

# 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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# 2018 MREA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	SEMINAR	TIMES	AUDIENCE	LOCATION	PRICING
Jan. 10	Communicating with Your Teammates	W 1:00-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels. This course is customized to focus on improving employee relations within and between departments of every level of the cooperative.	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$179 / \$229
Jan. 11-12	REMA Member Services Winter Conference and Trade Show	Th 8:30-4:30 F 8:30-noon	Member Services Managers, Marketing/Communications and Energy Management Staff	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	REMA Dues
Jan. 12	District 1 Meeting	F 9:00-1:00	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji	\$50
Jan. 16	Leadership Training: Basic Principles	T 12:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative 8605 47th Street NE, Spicer	\$269 / \$299
Jan. 17-18	Leadership Training: Module 1	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative 7605 47th Street NE, Spicer	\$549 / \$599
Jan. 17-19	Lineworker Conference and Trade Show	W 12:30-4:30 Th 8:00-4:30 F 8:00-11:30	Lineworkers	River's Edge Convention Center 10 4th Ave. S., St Cloud	\$445
Jan. 17	NRECA BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE (BLC) SUMMIT: BLC 943.1 Conversation Skills Outside the Boardroom	W 8:00-3:30	Co-op Directors	Holiday Inn Arbor Lakes 11801 Fountains Way, Maple Grove	\$519 / \$619
Jan. 18	BLC 957.1 How to Evaluate and Improve Board Performance	Th 8:00-3:30	Co-op Directors	Holiday Inn Arbor Lakes 11801 Fountains Way, Maple Grove	\$519 / \$619
Jan. 19	BLC 929.1 Current Issues in Policy Development	F 8:00-3:30	Co-op Directors	Holiday Inn Arbor Lakes 11801 Fountains Way, Maple Grove	\$519 / \$619
Jan. 31- Feb. 2	REMA Line Superintendents Winter Conference and Trade Show	W 1:00-4:00 Th 8:00-4:30 F 8:00-11:30	Line Superintendents	Holiday Inn and Suites 75 37th Ave. S., St. Cloud	REMA Dues
Jan. 31- Feb. 1	Leadership Training: Module 2	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative 7605 47th Street NE, Spicer	\$549 / \$599
Feb. 6-7	Winter D.C. Legislative Visit	T full day W half day	Co-op Directors and CEOs	Washington, D.C.	\$0
Feb. 13-16	MREA/MMUA Meter School Basic Metering	T 1:00-4:00 W 8:30-noon	All levels of personnel who install and wire meters	MMUA Training Center 1004 Michigan Rd., Marshall	\$140
	Meter School or Advanced Meter School	W 1:00-4:00 Th 8:30-4:00 F 8:30-noon			\$550
Feb. 15-16	OSHA 10-Hour General Industry	Th 9:30-4:30 F 7:30-noon	Co-op employees at all levels	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	\$245
Feb. 20	Operations Training on DG Rules and Policy	T 10:00-2:30	Member services, finance, engineering/ops, and any co-op employee involved in working with members on distributed generation (DG) planning and implementation.	Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji	\$119
Feb. 21-23	Hot Line School - Jackson	W 1:00-4:30 Th 8:00-4:30 F 8:00-noon	Lineworkers, Other Operations Personnel	Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Jackson	\$445
Feb. 22	Team Building: All for One and One for All (2 offerings)	W 9:00-noon or W 1:00-4:00	Co-op employees at all levels. This course is customized to focus on improving employee relations within and between departments of every level of the cooperative.	Beltrami Electric Cooperative 4111 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji	\$179 / 229
Feb. 22-23	Designated Employer Representative (DER) and Reasonable Suspicion Training	Th 8:00-3:00 F 9:00-11:00	Human Resources, Safety Directors, Managers and Supervisors	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	\$299 \$99
Feb. 27- Mar. 1	Transformer School North	T 1:00-4:00 W 8:30-4:00 Th 8:30-noon	Apprentice Linemen, Journeymen Linemen, Lead Linemen, Foremen	Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc. 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji	\$470

