Executive Report

As we present our 2019 Annual Report, we are pleased that our latest Audit Opinion, dated Dec. 31, 2019, once again demonstrates the strong financial position of our cooperative.

We’re pleased to report our rates are stable and low. There have been no rate increases in our retail rates in over 12 years. The 2019 Winter Rate Survey, published by the Georgia Public Service Commission, shows that Amicalola EMC members continue to pay less for electricity than the average Georgia resident.

Rural broadband legislation became law in Georgia during 2019. Senate Bill 2 empowered electric cooperatives to evaluate how we might contribute to the expansion of broadband within our service areas. We know that limited access to broadband services has put parts of rural Georgia at a disadvantage, including a small section of our service area. We are continuing our work to help our area gain greater access to broadband services; this includes a partnership to bring expanded broadband access to our service area.

System work continues on our current work plan, which includes a new substation and necessary improvements/automation of our distribution system, all designed to minimize service interruptions for our members.

In September, our board of directors authorized a $1.9 million general refund of capital credits for members who had service during the year 2001. In accordance with Georgia’s unclaimed property laws, 2019 unclaimed capital credits funded a total of $370,000 for education, economic development projects and local nonprofits, which included $138,000 in college scholarships for high school students and $50,000 in Bright Ideas teacher grants.

During 2019, our Operation Round Up program celebrated its 20th anniversary. Over $2.3 million has been collected from our participating members, a few cents at a time, and distributed into our service area to qualifying individuals and 501(c)(3) nonprofits for basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, health needs and education.

Directors James H. Bryan (Post #4, Pickens/Gilmer counties), Kathy Burt (Post #7, Dawson/Forsyth counties) and William Leon Davis (Post #9, Lumpkin County) were re-elected at the 78th annual meeting in October.

We are now making plans for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Membership to be held on Saturday, Oct. 3. In consideration of the health and well-being of our members and employees, the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted us to make a few changes from our normal meeting practices. Among these changes are the transition to a drive-through meeting format, compliance with social distancing guidelines and the omission of refreshments and entertainment from the program.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Upon arriving at our headquarters office in Jasper, members will be directed to a drive-through registration lane. Members will be asked to provide their name, address and Amicalola EMC account number. This information is available on your electric bill.

The business meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be broadcast over a designated radio station. Members will remain in their vehicle the entire time. Prizes will be drawn and delivered to the member in their vehicle.

While the 2020 Annual Meeting format will be a first for all of us, looking out for the best interests of our members is at the very heart of the cooperative business model. Hope to see you on Oct. 3.
Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation
Jasper, Georgia

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER—Chairman Charles R. Fendley, having determined from the registration clerks that a quorum was present, called the 78th Annual Meeting of Members of Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation to order on October 5, 2019. The meeting was held at the headquarters facility in Jasper, Georgia.

INVOCATION—Reggie Stowers gave the invocation. Following the invocation, members and guests joined in pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag.

WELCOME—Chairman Fendley welcomed members and visitors on behalf of the Board of Directors and expressed appreciation to Glorybound Quartet for their songs.

BUSINESS SESSION—Attorney Phil M. Landrum III conducted the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING—Attorney Landrum read the meeting notice and proof of mailing of the notice of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT—Attorney Landrum stated that the reading of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting would be dispensed with unless called for since copies of these minutes and the Financial Report of the Cooperative as of the December 31, 2018 Audit had been forwarded to members as part of the official notice of the meeting. As there was no call for reading of the minutes, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved as submitted. Accordingly, Attorney Landrum announced that the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved as mailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS—There was no new business.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—Attorney Landrum recognized the Nominating Committee members who were present and then read the report of the committee placing in nomination the following to serve as directors for three-year terms ending at the Annual Meeting 2022: James H. Bryan, Post 4, Pickens County and Gordon County; Kathy Burt, Post #1 – Gilmer/Murray counties

Randall Ponder was elected to the Board of Directors in 1990. In 2006, he earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate. He serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He is retired from the poultry industry. He has two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ponder resides in Gilmer County.

Post #3 – Pickens County

Charles R. Fendley was elected to the Board of Directors in 1972. In 1999, Fendley earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He also serves as Chairman on the Georgia Transmission Corp. Board of Directors. Fendley is retired from banking. He is a member of the Pickens County Industrial Development Authority and the Pickens County Airport Authority. Fendley and his family live in Pickens County.

Post #6 – Cherokee/Bartow counties

John H. Bennett Jr. has served on the Board of Directors since 1984. In 1999, Bennett earned the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate; in 2003, he earned the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate; and in 2015, he earned the NRECA Director Gold Credential. He presently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Policy Committee, Director on the Georgia Energy Cooperative Board of Directors and Member Representative on the OPC Board of Advisors. Bennett is retired from the poultry industry. He is a deacon at Goshen Baptist Church and serves on the Board of Trustees for Reinhardt University. He and his wife, Joy, have three children and eight grandchildren. They reside on their family farm in Cherokee County.

