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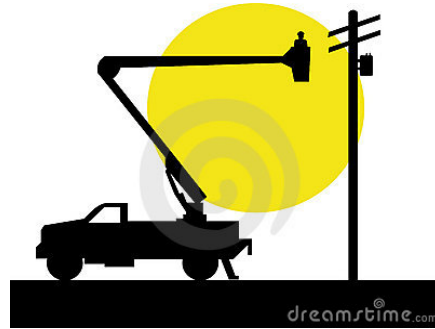
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SWAN'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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The 65th Annual Meeting of the membership of the Swan's Island Electric Cooperative will be held next week, Thursday, July 23rd, 2015, at 7 PM, at the Odd Fellows Hall. The meeting will be broadcast to Frenchboro and will be available to anyone on Swan's Island or on the mainland who has a computer and internet service. The link for the broadcast is posted below at the conclusion of this Newsletter. Because of the broad interest in the EMERA issue –regarding a possible merger or acquisition – the Annual Meeting will be held on the 2nd Floor of the Odd Fellows Hall, so that we can accommodate a larger attendance. Members with a disability who don't want to attempt the stairs to the 2nd Floor will be accommodated on the first floor and able to view the meeting remotely. There will also be runners between the first and second floors so that your votes can be counted.

We will be electing Board Trustees to fill three of the nine Board seats which are opening up this year. Six members have been nominated to compete for these three seats. They are: **George Baker** (from Frenchboro, running to continue serving in the seat he presently occupies), **Sam Gramicionni** (Swan's island), **Sarah Lane** (Atlantic), **Eric Staples** (Atlantic), **Jennifer Vanhorne** (Atlantic), and **Lorraine Williams** (Minturn). Each of these candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and to briefly speak about their interests in serving on the Board.

We will be saying farewell to three Board members who have made important contributions to the Cooperative during their time on the Board. **Sonny Sprague** is completing his ninth year on the Board. His wise counsel has played a role in helping the Cooperative recover its financial footing and return to solvency while working to keep struggling families connected to electric power. **John Trask** and **Jim Stone** have both been instrumental in reaching out to the membership to improve communication. John has headed up our alternative and solar energy committees while serving as Treasurer along with Bob Pickup. Jim Stone has been responsible for reinvigorating our Cooperative website, along with Donna Wiegler so that we are responsive to the membership especially during last summer's rate increase hearings and this year's interest in the EMERA question.

At next week's Annual Meeting we will feature a question and answer session with **Ms. Nan Searway**, **Customer Service Supervisor for EMERA Maine**. Members are reminded that you have until the conclusion of Annual Meeting to submit your Straw Ballot. We have received about 200 ballots so far. **For those unable to attend Annual Meeting you can go to the following Zoom link on your computer** <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8302f637f481cbe3d746f627e8486654> Follow the prompts to access the meeting.