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Mar. 7	RESAP Observer Training-South	W 10:00-2:00	Line Superintendents, Operation Managers, Warehouse, Technicians	Brown County Rural Electric Association 24386 MN-4, Sleepy Eye	\$0
Mar. 8	RESAP Observer Training-North	Th 10:00-2:00	Line Superintendents, Operation Managers, Warehouse, Technicians	Itasca-Mantrap Co-op Electric Association 16930 Co. 6, Park Rapids	\$0
Mar. 14	NRECA BLC 964.1 Communicating the New Energy Landscape	W 9:00-4:00	Co-op Directors	Intercontinental Hotel 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul	\$519 / \$619
Mar. 14	Annual Meeting Deep Dive Learning Sessions Session #1: 9:00-11:00 Dispute Resolution Under Local Democracy Session #2: 1:00-3:30 Pension Unpacked	W 9:00-3:30	Co-op Directors, CEOs, Employees	Intercontinental Hotel 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul	\$139 each
Mar. 15-16	MREA Annual Meeting and Trade Show	Th 7:30-6:00 F 7:30-noon	Co-op Directors, CEOs, Employees	Intercontinental Hotel 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul	Day 1 \$190 Day 2 \$145 Guest \$85/\$60 2-day \$335
Mar. 21-22	Leadership Training: Module 3	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative 8605 47th St. NE, Spicer	\$549 / \$599
Apr. 4-5	Leadership Training: Module 4	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Kandiyohi Power Cooperative 8605 47th St. NE, Spicer	\$549 / \$599
Apr. 5-6	REMA CEOs Spring Conference	Th 8:30-4:30 F 8:00-11:30	CEOs	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	REMA Dues
Apr. 8-11	NRECA Legislative Conference	more details on mrea.org	Co-op Directors and CEOs	Washington, D.C.	\$0
Apr. 10	Leadership Training: Basic Principles	T 12:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Beltrami Electric Co-op 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji	\$269 / \$299
Apr. 11-12	Leadership Training: Module 1	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Beltrami Electric Co-op 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji	\$549 / \$599
Apr. 17-18	Leadership Training: Module 4	T 8:30-4:30 W 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	East Central Energy 412 Main Ave. N., Braham	\$549 / \$599
Apr. 18-20	Hot Line School - Wadena	W 1:00-4:30 Th 8:00-4:30 F 8:00-noon	Lineworkers, Other Operations Personnel	MN State Community & Technical College 405 SW Colfax Ave., Wadena	\$445
Apr. 17-18	Work Order Procedures	T 12:30-4:30 W 8:00-3:00	Co-op employees at all levels	Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport MOA 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington	\$389 / \$489
Apr. 18	Human Resources Network	W 9:30-4:00	HR/Office Managers and Benefit Administrators from MN and WI	Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport MOA 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington	\$239 / \$289
Apr. 18	Rate and Cost of Service Workshop	W 8:00-4:00	CEOs, Directors, CFOs, Office Managers, Staff Accountants, Member Services, Billing and Member Service Reps, Key Account Managers, Engineers	Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport MOA 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington	\$239 / \$289
Apr. 19-20	REMA Finance Managers Spring Conference and Trade Show	Th 8:30-4:00 F 8:30-noon	HR and Office Managers, Accountants and Benefit Administrators	Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport MOA 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington	REMA Dues
Apr. 25-26	Leadership Training: Module 2	W 8:30-4:30 Th 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Park Inn 1402 E. Howard St., Hibbing	\$549 / \$599
May 1	Communicating with Your Teammates	T 1:00-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels. This course is customized to focus on improving employee relations within and between departments of every level of the cooperative.	Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center 2100 Arrowwood Lane, Alexandria	\$179 / \$229

