

Press Release

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KEC's Annual Meeting reports on the "State of the Cooperative"

Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) held its 70th Annual Meeting of membership at New Life Community Church on Saturday, March 8, 2008. The annual meeting reported on the "State of the Cooperative" and elected members to the KEC Board of Directors.

Board President Ed Gossett discussed key activities of the Cooperative and the Board, as well as renewable energy issues and future power supply concerns that affect the Northwest.

General Manager Robert Crump reported on the challenges facing electric cooperatives today and KEC's Co-Op Connections Card Program. This program gives KEC members discounts at more than 100 local businesses and 50 national businesses.

Board Member Ed Gossett retained his board position for District 5 and David Pratt retained his board position for District 3.

Kootenai Electric Trust Board President Joan Halverson reported on the success of the Operation Round Up® program. Since the program's beginning in November 2002, more than \$275,000 has been awarded in grants to worthy charitable projects in our area and KEC individuals in need.

College scholarship winners were recognized at the meeting. Kootenai Electric's Operation Round Up® Trust Board awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 KEC members. The following students were selected: Claire Anderson, Coeur d'Alene; Katrina Cook, Athol; Michael Cooper, Coeur d'Alene; Christine Gimmeson, St. Maries; Derek Haller, Coeur d'Alene; Emily Leach, Hayden; Robert Lundholm, Post Falls; Traci Miller, Coeur d'Alene; Amy Nuttall, Hayden; and Laura Olphie, Athol.