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**83RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026,
MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL**

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 83RD 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 the provisions of the Bylaws of Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc., the **Eighty-Third Annual Meeting of the Members** of the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held on **Friday, October 2, 2026, 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 ON AUGUST 5, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COOPERATIVE, 6630 STATE ROUTE 20, BOUCKVILLE, NEW YORK. THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO DIRECTORS TERMS EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 2, 2026. THE COMMITTEE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS EACH:

JOHN LEHR RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

SETH HOWARD RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF FENNER

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

Dear Fellow Cooperative Member:

Please join us on **Friday, October 2, 2026**, as we celebrate our 83rd 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 the calendar year 2025 will be available at the Annual Meeting but can also be found on page 8. **THE LAST TWO PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT include the meal reservation/payment form, which should be returned no later than Friday, September 25th.**

Sincerely,

Rudy Brouillette
President, Board of Directors

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

DINNER DISCUSSION & DEMOCRACY



Doors open at **5:30 PM**



MENU

From Brooks' House of BBQ:

BBQ chicken and pulled pork dinners will be available from 5:30 PM until 6:45 PM. Dinners must be reserved in advance (see pages 9-10), and there are no substitutions or refunds.

MUSIC



The Evergreen Roots
featuring Danielle,
Cody, & Shayla



Country, pop, rock,
and Americana covers



Playing in the
auditorium from 5:30-
7 PM

MEETING



Co-op News & Updates

Grant updates,
vegetation management,
new headquarters and
more.



Proposed Bylaw Changes

See pages 5-8 to review
in advance



VOTE

Learn about the
Directors up for
reelection on the next
page

OPERATION ROUND UP

☐ See all of our nominees
for ORU funds

☐ Each **membership**
gets ONE vote

☐ The top three organizations
with the most votes win

☐ 1st place=50% of ORU funds
2nd place=25% of ORU funds
3rd place=25% of ORU funds

☐ All nominations due no later
than **September 18, 2026**





MEET THE

DIRECTORS



up for re-election



Seth Howard

Mr. Howard has been on the Board of Directors for the last six years. In addition to serving your cooperative, Seth is the Physical Education/Health teacher at Madison Central School and the coach for hockey in Cazenovia, as well as the baseball coach for Canastota. Seth and his wife, Heather, have one son.

John Lehr

Mr. Lehr has served on the Board for the last 20 years and has been Vice President for the last three. This month he will retire from Farm Credit after 36 years of dedicated service to the northeastern agriculture community. John along with wife, Lynda, have two children and one grandchild.



Cooperative Principle #2-Democratic Member Control

Cooperative are democratic organizations controlled by their members who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions through voting and Board participation.

PROPOSED 2026 BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. | CHANGES-ONLY REDLINE

Deletions ~~appear in red strikethrough~~; additions appear in red underline. Unchanged text is omitted except where needed for context.

ARTICLE I — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements for membership. Upon receipt of electric service from the Cooperative, provided that ~~he~~ or the applicant has first: ...

Section 5. Membership Fees. The membership fee shall be \$10.00, upon the payment of which a member shall be eligible for service connection. The membership fee shall apply to the establishment of a membership and shall not be charged again solely because of a conversion to joint membership, removal of a joint member, legal name change of an existing member, correction or update of a member's name in the Cooperative's records, reissuance of a certificate, or other change in membership status, provided the underlying membership continues.

Section 6. Purchase of Electric Energy. ...premises specified in ~~his~~ the application for membership, except for electricity that might be generated by the member on ~~his, her, their, or its~~ such premises... Each member shall also pay all amounts owed by ~~him~~ the member to the Cooperative as and when the same shall become due and payable.

Section 7. Termination of Membership. ...such failure makes ~~him~~ the member liable to expulsion... service is available to ~~him~~ them, has not purchased electric energy... Termination of membership in any manner shall not release a member or ~~his~~ member's estate from any debts due the Cooperative.

ARTICLE III — MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Notice shall be delivered by regular first class mail (USPS) to the ~~members~~ member's last known address... not less than ten (10) days, but not more than ~~twenty-five~~ forty-five (45) days before the meeting... ~~If mailed, such notice shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is sent by mail, then it shall be considered delivered when it is properly addressed to the member at the mailing address shown in the Cooperative's records, postage prepaid, and deposited with the United States Postal Service.~~

Section 4. Quorum. If the total number of active members exceeds five hundred, then fifty active members present ~~and~~ in person, or by electronic means (if put into effect by the Board of Directors for that specific meeting), shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Voting. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the active members voting thereon in person, by authorized electronic means, or by proxy... Where electronic voting is authorized by the Board of Directors for a specific meeting, active members participating by authorized electronic means may vote in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Proxies. A member may give ~~his~~ their proxy only to another member... The presence of a member at a meeting in person or by authorized electronic means shall revoke a proxy theretofore executed by ~~him~~ the member.

ARTICLE IV — DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of ~~nine~~ seven (7) Directors...

Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure. ...subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to removal of directors. ~~Beginning with the Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held in October of 2015, the size of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative shall be reduced from nine (9) to seven (7) by eliminating the directorship position of any Director who shall have resigned before or effective at the end of his term, and by not appointing a replacement director to fill any such vacancy.~~ Directors may be elected by a plurality vote of the members.

Section 3. Nominations. ...selected from different sections of the project area so as to ~~insure~~ ensure equitable representation... The Secretary shall ~~mail~~ provide with the notice of the meeting or separately... a statement of the number of Directors to be elected, and the names and addresses of the candidates...