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May 2	Grassroots Day	Th 9:00am (Begins)	CEOs, Board Directors, co-op employees at all levels	League of Minnesota Cities 145 University Ave W. #450, St Paul	\$0
May 2-3	Office Support Professionals Conference	W 10:00-4:00 Th 8:00-11:30	Administrative Assistants, Receptionists, Customer Service Representatives, Accounting Clerks, Operations Assistants	Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center 2100 Arrowwood Lane, Alexandria	\$339 / \$439
May 15-18	MREA/MMUA Underground School	T 12:00-4:00 W 8:30-4:00 Th 8:30-4:00 F 8:30-11:00		MMUA Training Center 1004 Michigan Rd., Marshall	\$550
June 7	IT Users Group	Th 9:30-3:30	Information Technology Manager, those with similar responsibilities	East Central Energy 412 Main Avenue North, Braham	\$169 / \$219
June 9-14	NRECA/MREA Youth Tour		High school juniors and seniors of member co-ops	Washington, D.C.	
June 13-15	REMA Member Services Summer Conference	W 1:00-4:30 Th 8:30-3:00 F 8:00-11:30	Member Services Managers, Marketing/Communications and Energy Management Staff	Grand View Lodge 23521 Nokomis Ave., Nisswa	REMA Dues
July 12	District 3 Meeting	Th 12:00-3:30	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center 100 Arrowwood Ln. NW, Alexandria	\$50
July 13	District 2 Meeting	F 9:00-1:00	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	Sugar Lake Lodge 37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset	\$50
July 18	District 6 Meeting	W 9:00-1:00	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	Cabela's 3900 Cabela Dr. NW, Owatonna	\$50
July 19	District 5 Meeting	Th 9:00-1:00	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	Brown County REA 24386 State Hwy 4, Sleepy Eye	\$50
July 27	13th Annual MREA Burn Center Golf Benefit	F 9:00-5:00	Open to all	Pebble Creek Golf Club 14000 Clubhouse Lane, Becker	\$500 Team/ Dinner
	Equipment Operations School NEW HANDS-ON Training – Summer of 2018, details will be posted online at a later date.				
Aug. 6-7	New Director Orientation	M 1:00-4:00 T 8:00-3:00	New Co-op Directors	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$339 / \$439
Aug. 7	Board Chair Round Table	T 9:00-3:30	Co-op Board Chairs	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$239 / \$289
Aug. 7	NRECA BLC 963.1 Strategic Technologies and their Impact on the Cooperative	T 9:00-4:00	Co-op Directors	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$519 / \$619
Aug. 8-9	Energy Issues Summit & Trade Show	W 9:00-4:00 Th 8:00-11:30	Co-op Directors, CEOs and Employees	River's Edge Convention Center 10 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	Day 1: \$334/\$408 Day 2: \$167/\$193 Both: \$434/\$534
Aug. 21-22	Rate and Cost of Service Workshop	T 1:00-4:00 W 8:00-noon	CEOs, Directors, CFOs, Office Managers, Staff Accountants, Member Services, Billing and Member Service Reps, Key Account Managers, Engineers	Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport MOA 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington	\$239 / \$289
Aug. 22-24	REMA Finance Managers Summer Conference	W 1:00-4:00 Th 8:30-5:00 F 8:30-11:30	HR/Office Managers and Benefit Administrators from MN and WI	The Inn on Lake Superior 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth	REMA Dues
Aug. 29-31	REMA Line Superintendents Fall Conference & Trade Show	W 1:00-4:00 Th 8:00-4:00 F 8:00-11:00	Line Superintendents	Breezy Point Resort 9252 Breezy Point Rd., Breezy Point	REMA Dues
Sep. 5-7	REMA CEO Fall Conference & Networking Events	W Golf 1:00 Th 7:30-3:30 F 8:00-noon	CEOs	Thumper Pond 300 Thumper Lodge Rd., Ottertail	REMA Dues
Sep. 11-14	MREA/MMUA Overhead School	T 1:00-4:00 W 8:30-4:00 Th 8:30-4:00 F 8:30-noon	Lineworkers of all levels, Line Superintendents	MMUA Training Center 1004 Michigan Rd., Marshall	\$550



