

The Spotlight



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December 2023

DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

Every year, elections are conducted to fill three (3) PIE&G Board of Directors positions at our annual meeting. The annual meeting was held on October 27, 2023. Following the tally of all votes, the successful candidates who secured election to three-year terms (2023-2026) are as follows: John F. Brown (incumbent, Cheboygan District), Christopher Nagel (Montmorency District), and Allan Berg (incumbent, Presque Isle District). For the vote count for each candidate and the full press release visit pieg.com.



Allan Berg



John F. Brown



Christopher Nagel

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors conducted their election of officers, yielding the following results:

- Chair – Allan Berg;
- Vice Chair – John F. Brown;
- Secretary – Sandy Borowicz; and
- Treasurer – Brentt Lucas

Brian J. from Hillman was awarded a \$100 bill credit for casting their vote by mail.

WINTER PROTECTION PLAN: KEEP WARM, STAY PROTECTED!

Stay Cozy This Winter with Our Winter Protection Plan (WPP)!

Designed to protect seniors and low-income members, the WPP prevents service shut-offs and high utility bill payments from November 1 to March 31.

Participation in WPP does not relieve customers from the responsibility of paying for their electric and natural gas usage but can prevent shut-off during winter months.

Members are eligible to apply for WPP with PIE&G if they meet any of the following requirements:

- Age 65 or older, or
- Receive Medicaid, or
- Receive Food Assistance, or
- Have a household income at or below 150% of the poverty level.

Low-Income Members Will Maintain Service from Nov. 1 through March 31, as long as you:

- **Contact PIE&G to provide proof of eligibility and sign an agreement.**
- Pay at least 7% of your estimated annual bill each month, and
- Make equal monthly payments on any past-due bills between the date you apply and the start of your next heating season.

Senior Citizen (65 or older) Members Will Maintain Service from Nov. 1 through March 31, as long as you:

- **Contact PIE&G and sign an agreement.**
- Seniors are encouraged to pay what they can over the winter to avoid large, unmanageable bills and shut-off once the protection period ends.
- At the end of the protection period, contact PIE&G to make payment arrangements for unpaid balances prior to the next heating season.

See page 18 of your Nov-Dec Country Lines for more details and call PIE&G to enroll.

Happy Holidays!

PIE&G will be closed on the following dates.

Christmas:

Monday, Dec. 25 &
Tuesday, Dec. 26.

New Year's:

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

Report outages or natural gas emergencies anytime by calling (800) 422-6634.

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APPLY FOR THE NRECA YOUTH TOUR: JUNE 18-23, 2024.

An all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. paid for by your Michigan Electric Cooperative. A week of visiting historic monuments, touring world-class museums, and meeting elected officials. Applicants must be a sophomore or junior in high school. The deadline is January 12, 2024. Learn more and apply at cooperativeyouthtour.com.



WINTER STORM SAFETY TIPS

Winter is coming, and we want all our PIE&G members to stay safe and prepared during snowy seasons. Here are five essential tips to get ready for those winter storms:

1 EMERGENCY KIT:

Assemble an emergency kit with supplies like flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, and water. Don't forget blankets, warm clothing, and any necessary medications.

2 HEATING SYSTEM:

Ensure your heating system is in top shape. Replace filters, check for leaks, and schedule a professional inspection. A warm home is a cozy home!

3 WINTERIZE YOUR HOME:

Seal gaps and cracks in doors and windows to keep the cold out. Insulate pipes to prevent freezing, and consider a backup generator for power outages.

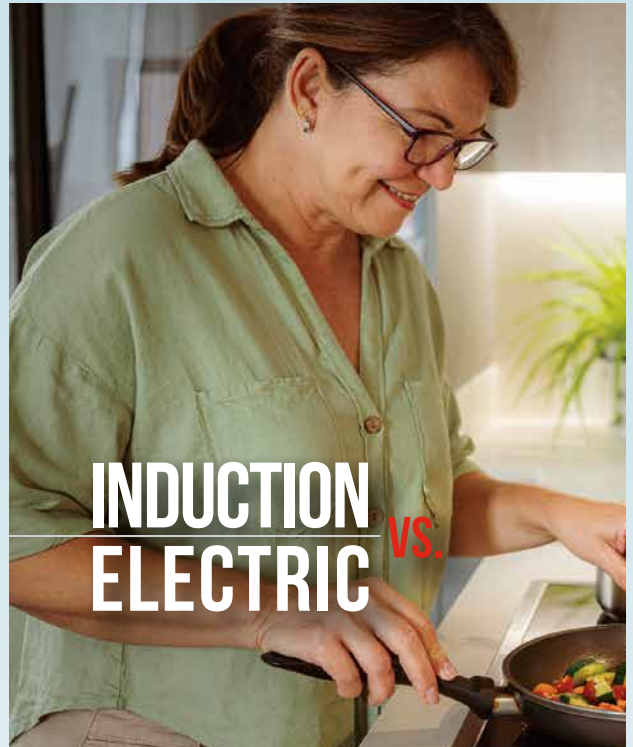
4 SAFETY FIRST:

If you use a generator, operate it safely outdoors, away from windows or vents. Keep carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers handy.

5 STAY INFORMED:

Follow us on Facebook and stay tuned to local weather forecasts. Knowledge is power in any storm. facebook.com/PIEGCooperative

Remember, your safety is our priority. Stay warm, stay safe, and let's embrace the beauty of winter together!



INDUCTION VS. ELECTRIC

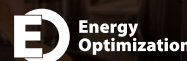
Induction stoves aren't the same as electric - and that's a good thing!

They may look similar to the naked eye, but induction stoves offer advantages over electric due to the drastically different way they cook and heat food.

- ▶ **More efficient** • Induction stoves generate heat only in your pot or pan via an electromagnetic field, so less heat energy is wasted.
- ▶ **Faster cook time** • Because induction stoves heat cookware directly, the contents are heated up faster.
- ▶ **Safer** • The cooking surface itself does not get hot - only the area directly under your pot or pan may warm up by absorbing heat from the cookware.
- ▶ **Easier to clean** • A cool cooktop means no scrubbing away at burned on spills.

\$500 INCENTIVE FOR INDUCTION RANGE/STOVE*

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