

## Your Vote Counts



**MARK ROLLANS**  
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Democracy is the founding principle in both American and cooperative culture. Politics affects everything around us. You and I as everyday citizens choose elected officials to govern.

How our country is run, how your tax dollars are spent, what laws are passed that we must all obey results directly from the power we as citizens give to the government through our voting process.

Having a voice and exercising that voice through your right to vote is essential. Like our nation, your cooperative relies on the members to elect leaders that will guide our cooperative into the future.

In addition to voting, being involved in the cooperative is also vital. Your cooperative offers members several opportunities to be involved at various levels of our organization.

You even have the chance to run for Medina EC's Board of Directors and become part of the leadership of your cooperative. This month, members can be nominated (or submit their nominees) at the District Nominating Meetings to run for the 2012 Board of Directors Election.

Our form of government relies on citizen involvement! When you don't participate, you give up your voice and control to those who do.

So this year, I would ask that you remember to exercise your voice by voting and being involved, in the co-op election, in the state election and in the national election.

Until next time,  
*Mark Rollans*  
CEO

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PO Box 1810, Uvalde 78802

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PO Box 88, Brumi 78344

#### Board of Directors

##### District 1

Larry Huesser . . . . . 830-365-7651

Richard Sauthoff . . . . . 830-931-5425

Glenn Schweers . . . . . 830-741-3250

##### District 2

Jimmie Raines . . . . . 830-591-8437

Chris Surles . . . . . 830-965-5538

Kenneth White . . . . . 830-232-6541

##### District 3

Cesar Gonzalez . . . . . 956-487-3060

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#### CEO

Mark Rollans . . . . . 1-866-MEC-ELEC  
(632-3532), ext. 1045

# Meet Your Medina EC Board of Directors...

## Glenn Schweers

**POSITION: PRESIDENT (SERVING 8TH TERM)**

**YEARS SERVED ON MEC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 14**

**Q: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SERVING ON MEDINA EC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS?**

**A:** It is a pleasure for me to represent the membership in the board's decision-making process. I have always enjoyed working with the other directors and the Medina Electric staff to provide good, reliable service for our customers.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved with the good people in this organization.

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT SO FAR WHILE SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?**

**A:** Several years ago, Medina Electric Cooperative, South Texas Electric Cooperative and Magic Valley Electric Cooperative worked together

to merge into a larger, stronger provider and generator of electrical power for our members.

I had the opportunity to represent our group in the negotiation process for this consolidation.

I am proud that I was one of the leaders from MEC in the early stages of the project.

**Q: WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SERVING ON MEDINA EC'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BEFORE YOU WERE ELECTED?**

**A:** Before serving on MEC's board, I had been a customer and a part of the co-op's Member Advisory Group.

Also, I talked with previous members of the board to learn of the importance of maintaining our sound electric cooperative.



**GLENN SCHWEERS**

These associations offered helpful information about what is expected of board members and encouraged me to seek a position with this group.

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF MEDINA EC'S FUTURE?**

**A:** Medina EC is beginning to grow rapidly due to the Eagle Ford development within our co-op area.

The expansion in this part of our service area will allow us to make improvements which should add to our financial stability.

Hopefully, this growth will prove to be beneficial to all our members.

**Q: WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE?**

**A:** My experience during the fourteen years of service on the MEC Board have allowed me to meet and work with many good people at the local, state and national levels.

### Board of Directors Officers

PRESIDENT: Glenn Schweers

VICE PRESIDENT: Kenneth White

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Richard Saathoff

Medina EC also has representation on the Board of Directors for the generation cooperatives San Miguel Electric Cooperative (SMEC) and South Texas Electric Cooperative (STEC).

SMEC DIRECTOR: Richard Saathoff

STEC DIRECTOR: Larry Huesser

## Getting Involved in Your Cooperative

Members are at the heart of Medina EC and its involvement in the communities it serves. The cooperative was started when people came together to make life better for themselves and their families by bringing electricity to South Texas.

Since that time, Medina EC has continued to provide reliable electricity to its membership and remains involved in the area it serves. However, that involvement would not be possible without members' time, effort, and dedication.

### How Can I Get Involved?

On this page, you will find a brief explanation of the three different ways members can become involved in their cooperative.

If you are a member and are interested in serving on any of these committees please complete this survey (on the facing page) and mail it to the address on the bottom of the page by March 7, 2012.

### Member Advisory Group

The purpose of this group is to improve communication between the members, the Medina EC Board of Directors and management, and to assist in obtaining member input regarding the cooperative's ability to serve the needs of the membership in the most effective manner.

This group consists of nine individuals or couples from each of the three voting districts. The member must have an active membership in good standing to be considered. The Member Advisory Group typically meets in March, June and October.

Members are selected by the Board of Directors and serve a three-year term, but are eligible to serve additional terms.

### Operation Round Up® Trust Committee

The purpose of Operation Round Up is to accumulate and disperse members monetary donations for charitable causes within the Medina EC service area. Operation Round Up Trust Committee members encourage member participation in the program and determine how funds will be distributed, based on applications received.

This committee consists of three active members from each of the three voting districts. This committee typically meets in March, June, September and December.

The Board of Directors selects the members on this committee. The members serve three-year terms and can be reappointed to serve additional terms by the Board of Directors.

