



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2023

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Orcas Power & Light Cooperative was held via Zoom.

Streaming through Zoom attendees: President Vince Daucinas, Board members Rick Christmas, Jerry Whitfield, Brian Silverstein, Mark Madsen, Tom Osterman and Jeff Struthers. Staff present were General Manager Foster Hildreth; Manager of Engineering and Operations Russell Guerry; Manager of Finance and Member Services Nancy Loomis; Communications Manager Suzanne Olson (servicing as recording secretary); Assistant Communications Manager Krista Bouchey. Also present were Legal Counsel Joel Paisner as Parliamentarian; Ray Glaze from OPALCO's Elections and Governance Committee and Consultant Jay Kimball.

Director Candidate Chuks Onwuneme

Approximately 57 members were in attendance.

Staff welcome all to the meeting at 9:00 a.m. to OPALCO's 86th annual meeting. Zoom rules were reviewed, prizes will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. EGC Member Ray Glaze was introduced.

President Daucinas reported that a quorum had been met with 18% of the membership voting (2048 votes).

Motion was made by Christmas to waive the reading of the Notice of the Annual Meeting and the Minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Seconded by Osterman. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Daucinas introduced Counsel Joel Paisner as parliamentarian for today's meeting and gave kudos to OPALCO's lineworkers. Daucinas appreciated Rock Island Communications for maintaining a 99.99% reliability rate for the past year and spoke about the challenges of climate change.

Election and Governance Committee members were thanked for their hard work. Ray Glaze of the EGC thanked all for voting and mentioned the Committee is always looking for volunteers from each district to assist in governance of the co-op. Candidates were introduced: District 1 – Vince Daucinas, incumbent; District 2 – Rick Christmas, incumbent, Chuks Onwuneme.

All terms from this election will be for 3 years.

Winners of this year's election:

District 1 – Vince Daucinas – 1692 votes

District 2 – Chuks – 1137 votes

Congratulations to all!

General Manager Foster Hildreth thanked everyone and delivered the State of the Coop mentioning safety, reliability and programmatic achievements. He applauded Rock Island's progress and encouraged members to take advantage of Switch it Up on bill financing for efficiency and cost savings.

Q&A period

Business portion of the meeting closed. Suzanne Olson announced the winners of the prizes.

Vince Dauciunas

Vince Dauciunas, President

Brian Silverstein

Brian Silverstein, Secretary/Treasurer

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