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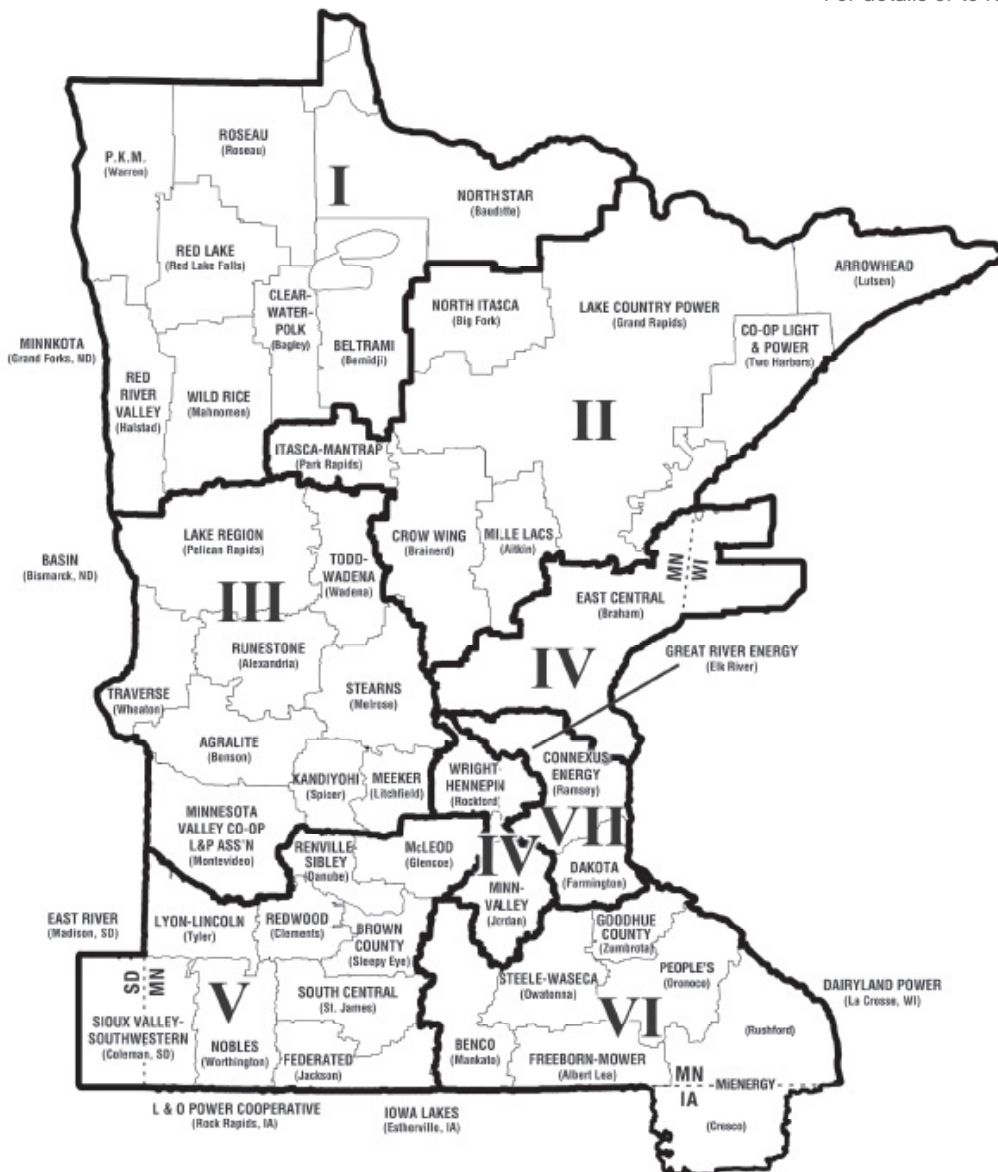
DATE	SEMINAR	TIMES	AUDIENCE	LOCATION	PRICING
Sep. 17-19	NRECA Region 5&6 Meeting www.cooperative.com		Co-op Directors and CEOs	Minneapolis Hilton 1001 S. Marquette Ave., Minneapolis	
Sep. 19-20	Collections & Disconnects Conference	W 9:00-4:00 Th 8:30-11:30	Utility employees with credit and collection responsibilities	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$269 / \$329
Sep. 19-21	REMA Engineers and Operations Conference & Trade Show	W 1:00-4:30 Th 8:00-3:30 F 8:00-11:45	Engineers, Operation Personnel	Inn on Lake Superior 350 Canal Park Dr., Duluth	REMA Dues
Sep. 24-26	Fall September D.C. Visit	T full day W half day	Co-op Directors and CEOs	Washington, D.C.	\$0
Oct. 3-5	Hot Line School - Baudette	W 1:00-4:30 Th 8:00-4:30 F 8:00-noon	Lineworkers, Other Operations Personnel	M State Baudette 435 State Hwy 172 NW, Baudette	\$445
Oct. 9-10	Communicators Network	T 9:30-4:00 W 8:30-noon	Member Services, Public Relations and Communications Professionals	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	\$269 / \$329
Oct. 11-12	Designated Employer Representative (DER) and Reasonable Suspicion Training	Th 8:00-3:00 F 9:00-11:00	Human Resources, Safety Directors, Managers and Supervisors	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	\$299 \$99
Oct. 16-17	Leadership Training: Module 3	T 8:30-4:30 W 8:30-4:30	Co-op employees at all levels	Peoples Energy Cooperative 1775 Lake Shady Ave. S., Oronoco	\$549 / \$599
Oct. 23-24	New Employee Orientation	T 9:30-3:30 W 9:00-3:30	New co-op employees and employees who need a better grasp of co-op benefits	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$239 / \$289 + \$69 for Opt. Day 1