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**Balance Sheet Data**

For years ended December 31

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**Important information for Annual Meeting**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held at the headquarters facility beginning at 11 a.m. The registration area will be marked. Members will remain in their vehicles throughout the meeting.

**VOTING**

Voting by members will be in accordance with Bylaws of the cooperative.

In the event it is necessary that votes be counted by election tellers, only votes by registered voting members will be counted.

Only members who are present may vote. A qualified member is one who has paid a membership fee and signed an application for service. Only one vote for each member will be allowed. To vote for a church, club or other organization, bring the completed Letter of Authorization with you when registering.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

In consideration of the health and well-being of our members and employees, the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted us to make a few changes from our normal meeting practices. Among these changes are the transition to a drive-through meeting format, compliance with social distancing guidelines and the omission of refreshments and entertainment from the program.

**PRIZES**

At the time of registration, each voting member will be given a prize stub.

Eligibility for ballot and prize stubs will be established from Board acceptance through Aug. 27, 2020. Winning prize stubs must be held by the person to whom it is issued.
Operating Statistics
For years ended December 31

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<td>Amount</td>
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<td>$58,677,125</td>
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<td>$88,889,559</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
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<td>Net Margins</td>
<td>$3,276,047</td>
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Notice of 2019 Capital Credit Assignments
2019 capital credit allocation based on patronage revenue of $89,606,023

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To compute your capital credits, multiply the above percentage by the amount paid on energy and security lights during 2019. For assistance, call (706) 253-5200.

The Co-op Dollar

Where It Comes From

- Residential: 80%
- Large Commercial: 8%
- General Service: 9%
- Farm: 3%

Where It Goes

- Purchased Power: 65%
- Operating Expenses: 23%
- Margins: 1%
- Interest on Debt: 4%
- Depreciation: 7%
Annual Meeting minutes,  
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Post 7, Dawson County and Forsyth County; William Leon Davis, Post 9, Lumpkin County. There were no nominations by petition, and these directors were re-elected by acclamation.

ELECTION/CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—Attorney Landrum then introduced the following who had been appointed to serve as the 2019 Election/Credentials Committee: Doug Caldwell, Carl Hill Jr., Truman Paul Henderson, Grady Evans, and Clayton Vaughters.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT—Chairman Fendley reported that because of the financial stability of the cooperative, Amicalola EMC continues to refund capital credits to members, while keeping rates affordable. On September 1, 2019, capital credits were refunded to members with accounts in 2001. The refund totaled over $1.9 million. Also, according to the Georgia PSC Summer Rate Survey, Amicalola EMC electric rates remain less than the local investor-owned utility in three of the four categories. Chairman Fendley expressed Amicalola EMC continues to support the youth in our community. In June, the cooperative sponsored four high school students on a trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the Washington Youth Tour. Last fall, Amicalola EMC was able to fund 75 Bright Ideas grants for teachers to use in their classrooms. Earlier this year, college scholarships totaling $138,000 were awarded to graduating seniors. He closed by encouraging everyone to visit the fall festivals taking place in our community during the next couple of months.

CEO’S REPORT—CEO Payne welcomed everyone to the 78th Annual Meeting of Members of Amicalola EMC. He announced construction is complete at the new district office in Dahlonega, located at the intersection of Highway 52 and Highway 9. This new facility, which opened in July 2019, will provide adequate space for both employees and equipment. This will allow AEMC to prepare for future growth and maintain system reliability. The cooperative continues to work toward improving system reliability and reducing outage time for the members. Training is ongoing on the new devices, focusing on the automation of the distribution system. There are also plans to construct two new substations over the next few years. Lastly, CEO Payne discussed there are plans to roll out a new Rural Energy Savings Loan program, which will allow members to make energy efficiency improvements using low-interest energy loans.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS—Chairman Fendley recognized all veterans who were present. He thanked 2019 Washington Youth Tour winner Rianna Henderson, of Gilmer High School, for assisting with the meeting. Operation Round Up Trustees Doug Caldwell, Lanier Swafford, Edgar Land, Joann Vick and Tommy Allison were recognized. Kathy Fellows was acknowledged for her assistance in taking blood pressures. Retired employees and retired CEOs Bob Payne and Charles Gibson were welcomed. Nell Watson, widow of the late Ray Watson, whose husband served on the Board many years, was also welcomed. The following guests also attended: Rick Jasperse, District 11, Georgia House of Representatives; Amy Schneider, Georgia EMC; Pete Nettles, Georgia Energy Cooperative; Nicholas Ham, Georgia Transmission Corporation; and Paul Turner, Georgia Systems Operations Corp. Pickens County Commissioner Rob Jones was also recognized.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS—Chairman Fendley announced the names of service award recipients for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service. All of these employees were commended for their years of service. Chairman Fendley then announced the names of service award recipients for 30 years or more of service. These employees were presented their award by CEO Payne. Joel Fellows was recognized for 35 years of service. T.D. Childers was recognized for 50 years of service. Director John Bennett was recognized for 35 years of service.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES—Ethan Carlan drew the tickets for gifts provided by vendors and Amicalola EMC.

Being no further business, Chairman Fendley adjourned the meeting.

