

ORCAS POWER & LIGHT COOPERATIVE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

April 30, 2016

Vice-President Vince Dauciunas called the 79th Annual Membership Meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. aboard the MV Elwha.

A quorum was met with 237 members in attendance and 374 attendees.

President Lett welcomed members and guests and introduced the current Board of Directors: District 1 Mark Madsen and Vince Dauciunas; District 2 Winnie Adams and Randy Cornelius; and District 3 Jim Lett. District 4 director Dr. Jerry Whitfield was unable to attend. Parliamentarian Joel Paisner and Tally Chair Doug Pearson were also introduced. Special guests included BPA Senior Account Executive Marcus Perry and BPA Transmission Account Executive Melanie Jackson. Catering the meeting was The Galley of Lopez Island.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Official Notice of the Meeting; motion carried. A motion was then made and seconded to waive the reading of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting; motion carried. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting; motion carried.

Vice-President introduced the board candidates from District 3 (includes Lopez, Decatur, Center and Charles islands): Jim Lett, Dwight Lewis, Brian Silverstein and Lauren Stephens. Candidates from District 4 (includes Shaw, Crane, Canoe and Bell islands) were introduced: Gabriel Jacobs and Jerry Whitfield. Dauciunas declared registration and balloting closed for the 79th Annual Meeting.

The sixth annual Nouridine Jensen Cooperative Youth Scholarship Awards were presented to Anneke Fleming, Orcas High School; Tenley Nelsen, Friday Harbor High School; Ryan Pluff, Friday Harbor High School and returning Youth Director Ray Doss. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship and a week at the Youth Rally leadership camp at the College of Idaho.

Six \$50 power bill credits were randomly selected and awarded to members who voted online or by mail: West Sound Marina, David Heinlein, Charles L. Deach, Holly Liberatore, Elizabeth Strash and Scott C Meyers.

General Manager Foster Hildreth reported that Rock Island, in just over a year, has connected 1,000 new subscribers, with wireless connections the majority. By year's end plans are to have 31 poles in the ground, providing continuous wireless internet coverage for the entire ferry route for those with a T-Mobile device.

Vice-President Dauciunas introduced three concepts about OPALCO's system and energy use. 1) Get more out of the current grid infrastructure (make it efficient); 2) Integrate local renewable sources (solar, wind, ocean, biomass and storage); and 3) Give members new ways to control their energy use. The grid in the future will need to manage hundreds to possibly thousands of distributed energy resources, such as solar panels, electric vehicles and battery systems. The cost of solar continues to decrease; utilities leading the way are demonstrating how to buy more power from the major generators, helping to drive standards on how these systems will connect to and communicate with the system controlling the grid. Better "real time" information on the cost of power gives users new ways to control their energy and the ability to use power wisely. An improved grid will take years to implement and is not a "one size fits all" answer. Each utility will determine its own modernization projects as an important effort to secure a cleaner, more efficient energy system for the future and OPALCO is doing its part.

Tally Chair Doug Pearson announced the results of the 2016 election:

District 3 results for the two open seats, Jim Lett and Brian Silverstein:

	Absentee Ballots	Annual Meeting	Total
Jim Lett	1067	33	1100
Dwight Lewis	960	29	989
Brian Silverstein	1376	46	1422
Lauren Stephens	727	23	750

District 4 results for the one open seat, Jerry Whitfield:

	Absentee Ballots	Annual Meeting	Total
Gabriel Jacobs	978	35	1013
Jerry Whitfield	1171	36	1207

Member Proposed Bylaw Amendment failed, which was to add to the end of Article III – Directors, Section 1, General Powers: *As soon as practicable and at least once every ten years thereafter, the Board of Directors shall reapportion the number of directors' seats attributable to each of the Districts listed in Article III Directors, Section 2, Qualifications and Tenure, so as to align the representation of Cooperative members as closely as possible with the actual number of energy members within each District. Furthermore, from time to time the Board of Directors shall update the boundaries of the above-referenced Districts so as to facilitate the goal of proportionate representation of the members in each of the Districts on the Board of Directors.*

	Absentee Ballots	Annual Meeting	Total
Yes, Approve the Changes	833	30	863
No, Do No Approve	1261	40	1301

The meeting concluded with a question and answer period followed by door prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Jim Lett, President



Jerry Whitfield, Secretary