Oct. 24-25	NRECA Retirement Planning Seminar	W 9:30-3:30 Th 9:00-3:00	Co-op employees within five years of retirement	BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. S., St. Cloud	\$169 / \$219
Nov. 13	NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Fast Track: 2600 Director Duties and Liabilities	T 8:00-4:30	Co-op Directors	Holiday Inn Arbor Lakes 11801 Fountains Way, Maple Grove	\$499 / \$599
14	2620 Board Operations & Process	W 8:00-4:30			
15	2610 Understanding the Electric Business	Th 8:00-4:30			
Nov. 16	Legislative Summit	F 10:00-2:00	Co-op CEOs, Board Directors, legislative personnel	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	Free
Nov. 27	NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Fast Track: 2630 Strategic Planning	T 8:00-4:30	Co-op Directors	Holiday Inn Arbor Lakes 11801 Fountains Way, Maple Grove	\$499 / \$599
28-29	2640 Financial Decision Making (1-1/2 day course)	W 8:00-4:30 Th 8:00-noon			
Dec. 5-7	Safety and Loss Control Conference	W 1:00-5:00 Th 8:00-5:00 F 8:00-noon	Line Superintendents, Safety Committee Members, Operation Managers, Crew Leaders/Foreman, any co-op employee	Rockwoods Event Center 9100 Quaday Ave NE, Otsego	\$445
Dec. 11-12	Transformer School Pre-conference: Basic Single-Phase Transformer	T 1:00-4:00 W 8:30-11:30	Lineworkers at all levels	MMUA Training Center 1004 Michigan Rd., Marshall	\$140
13-14	Three-Phase Connections	W 1:00-4:00 Th 8:30-11:30 F 8:30-2:00	Lineworkers at all levels	MMUA Training Center 1004 Michigan Rd., Marshall	\$550
Dec. 13	IT Users Group	Th 9:30-3:30	Information Technology Manager, those with similar responsibilities	MREA, 11640 73rd Ave. N. Maple Grove	\$169 / \$219

