

# Newsletter

A monthly publication for the members of Heartland Power Cooperative | **February 2026**

## Youth Tour

Apply for a week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the 2026 Youth Tour! Learn more about electric cooperatives, government, and American history. Current sophomores and juniors whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are HPC members are eligible to apply.

**Applications Due March 2, 2026**

Learn more at [heartlandpower.com/youth-tour](http://heartlandpower.com/youth-tour)



## Youth Tour and Scholarship Applications Due March 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Scholarships

Heartland Power Cooperative is proud to award ten, \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors this spring. Applicants' parent(s)/guardian(s) must be HPC members with their primary residence serviced by the cooperative. An additional scholarship opportunity is available for students enrolled in a Power Line Program.

**Applications Due March 2, 2026**

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## Board of Director Nominations

### Nominating Committee Announces Candidates

Members of the Nominating Committee of Heartland Power Cooperative met to select director candidates from Districts 1 and 7. The Board of Directors nominee for Heartland Power District No. 1 is incumbent Roger Solomonson. The Board of Directors nominee for Heartland Power District No. 7 is incumbent Tricia Jaeger.

The Nominating Committee tried earnestly to find additional candidates to run for the Board of Directors but was unsuccessful.

The Nominating Report is posted in the offices in Thompson and St. Ansgar. Thank you to Nominating Committee members Larry Tjaden, Amy Frascht, Brian Abele, Geoffrey Anderson, and Tammy Quade for serving the cooperative.

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Ansgar. As always, members are welcome to attend the annual meeting; however, we want to remind you that we will only be holding the business portion of the meeting. There will not be a meal or gifts handed out at the Annual Meeting.

## Heartland Power Annual Meeting

### Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 1:00 P.M. | St. Ansgar

Watch for more details in our Annual Report, which will be mailed out to members in mid-March.

Providing members with safe, reliable, affordable electricity and enhancing the quality of life for members and their local communities.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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## MONTHLY QUIZ

### \$25 BILL CREDIT WINNER

December: Jim Bowman, Forest City  
 January: John Dhoover, Orchard

### THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

When will HPC's Annual Reports be mailed to members?

### QUIZ GUIDELINES

Each member who sends in the correct answer by the 20th of the month will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit. Mail or email quiz answers to [energy@heartlandpower.com](mailto:energy@heartlandpower.com).

# HPC Meets With Legislators

Electric cooperatives discuss priorities as Iowa's 2026 Legislative Session begins.

More than 150 staff and directors from Iowa electric cooperatives, including Heartland Power Cooperative, were in downtown Des Moines on January 13 to attend a legislative "welcome back" reception at the start of the 91st Iowa General Assembly. At the event, co-op advocates discussed priorities face to face with their state legislators.



**Heartland Power Cooperative board members meet with State Senator Dennis Guth and State Representative Jane Bloomingdale during the IAEC Welcome Back Legislative Reception in January.**

The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives (IAEC) hosted the reception in conjunction with the Iowa Biotechnology Association, the Iowa Communications Alliance, the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives and FUELLowa.

"Hosting this annual reception at the start of the legislative session is a way for Iowa electric cooperatives to form long-term relationships based on trust and open communication," remarked Leslie Kaufman, IAEC executive vice president. "With many new legislators and new faces in leadership this session, we value every opportunity to talk about the cooperative business model and the needs of our member-consumers."

Representatives from Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives covered several important issues that could impact the affordability and reliability of electricity for the members and communities we serve.

Electric cooperatives will again focus on protecting Iowa's defined electric service territories, an important law that helps ensure every corner of the state receives consistent, cost-effective electric service. Another legislative challenge that could resurface involves third-party or "community solar" proposals that would attempt to allow non-utility solar developers to provide retail electric service inside an established utility's service area, in direct conflict with service territory law.

Iowa's electric co-ops are also seeking to further protect utility workers, who encounter threats, harassment and assaults while on the job. Strengthening penalties for violence against utility workers reaffirms our commitment to the safety of cooperative employees and our communities.

In the coming months, Iowa's 91st General Assembly will be addressing a multitude of issues, including energy-related matters that are central to Iowa's rural economy. Iowa electric cooperatives will again be important advocates for a balanced approach in addressing energy issues as we work to power lives and empower communities. Learn more about our advocacy efforts at [www.IAruralpower.org](http://www.IAruralpower.org).