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**Oneida-Madison  
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

## COOPERATIVE NEWS

### *Annual Meeting Edition*

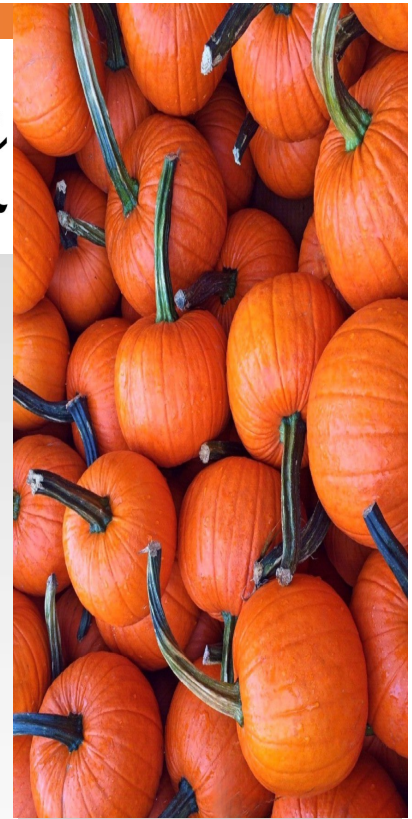
Dear Members,

We're thrilled to announce that the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members will take place on **Friday, October 3rd, 2025**. It's a remarkable milestone, and we owe our continued success to your steadfast support.

In this edition of Cooperative News, you'll find all the essential details about the Annual Meeting. We've included information on how to reserve your BBQ dinners (with two tempting and discounted options!), details on upcoming elections, the Members' Financial Report, and an official proxy form for those who can't attend but still wish to vote.

Join us for an event filled with excitement: savor delicious food from Brooks' House of BBQ, explore a variety of vendors, enjoy live music from Joe Kidd and Adam Clark, learn about scholarship opportunities, and most importantly, **VOTE** for your favorite charity to receive our Operation Round Up funds! There's something for everyone in the entire family and we do hope you bring the whole gang!

For more information or updates, keep an eye on our Facebook page or website. Additionally, you may always stop in or call the office at 315-893-1851. We look forward to seeing you!



### Notes & Information

Normal Office Hours are as follows:

7:30am-4pm, Monday-Friday

Office Location:

6630 State Rt 20  
Bouckville, NY 13310

Call (315) 893-1851 24 hours a day for assistance with power outages and/or emergencies

### Your Board of Directors

Rudy Brouillette, President

John Lehr, Vice President

Dan Saulgiver, Secretary/  
Treasurer

Scott Bugbee

Seth Howard

James Nassimos

Kurt Peavey

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## *Meet the Directors*



**Dan Saulsgiver** is a 42-year veteran on our Board of Directors and has held the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the last 39 years, and is the current NYS representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board of Directors. Along with wife, Carol, Dan not only raised his own three children, but hundreds of others during his 40-year tenure as a biology teacher at Madison Central School from which he retired in 2014. Dan has dedicated his life to serving his community and his family including his 6 grandchildren.



**Lewis "Kurt" Peavey** has served on the Board of Directors for the last 18 years. In addition, Kurt is the Technology Coordinator at Madison Central School as well as the Varsity Wrestling Coach at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill. Kurt and wife, Colleen, have two children, Maria and Kyle. Kurt enjoys spending time with his family when he's not volunteering his time for Cooperative or youth wrestling initiatives.



**James Nassimos** has served Oneida-Madison's Board of Directors for the last 32 years. James was a design engineer for GE Aerospace/Lockheed Martin for many years before his retirement. As a current NYS Home Inspector and electrician, he is busier now than he was when he had a full-time job! James and his wife, Colleen, have two children, Rachel and Daniel. In his free time (which is rare) Jim enjoys tinkering around his home, woodworking, and spending time with his large family.

# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 82nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

*Mr. Daniel Saulsgiver, Secretary of Your Cooperative's Board of Directors hereby announces:*

Pursuant to provisions of the Bylaws of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc., the **Eighty-Second Annual Meeting of the Members** of the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held **Friday, October 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Madison Central School (7303 US Route 20 in Madison) to take action upon the following matters of business:

1. Reports of Officers, Directors, and Committees
2. The election of Directors of the Cooperative for terms of three years
3. Consideration of any other business which may properly be presented

## DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV SECTION 3 OF THE BYLAWS OF THE ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS CONVENED AUGUST 6, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COOPERATIVE, 6630 STATE ROUTE 20, BOUCKVILLE, NEW YORK. THERE ARE PRESENTLY THREE DIRECTOR'S TERMS EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 3, 2025. THE COMMITTEE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR FOR THREE YEAR TERMS EACH:

<b>DAN SAULSGIVER</b>	<b>RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF LEBANON</b>
<b>LEWIS "KURT" PEAVEY</b>	<b>RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF EATON</b>
<b>JAMES NASSIMOS</b>	<b>RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF MADISON</b>

*As reported by: Murry Ames, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations*

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Dear Fellow Cooperative Member:

Please join us on **Friday night October 3, 2025**, as we celebrate our 82nd Annual Meeting. Once again, this year's dinner and entertainment will start at **5:30 PM** at Madison Central School, located at 7303 Route 20 in Madison. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM in the school auditorium. Financial reports for calendar year 2024 will be available at the Annual Meeting but can also be found on the next page. **THE LAST PAGE OF THIS DOCUMENT includes the meal reservation/payment form which should be returned no later than Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Sincerely,

Rudy Brouillette,  
President, Board of Directors

## ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Members' Financial Report as of December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Electric plant, at cost	\$ 10,710,946
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,020,504)
Investments in associated organizations	325,236
Cash for general purposes	175,604
Cash for construction	100
Temporary cash investments	-
Accounts receivable - Net	224,084
Other receivables	418,973
Plant material and supplies	116,414
Prepaid expenses	90,950
Other current assets	876
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 7,042,679</u>

LIABILITIES

Mortgages payable	\$ 2,474,397
Lease payable	78,751
Accounts payable	130,227
Accrued expenses	62,714
Customer deposits	48,593
Deferred credits	415,086
Total liabilities	<u>3,209,768</u>

EQUITIES

Memberships	26,670
Patronage capital	3,488,968
Other equities	317,273
Total equities	<u>3,832,911</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES	<u>\$ 7,042,679</u>
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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	2024	2023
Operating revenues	\$ 3,570,314	\$ 3,253,703
Capital credits received	17,210	12,402
Non-operating margins	11,478	33,089
Total revenues	<u>3,599,002</u>	<u>3,299,194</u>
System operation and maintenance	2,038,540	1,818,346
Consumer services	212,487	209,023
Administrative and general	645,365	609,935
Depreciation and amortization	285,821	261,380
Interest	104,629	112,344
Total expenses	<u>3,286,842</u>	<u>3,011,028</u>
Net margin	312,160	288,166
Capital credits retired	(179,896)	169,202
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PATRONAGE CAPITAL	<u>\$ 132,264</u>	<u>\$ 457,368</u>



## Turn Spare Change into Real Change with Operation Round Up!

Operation Round Up is a **completely voluntary program** you can join or leave at any time. Here's how it works: we round your bill up to the nearest whole dollar (for example, \$143.76 becomes \$144.00). That's just a few cents each month, and the most any account would contribute in a year is **\$11.88**.

It may not sound like much, but if every OMEC member participated, we could raise **over \$25,000 every year** for local causes!

All funds go directly to a **charity chosen by our members**—and that's where you come in. We're asking you to nominate charitable organizations you'd like to see benefit from this program. While we'd love to keep the impact close to home in **\*\*Central New York (especially Madison and Oneida counties)\*\*** your chosen organization does not need to be an OMEC member or affiliate.

**Nominations are open until September 26, 2025.** From the submissions, three charities will be selected for a member vote at our **82nd Annual Meeting on October 3, 2025.**

- Nominate by email:** [kyla@oneidamadison.com](mailto:kyla@oneidamadison.com)
- Call:** 315-893-1851
- Learn more or sign up:** [oneida-madison.coop/operation-round](http://oneida-madison.coop/operation-round)

**Together, let's prove that small change can create a big impact!**

## **At Home With...Brian??**

This is *the* potato salad. Clear your summer calendar because you'll be invited to every cookout, picnic, and backyard gathering from Bouckville to Bangkok. While the other side dishes sit there hoping someone takes pity on them, this one gets swarmed, praised, and photographed like it's a celebrity. Make it once, and you're no longer at the party.... you are the party