# VENDOR MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

## 2018 TRADE SHOWS, RECEPTIONS & GOLF OUTINGS

DATE	SEMINAR	LOCATION
January 11	REMA Member Services Show	Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
January 18	MREA Lineworker Conference Show	River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud
February 1	REMA Line Superintendent Show	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, St. Cloud
March 15	MREA Annual Meeting Reception/Show	InterContinental Hotel, St. Paul
April 5	REMA CEO Networking Dinner (Only Platinum and Gold Vendors are invited to sponsor and attend)	Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
April 19	REMA Finance Managers Show (Includes WI cooperatives)	Hilton Airport Mall of America, Bloomington
July 27	MREA Burn Center Golf Tournament	Pebble Creek Golf Course, Becker
August 8	MREA Energy Issues Summit Reception (Opportunity for event sponsors only)	Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
August 22-24	REMA Finance Managers Conference (Sponsorship opportunity - no trade show)	The Inn on Lake Superior, Duluth
August 29-30	REMA Line Superintendent Show (With golf, sporting clays and two dinners)	Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point
September 5-6	REMA CEO Networking Opportunities (With golf outing and receptions/dinners)	Thumper Pond Resort, Ottertail
September 20	REMA Engineers & Operations Show	The Inn on Lake Superior, Duluth

For details or to register, [click on event name](#) or visit [www.mrea.org](http://www.mrea.org).



As a Vendor Member, are there additional sponsorship opportunities?

MREA has several sponsorship opportunities in 2018. Your company or cooperative will stand out above the crowd. Sponsors will be featured in event agendas, on sponsorship signs, and your branded logo will be projected on large screens before an audience of your members and/or prospective customers.

Sponsorship opportunities at large events include any of our REMA meetings, the Lineworker Conference, Annual Meeting, the 13th Annual Burn Center Benefit Golf Tournament and Energy Issues Summit. Smaller targeted opportunities include the IT User group, Hotline Schools and others.

Members can sign up for sponsorships online or by mailing the 2018 Trade Show/Sponsorship Form with a check to MREA. If you have questions or are a first-time sponsor, please contact Shari Wormwood, [shari@mrea.org](mailto:shari@mrea.org).

## WHAT DOES MREA DO?

MREA was created over 75 years ago by the state's rural electric co-ops to provide economies of scale and key services that help your co-op, including:

- Government affairs & lobbying – MREA influences legislation and regulations at the state and federal level to protect our members' ability to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to the more than 1.8 million consumers currently served by Minnesota electric cooperatives.
- Safety and loss control training and support – MREA's Safety & Loss Control team visits all the co-ops in the state to help train and support a culture of safety at each MREA member cooperative.
- Education – As detailed in this publication, we offer over 70 training & workshop events each year, to build the expertise and knowledge of the cooperative community.

We embody the 6<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Principle, "Cooperation among Cooperatives," in a pursuit of our mission of providing service and leadership to our members, the Minnesota's rural electric cooperatives. See our website: [www.mrea.org](http://www.mrea.org).

## HOW IS MREA GOVERNED?

MREA exists for its members, to provide service, unity and leadership, and is responsive to member feedback and needs. In line with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooperative Principle, "Democratic Member Control," MREA is governed by our members. Across the state, MREA member co-ops are divided into seven districts (see map). A 14-member board of directors, two from each district, governs this association. These directors represent your electric co-op's interests on the MREA board.

## WHAT IS REMA?

The Rural Electric Management Association (REMA) furthers the fifth cooperative principle of providing education and training for its members by investigating, compiling, and disseminating information that is critical for effectively managing rural electric cooperatives. It is organized under Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA), which also facilitates REMA's functions as one way of carrying out MREA's vision of preparing members for success in an evolving industry. REMA has five sections: CEOs, Financial Managers, Member Services, Line Superintendents and Engineers and Operations. Each section has a board comprised of member representatives from MREA's seven districts, which help plan the section's events.