Section 4. Removal of Directors by Members. ...the person or persons bringing the charges against ~~him~~ the Director shall have the same opportunity.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. Notice of Board Meetings by the President or the Board Member calling the meeting. ~~If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Board Member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice is sent by mail, then it shall be considered delivered when it is properly addressed to the Director at the mailing address shown in the Cooperative's records, postage prepaid, and deposited with the United States Postal Service,~~ at least five days before the date set for the meeting.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. Each officer shall hold office ... until ~~Ris9'~~ successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. Removal of Officers and Agents by Directors the person or persons bringing the charges against ~~rnmthe officer~~ shall have the same opportunity.

Section 5. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of ~~Ris~~their inability or refusal to act. .. The Vice-President shall also perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to ~~rnmthem~~ by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Secretary. (a) taking and preparing the minutes ... in a format acceptable to the Board of Directors; and ~~...~~ (g) in general performing all duties ... as may be assigned to ~~rnmthem~~ by the Board.

Section 7. Treasurer such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to ~~rnmthem~~ by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. CEO / General Manager. The Board of Directors may appoint a ~~Manager~~CEO / General Manager who may be, but who shall not be required to be, a member of the Cooperative. ~~The Manager~~CEO / General Manager shall perform such duties and shall exercise such authority as the Board of Directors may from time to time vest in ~~rnmthem~~.

ARTICLE VII - NON-PROFIT OPERATION

Section 2. Patronage Capital in Connection with Furnishing of Electric Energy. ... notify each patron of the amount of capital so credited to ~~Ris~~that patron's account. .. if the legal representatives of ~~Ris~~the patron's estate shall request in writing that the capital credited to any such patron be retired ...

Section 3. Security Interest in Patronage Capital. ... prescribe in accordance with these ~~by laws~~bylaws and policies established by the Board of Directors.

BE #VOTEREADY



DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL



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 the Official Proxy form (below) 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 that 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



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 **83rd Annual Meeting of the Members** to be held in Madison, New York on **October 2, 2026**.

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/or is over the age of 18, living in my household, and who has agreed to vote this proxy on all matters as he/she honestly believes I would vote if I were present. I hereby ratified and confirm my proxy's vote in my stead.

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2026.



Signature of Member giving Proxy _____



Witness Signature _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received on: _____, 2026



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

ONEIDA-MADISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Members' Financial Report as of December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Electric plant, at cost	\$ 11,695,035
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,291,281)
Investments in associated organizations	332,512
Cash for general purposes	274,211
Cash for construction	100
Temporary cash investments	-
Accounts receivable - Net	243,247
Other receivables	471,730
Plant material and supplies	113,589
Prepaid expenses	116,507
Other current assets	1,407
	<u>1,407</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 7,957,057</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Mortgages payable	\$ 2,879,141
Lease payable	163,820
Accounts payable	207,355
Accrued expenses	167,930
Customer deposits	46,496
Deferred credits	513,910
	<u>513,910</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>3,978,652</u></u>

EQUITIES

Memberships	27,510
Patronage capital	3,625,353
Other equities	325,542
	<u>325,542</u>
Total equities	<u><u>3,978,405</u></u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES	<u><u>\$ 7,957,057</u></u>
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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 4,080,363	\$ 3,570,314
Capital credits received	16,944	17,210
Non-operating margins	20,332	11,478
Total revenues	<u><u>4,117,639</u></u>	<u><u>3,599,002</u></u>
System operation and maintenance	2,373,950	2,038,540
Consumer services	196,054	212,487
Administrative and general	788,418	645,365
Depreciation and amortization	312,721	285,821
Interest	116,238	104,629
Total expenses	<u><u>3,787,381</u></u>	<u><u>3,286,842</u></u>
Net margin	330,258	312,160
Capital credits retired	<u>(193,873)</u>	<u>(179,896)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PATRONAGE CAPITAL	<u><u>\$ 136,385</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 132,264</u></u>

Two Ways to Reserve Your Meal!



Don't want to send in a check for your reservation? Scan our QR code 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

OR



Mail your check along with the form on the next page to:

P.O. Box 27, Bouckville, NY 13310

83rd Annual Meeting of the Members

Friday, October 2, 2026

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 25, 2026**

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

Name of Member(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number Attending choosing CHICKEN _____ X \$12.00 = _____

Number Attending choosing PORK _____ X \$12.00 = _____

TOTAL= _____

**MEALS ARE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
NO REFUNDS * NO TAKEOUTS**



Wattson's Window

Hello, members, Wattson here, comin' at you from the CEO's seat. As a naturally curious cat, I like to know what's happening, who's involved, and whether dinner will be served. That's why I think every member should attend the Annual Meeting on October 2, 2026.

The business meeting is your chance to hear important updates, learn what the organization has accomplished, and discover what's planned for the future. It's also an opportunity to ask questions, share your perspective, and help shape the decisions that affect our membership. Your voice matters; after all, the best organizations are built by members who show up and participate.

Of course, the evening isn't all business. Members can enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner, browse offerings and information from participating vendors, and spend time catching up with friends and meeting new people. There will also be musical entertainment to keep things lively and make the gathering even more enjoyable.

Whether you come for the useful information, the fellowship, the vendors, the music, or the BBQ, there's something for everyone. Personally, I'd attend for the dinner, but I'd stay to supervise the business meeting.

Mark your calendar for October 2, 2026, and join us for an evening of good food, helpful information, entertainment, and community! Stay curious...and save me a bite of BBQ!

Wattson





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