

ORCAS POWER & LIGHT COOPERATIVE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

April 21, 2018

Vice-President Vince Dauciunas called the 81st Annual Membership Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. aboard the interisland ferry, the MV Tillikum.

A quorum was met with ~16% of the membership casting ballots. A total of 1,741 ballots were cast (808 via paper and 939 via web) out of 11,209 eligible votes for a return of 15.53%. Attendance at the meeting included 178 members with a total of 294 attendees. District 1 had 76; District 2 had 121; District 3 had 61 and District 4 had 5 in attendance.

President Dauciunas welcomed members and guests, thanking the caterers who provided lunches at the three main ferry docks: The Market Chef, San Juan Island; Angel's Catering, Lopez Island; and Orcas Village Store, Orcas Island. Dauciunas also thanks special guests including Anita Decker, NWPPA; Andrew Barter, PNGC; Gerry Lawlor, Rock Island Communications; Ryan Palmateer, SJI Conservation District; Eddie Jackson, Brown & Kysar; Jeff Lindgren, Eaton; Matt Holzer, Anixter; Jeff Case, Oldcastle and Joan Crosby, wife of former board member Roger Crosby. SewNSew Embroidery and the crew of the Tillikum were thanked for their participation in the meeting.

- **Motion** was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Official Notice of the Meeting; motion carried.
- **Motion** was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting; motion carried.
- **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting; motion carried.

Dauciunas then introduced the current Board of Directors: District 1 Mark Madsen and Vince Dauciunas (President); District 2 Winnie Adams (Secretary) and Randy Cornelius (absent); District 3 Brian Silverstein and Peter Garlock and District 4 Dr. Jerry Whitfield (Vice-President). Parliamentarian Joel Paisner was also introduced.

President Dauciunas congratulated the OPALCO "team" in their accomplishment of several projects this past year, including the submarine cable replacement between Lopez and San Juan; a substation remodel on Decatur in partnership with BPA that will include a second redundant direct link to BPA's power system and OPALCO's first community solar project.

Dauciunas spoke about the Board of Directors' two main functions: decision making and oversight. The Board's strategy is based on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), available on the website. It answers 1) how much electric power will we need in the future; 2) where will we get it; 3) how much will we pay for it; and 4) how will the price be determined? He spoke of the difference between 1958 and 2018 for determining future plans and how we get our power. The Board will spend a lot of time determining the answers to those questions and more in the upcoming months.

The eighth annual Nourdine Jensen Cooperative Youth Scholarship Awards were presented to Aida Must, Friday Harbor High School; Arlo Harold, Friday Harbor High School; Natalie Meenan, Friday Harbor High School; and Henry Miller, Spring Street International School. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a week at the Youth Rally leadership camp at the College of Idaho.

Dauciunas introduced the Elections and Governance Committee (EGC) members in attendance. Bev Leyman announced the election results for the two uncontested seats and thanked the outgoing directors Winnie Adams and Randy Cornelius for their service:

	Total
Richard Christmas	1,356
Jeffrey Struthers	1,611

General Manager Hildreth spoke of the vision for the future of our island communities plus a strong foundation for our electric and fiber systems. Thanks to the submarine cable

replacement between Lopez and San Juan islands, OPALCO has the capability to connect with high speed fiber optic and wireless communications. OPALCO's grid can operate more efficiently with increased reliability and is able to integrate increasing levels of local renewable energy. Resources are spent on solar as we embrace renewable energy; reports suggest that unfirmed solar will cost less than hydro power within ten years. Our high-speed communications infrastructure can be used to reroute power around our grid instantaneously when needed during power outages.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Ten \$50 power bill credits were randomly selected and awarded to members who cast ballots: Nancy Loebke, Orcas Island; Joyce Nielsen, San Juan Island; David Durand, Orcas Island; Gerrold Gonce, Lopez Island; Brian Hoyer, Orcas Island; Marilyn Gunning, San Juan Island; Louise Johnson, Lopez Island; Kathryn Bowes, Orcas Island; Brian McMillen, Orcas Island; David Harsch, San Juan Island. Door prizes were then announced.



Vince Dauciunas, President



Jerry Whitfield, Vice-President