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Our primary mission is to provide high-quality, reliable electric service at a reasonable cost to our members, improve their quality of life through new technologies and services, be a visible and active member of the community and serve our members with respect, courtesy and responsiveness.

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POWER ASSOCIATION IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND
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*SECPA Offices will be closed
July 4 for Independence Day.*



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

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KEVIN BRANDON

On April 25, Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA) held our 2023 Annual Meeting at Inspiration Field in La Junta, Colorado. Special guests in attendance were Kent Singer, Executive Director of Colorado Rural Electric Association, and Michelle Pastor, Relationship Manager with our power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of 12 \$1,000 scholarships to very deserving high school seniors from across SECPA's territory. I am always amazed by the academic accomplishments and the community involvement of the scholarship candidates, and this year was no different. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

This year there were three director seats up for election and those three directors all won their elections and retained their seats on the Board of Directors. Congratulations Michelle Gardner, Lawrence Brase, and Merlin Rushton on your re-election.

During the meeting, I gave a "2023 Year in Review" report highlighting the financial statistics and some of the challenges and successes experienced by SECPA and

its subsidiary SECOM during 2023. One of the most important topics I mentioned in my presentation was rates. I talked about the fact that SECPA has not raised rates since 2015, and Tri-State has not raised the rates that they charge to SECPA since 2017, but, due to all the cost increases experienced by Tri-State and SECPA, a rate increase will be coming in 2024, likely in the third quarter of the year. Tri-State has provided notice to its members of their intentions to file a new rate request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on or before June 1, 2024, with an expected approval date of 30-60 days after the filing date.

Be sure to watch for the July issue of *Colorado Country Life*, where we will publish a full summary of rates showing the existing rates, the new rates, and the difference between the two. We will also be mailing out an official notice of rate adjustment soon, so watch your mail for that letter. Email info@secpa.com or call 800-332-8634 with any questions or comments.



2024 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The SECPA annual meeting is a great time to catch up with neighbors and friends over a good meal.



Karson Roesch receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Katharine Elmore receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Windsor Leighty receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Waitley Sharon receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



SECPA Chief Executive Officer Kevin Brandon (left) draws the first prize winner.



Bethany Summers receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Hayden Brooks receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.

SECPA members enjoy time together at the annual meeting in La Junta on April 25.



Skyla Harr receives the Tri-State Scholarship presented by SECPA Board President Truman Wright.



Gavin Tempel receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Morgan Foxhaven receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



SECPA board directors Merlin Rushton (left), Truman Wright, and Michelle Gardner visit at the annual meeting.



Jesse Gamez receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Elaine Shannon receives a SECPA scholarship from Board President Truman Wright.



Board President Truman Wright (far left) welcomes members to the SECPA annual meeting in April.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Southeast Colorado Power Association is proud to award scholarships to students in our service area whose families are SECPA members. Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship recipients!



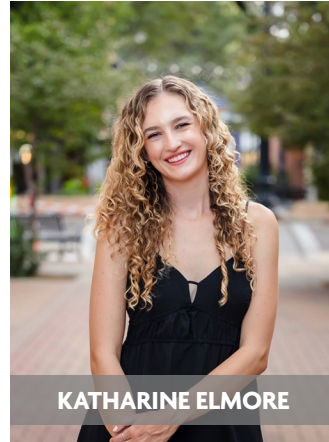
SKYLA HARR

TRI-STATE SCHOLARSHIP
Simla High School
Parents – Brad & Kari Harr



HAYDEN BROOKS

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Vilas Undivided High School
Parent – Brian Brooks



KATHARINE ELMORE

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Campo High School
Parents – Scott & Heidi Elmore



MORGAN FOXHOVEN

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
La Junta High school
Parents –Randy & Jennifer Foxhoven



JESSE GAMEZ

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Kim High School
Parents – Jesse Gamez & Jessica Puebla



TREVOR JOHNSTON

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
La Junta High School
Parents – Todd & Jennifer Johnston



WINDSOR LEIGHTY

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
McClave High School
Parents – Anthony & Kara Leighty



KARSON ROESCH

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
McClave High School
Parents – Kerry & Becky Roesch



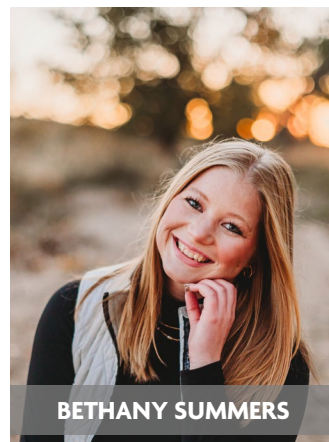
ELAINE SHANNON

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Kim High School
Parents – John & Ruth Shannon



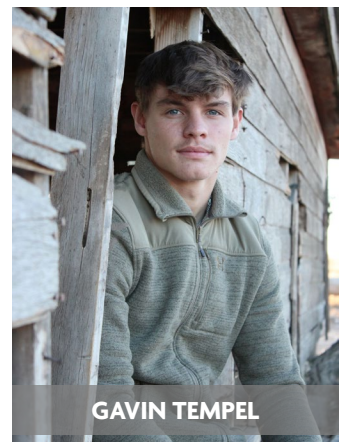
WAITLEY SHARON

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Homeschool
Parents – Trent & Lindy Sharon



BETHANY SUMMERS

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
Wiley High School
Parents – Jeremy & Dana Summers



GAVIN TEMPEL

\$1,000 SECPA SCHOLARSHIP
McClave High School
Parents – Jake & Cherie Tempel