.



James (Jim) Wroblewski, Eagan, is seeking election in district 3. He has been a Dakota Electric member for 10 years. He is retired but past work has included working in economic development at the county, regional and state levels and workforce development issues

with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Private sector work includes sales management and University of Minnesota, Duluth, adjunct faculty instructor in marketing. Wroblewski has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor’s degree with a double major in business administration and physiology from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is a certified Economic Development Finance Professional. His volunteer work includes board memberships at St. Ann’s Residence, Duluth, and the Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association.

District 4



Paul Bakken, Eagan, has been a member of Dakota Electric for more than 26 years and is seeking re-election in district 4. He owns a small-business-focused law practice and serves on the Eagan City Council. Bakken served in the Minnesota Army National Guard until 2005.

He has degrees from the University of Minnesota Law School, Humphrey School of Public Affairs and St. Olaf College. As a Dakota Electric board member, Bakken has served as vice-chair since 2018. He has contributed to improved management performance review processes, divestiture of subsidiary businesses, transitioning to a paperless work environment, improved energy reliability and affordability and increased use of renewable energy resources. Bakken is a contributing member of the Minnesota Farmers Union, CURE, Fresh Energy and Conservation Minnesota.



Paul Trapp, Hastings, served as a Dakota Electric board director from 2001 to 2019 and is seeking election in district 4. A Dakota Electric member since 1970, Trapp is the third generation to operate his family’s farm in Nininger Township. As board director, he voted to approve the

first wholesale solar farm in Dakota County and the first electric vehicle charging rate in Minnesota. Trapp was Dakota Electric’s board secretary from 2010 to 2019 and received the three highest leadership awards from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In addition to representing Dakota Electric in St. Paul and Washington D.C., Trapp also provided leadership as chairman of the Election Committee, secretary of Midwest Energy Services and member of the Audit, Capital Credit, Scholarship and Bylaw committees.

Each candidate is responsible for the information contained in his/her profile.