### ***The Potato Salad That Got Me Invited Back***

adapted (with love and minimal originality) from my favorite Jurassic, smoke-filled, meat-slinging cookbook. ~CEO Brian Bell

#### **Ingredients:**

Vegetables:

- 1½ lbs. new red potatoes, washed
- 1 lb. asparagus, ends trimmed (no one likes chewing on lumber)
- 1/2 large red bell pepper, slivered and cut into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 C red onion, slivered and cut into bite-size pieces (NOT optional, no matter what the onion haters say)

Dressing:

- 5 Tbsp Creole mustard (honestly, I don't know what that is, just use spicy brown)
- 6 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1½ Tbsp brown sugar
- ¾ tsp kosher salt (I'm begging you, please don't use table salt)
- ¼ tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced (garlic NEVER comes in a jar)
- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- Tabasco sauce, to taste (know your audience)

#### **Instructions:**

1. Boil the potatoes in salted water until tender. Drain, cool a bit, and cut into chunks. Put them in a bowl that's big enough so you're not chasing pieces across the counter.
2. Cook the asparagus in salted water until crisp-tender. Dunk in ice water to keep it green and stop the cooking, then cut into pieces. (If you forget the ice bath, you'll have mush, mush doesn't get you invited back.)
3. Add the red pepper and onion to the potatoes and asparagus. This is the part when you know you've done something special.
4. Whisk everything for the dressing except the olive oil and Tabasco. Slowly whisk in the olive oil until it looks smooth, then add Tabasco until you feel like it's got the right kick.
5. Add half the dressing to the vegetables and toss gently. If it needs more, add it. If it doesn't, put the extra in the fridge and forget about it until it expires.
6. Serve right away for the best asparagus color. Or make it ahead and spend the day bragging about how "the flavors have had time to blend."

## Official Proxy

As a member of the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc., I, the undersigned, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy to vote in my stead at the **82nd Annual Meeting of the Members** to be held in Madison, New York, on **October 3, 2025**.

I realize it is my duty as a Member of this Cooperative to take an active interest in its affairs. However, as I find it impossible to attend the meeting in person, I have carefully considered the business which to my knowledge is to be acted upon, and have decided to give my proxy to the person named above, **who is a Member and who has agreed to vote this proxy on all matters as they honestly believe I would vote if I were present**. I hereby ratify and confirm my proxy's vote in my stead.

Witness my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member giving Proxy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

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Signature of Dan Saulsgiver,  
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

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One of the distinguishing features of OMEC, and all cooperatives, compared to investor-owned utilities, is democratic member control. We are owned by our members—you! You have the power to elect your Board of Directors who represent your interests, vote on bylaw changes, and decide on recipients of Operation Round Up funds, among other important matters.

We recognize that attending the Annual Meeting in person isn't always feasible. Therefore, we have included this Official Proxy in accordance with Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. bylaws Article III, Section 6. This form allows a fellow member, who is an adult (18 years or older) and either resides in your household or is another established member of the cooperative, to vote on your behalf.

Please note, the official proxy is valid only for the specified meeting and becomes null and void if you attend, ensuring that no double voting occurs.

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding proxies, please don't hesitate to contact Kyla at 315-893-1851 or [kyla@oneidamadison.com](mailto:kyla@oneidamadison.com)

## Reserving Your BBQ Dinners Just Got Easier!!

Don't want to send in a check for your reservation? Scan our QR code below or visit our website <https://oneida-madison.coop/annual-meeting>.

**Simply fill out the online form and the cost of your dinners will be added to your next billing statement.** It's fast, paperless, requires no postage and can be done at your convenience, 24/7! For any questions, call 315-893-1851 or email [kyla@oneidamadison.com](mailto:kyla@oneidamadison.com)



*82nd Annual Meeting of the Members*

**Friday, October 3, 2025**

**Madison Central School**

Pre-meeting meal provided by:



**Doors open at 5:30 PM**

**SERVING TIME: 5:30-6:45 PM**

**MEALS WILL NOT BE SERVED BEFORE 5:30 OR AFTER 6:45 PM**

**\$12.00 PER PERSON**

**CHOICE of 1/2 BBQ Chicken OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
served with Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Rolls with Butter,**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS AND FULL PAYMENT MUST BE IN TO YOUR  
COOPERATIVE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number Attending choosing PORK** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$12.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL=** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS ARE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**

**NO REFUNDS \* NO TAKEOUTS**

*Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

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