### Board of Directors

Medina EC is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of nine cooperative members elected by the membership. This board is responsible for setting policies under which the cooperative operates and making decisions regarding the financial health and well-being of the organization.

Each of the nine directors is elected for a three-year term and may be re-elected for two more consecutive three-year terms. Three directors, one from each voting district, are elected each year by a majority vote of the membership and the election results are announced at the Annual Membership Meeting.

The Board of Directors typically meet at the General Office in Hondo, on the Thursday following the second Wednesday of each month. Members who are interested in running in the 2012 Board of Director election have two options. Interested members can attend either their District Nominating Meeting or submit a Member Petition.

**The 2012 District Nominating Meetings will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on the following dates and locations:**

- **Voting District 3**  
February 20 - Zapata County Community Center - Zapata, TX
- **Voting District 2**  
February 21 - First State Bank of Uvalde - Uvalde, TX
- **Voting District 1**  
February 23 - South Texas Regional Training Center - Hondo, TX

**Members who turn in their Member Involvement Survey by March 7, 2012, will have their names entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 energy credit.**

## Please send in your Member Involvement Survey by March 7, 2012.

# 2012 Member Involvement Survey

We are conducting a survey to find members who are willing to participate in our member committees. As vacancies occur, your interest will be used to fill these important positions.

Please indicate where you are willing to serve.

- Member Advisory Group
- Operation Round Up® Committee
- Board of Directors

**Turn in your  
Member  
Involvement  
Survey by March  
7, 2012, for a  
chance to win a  
\$50.00 energy  
credit.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For use by commercial accounts)

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(See bill for account number)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List work experience, education or other qualifications you want considered: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please call Brian Bell at 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532), ext. 1056.

**Please return the completed survey by March 7, 2012:**  
Medina Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Brian Bell  
PO Box 370  
Hondo, TX 78861

# CAPITAL CREDITS

The Medina EC Board of Directors voted to retire \$1 million in capital credits to the membership at the December 2011 Board meeting.

Capital credits are your equity as a member of the cooperative. In total, Medina EC has returned **\$19,613,987** in capital credits to members. More details at [www.MedinaEC.org](http://www.MedinaEC.org) or call 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532).



## Don't Miss Out!

Your cooperative has a new process for awarding our annual scholarships and this year offers **\$1,000 scholarships to help up to 50 students.**

**136 scholarships totaling \$322,500 have been awarded since the program's inception in 2000.**

Information and applications for the 2012 scholarships are available at any district office and online- [www.medinaec.org](http://www.medinaec.org).

Applications must be postmarked by Friday,  
March 2, 2012 to:

Medina Electric Cooperative  
ATTN.: Scholarship Coordinator  
P.O. Box 370  
Hondo, Texas 78861

## Be Sure to Attend:



### Your District Nominating Meeting begins at 6 p.m.:

#### *February 20-*

Voting District 3  
Zapata Community Center  
Zapata, Texas

#### *February 21-*

Voting District 2  
First State Bank of Uvalde  
Uvalde, Texas

#### *February 22-*

Voting District 1  
South Texas Regional Training Center  
Hondo, Texas

Questions? If you have any questions, please stop by any of our district offices or call 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532).

## Mark the Calendar...

Don't miss out on everything your cooperative has to offer throughout the next year! Here are a few things you can look forward to over the next few months:

### February

- 3- Operation Round Up applications for assistance are due
- Nominating Meetings for the 2012 Board of Directors election from 6-8 p.m. (reference the outside cover for additional details):
  - 20- Zapata Community Center in Zapata, Texas
  - 21- First State Bank of Uvalde in Uvalde, Texas
  - 22- South Texas Regional Training Center in Hondo, Texas

### March

- 2- Scholarship applications must be postmarked
- 7- Member Involvement Survey must be returned to be eligible for the \$50 energy credit drawing

### April

- April 6- Medina EC offices closed in observance of Good Friday

More details about these events are available at [www.MedinaEC.org](http://www.MedinaEC.org) or by calling 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532) during regular business hours.



## You Have the *Power* to Save

Co-op Connections<sup>®</sup> offers substantial savings to Medina EC members while it also helps support local businesses and communities. The card entitles members to discounts from local and national retailers and service providers. And it's absolutely free.

For local businesses wishing to participate in the Co-op Connections<sup>®</sup> program, please contact Brian Bell at 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532), ext. 1056.



<b>The Owl's Nest &amp; Flower Shop</b> 10% off all merchandise	<b>Hondo, TX</b>	<b>(830) 426-8854</b>
<b>Milton's Jewelry &amp; Gifts</b> 10% off regular priced gift items & 20% off regular priced jewelry	<b>Uvalde, TX</b>	<b>(830) 278-7777</b>
<b>Creations by Flowers</b> \$5.00 off on orders of \$35.00 or more	<b>Hebbronville, TX</b>	<b>(361) 527-4884</b>
<b>Seco Secret, Inc</b> 10% off lodging rates	<b>D'Hanis, TX</b>	<b>(830) 363-7611</b>
<b>MT&amp;N Flowers and Gifts by Rita</b> 10% discount off purchase of over \$40.00 or more	<b>Pearsall, TX</b>	<b>(830)334-8303</b>