REMA membership dues are \$360 per co-op, per section and cover the cost of attendance for one co-op representative per section for conferences held throughout the year. REMA member cooperatives are invoiced for additional attendees at \$190. Wisconsin and North Dakota co-op attendees are billed \$190 per person. Some REMA sections invite Vendor Members and non-REMA members to participate in their conferences as well. For those that do, Vendor Members and non-REMA members pay \$300 per person to attend. More information: <http://www.mrea.org/electric-utility-industry-training/rema/>.

## WHY DO SOME MREA PROGRAMS HAVE TWO SEPARATE PRICES LISTED?

The majority of training and events offered through MREA are purely fee-based, meaning budgets for each event are dependent solely upon the revenue from the attendance. For example, conferences and workshops coordinated through MREA's Safety and Loss Control Department have a single price to attend one of these events.

However, to ensure the membership has access to the training it needs, workshops and conferences coordinated for directors and employees through MREA's education department depend on a 'Pre-Paid Education Dues Program' to support approximately 14% of this department's budget. The lower listed price is the Education Member price and the higher listed price is the Non-Education Member price.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN MREA EDUCATION PROGRAM MEMBER?

The MREA Education Program membership dues are based on the number of members served by the co-op, which correlates to the number of employees needed to serve that size membership. Required for MREA's distribution co-op members, the pre-paid education dues allow MREA to plan and budget for a minimum amount of annual training opportunities. MREA Education Program members do receive a reduced registration fee of \$40-\$60 on a typical one-day workshop. However, the average savings of the registration fees are not intended as a return on investment to the co-op for their education dues.

Historically, education dues have been kept affordable for MREA members. Dues were the same from 1992 to 1995 and again saw no increase from 1996 to 1997. After that, they were kept the same for nine years, until a 10% increase in 2006, and a subsequent 4% increase in 2011. Education dues have not been increased since 2011, and will be held steady again in 2018.

MREA Education Program Dues Schedule	
Number of Members	2018 Dues
0 - 3,000	\$755.04
3,001 - 5,000	\$1,100.32
5,001 - 8,000	\$1,478.88
8,001 - 15,000	\$1,855.36
15,001 - 24,999	\$2,202.72
25,000 +	\$2,579.20
G & Ts	\$3,299.67

## I AM A CO-OP DIRECTOR AND I'VE HEARD I NEED TO GET MY CCD OR BLC. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

As your statewide, it's MREA's job to support your efforts as a director to attain the necessary national certifications your co-op board requires. One of the ways that we do that is by locally sponsoring NRECA's certification courses, so you don't always have to travel out-of-state to get the classes you need. MREA offers the CCD Fast Track (all five 2600-series courses) every *other* year in the even-numbered years (2018, 2020, 2022). We also usually offer a 3-day BLC Summit annually in January, as well as one or two other BLC courses in Minnesota throughout the year.

There are two key national certifications for co-op directors:

- 1) The Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) curriculum consists of five courses designed to provide basic knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors. The CCD is earned by attending all five required courses and successfully completing a learning assessment for each.
- 2) Board Leadership Certification (BLC) - This curriculum extends the core CCD program, providing greater depth on industry, governance, risk management, rate making, and policy development. This certification can be attained after earning the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD) and then completing a total of 10 credits from the 900-level courses listed below. Directors may attend BLC courses at any time but the BLC will not be awarded until the CCD program requirements are completed. The credit value is indicated after the decimal point for each course. For example, course 901.1 provides one credit and course 951.2 provides two credits.

In addition, a continuing education effort called Director Gold is offered to recognize directors who have earned their CCD and BLC credentials. Co-op directors can read more about what it takes to accomplish these by logging on to [www.cooperative.com](http://www.cooperative.com).





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