Randall Ponder, Secretary
Charles R. Fendley, Chairman
LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION
For Churches, Clubs or Organizations at Annual Meeting

(Name of Secretary of organization or other designated official) has been appointed to represent

(Name of church, club or other organization)

(Address of church, etc.)

Account No.

as its voting delegate at Amicalola EMC’s Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020.

(Signature of Secretary of organization or other designated official)

Witnesses:

(If you are to be the representative of your church, club, or other organization at the Annual Meeting, please have this form completed and bring it with you to the meeting.)

2020 Amicalola EMC Scholarship Winners

Savannah Anderson  Aisling Cluley  Joshua Hopkins  Mitchell McVay  Rachel Swafford
Jessica Barrios  Matthew Corvacioli  Anna Huller  Isaac McWhirter  Harris Taylor, III
Elia Bautista Loarca  Malorie Cramer  Sara Ingle  Lauren-Nicole Miles  Mati Teague
Kaylie Beacham  Kate Critchett  Chandler Ingram  Avery Mills  Sarah Teague
Devin Bearden  Anna Cronan  Collby James  Connor Mohon  Catarina Tercero Rafael
Olivia Beck  Charlotte Cunningham  Ashley Jimenez  Baylee Moore  Joel Thornton
Logan Bentley  Emily Dale  Shannon Johnson  Luke Mrozek  Sabrina Tran
Cole Black  Aisha Demidova  Logan Joiner  Willow Newell  Heather Trigg
Avery Blalock  Taylor Dobson  Nathan Jones  Madeleine Noe  Gabriela Valladares
Seth Boudlin  Claudia Espana  Weston Jordan  Emily O’Sheilds  Kayla Valle
Brooklyn Bowen  Adeline Fitts  Tate Keener  Chad Pacas  Kristen Van
Jonathan Bradley  Cameron Fowler  Millie Kerr  T.J. Parks  Caleb Waddell
Sarah Bramlett  Aniston Fowler  Shali King  Camryn Prather  Chloe Walker
Kaulin Brinson  Heather Frady  Zoe Kirk  Abby Pruitt  Jake Walker
Abigail Brock  Abigail Franklin  Tucker Kirk  Josie Reece  Gracie Mae Watkins
Amber Bryant  Cameron Fowler  Madison Koch  Lauren Rider  Mason Watkins
Katie Burdett  Cameron Fowler  Shali King  Jorge Romero  Matthew Webb
Katelynn Cagle  Aniston Fowler  Zoe Kirk  Anna Saine  Brycen Wheeler
Naomi Call  Heather Frady  Shali King  Johnny Sanchez-Lopez  Baylee Whittemore
Chloee Cantrell  Abigail Franklin  Tucker Kirk  Peyton Schmidt  Luke Wimpey
James Carlan  Allen Franklin  Madison Koch  Faith Schofield  Kenneth Withrow
Valeria Cecilio  Allen Franklin  Shali King  Levi Seabolt  Aylah Wright
Carlee Chattin  Allen Franklin  Tucker Kirk  Taylor Sellers  Tyler Wright
Elizabeth Chesser  Allen Franklin  Shali King  Sarah Sheahan  David Zhang
Lauren Childers  Sydney Coughlin  Tucker Kirk  Ethan Sheriff  Morgan Clark
Morgan Clark  Sydney Coughlin  Tucker Kirk  Tyler Simpson  Madison Cline
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Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation

The 2020 Annual Meeting of Amicalola Electric Membership Corporation will be held at the Amicalola EMC Headquarters Facility located at 544 Highway 515 South, Jasper, Pickens County, Georgia, on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, beginning at 12:30 p.m. to take action on matters listed below. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

1. Reports and recommendations of officers and others.
2. Election of three Directors for three-year terms.
3. Handling such other items of business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Directors previously elected, but whose respective terms do not expire until the dates indicated are:

David J. Pierce .................. Post 2 – Gilmer/Fannin counties ............ Term expires October 2021
Travis D. Cline .................... Post 5 – Cherokee County .................. Term expires October 2021
Reggie Stowers ................... Post 8 – Dawson/Lumpkin counties ...... Term expires October 2021
James H. Bryan ................... Post 4 – Pickens/Gordon counties ........ Term expires October 2022
Kathy Burt .......................... Post 7 – Dawson/Forsyth counties .... Term expires October 2022
Edward Tucker ...................... Post 9 – Lumpkin County ............... Term expires October 2022

In connection with the election of three Directors, terms to expire October 2023, scheduled to be held at this meeting, the following members have accepted nominations for Directors made by the Committee on Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors of the cooperative pursuant to the bylaws:

John H. Bennett Jr. .............. Post 6 – Cherokee/Bartow counties
Charles R. Fendley .............. Post 3 – Pickens County
Randall Ponder ................... Post 1 – Gilmer/Murray counties

RANDALL PONDER, SECRETARY

Program for Meeting
October 3, 2020

- Registration begins 11 a.m.
- Call to Order 12:30 p.m.
- Invocation
- Welcome
- Determination of Quorum
- Reading of Notice of Meeting
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Reports of Officers, Directors, Committees
- Adjourn