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TEC 79TH ANNUAL MEETING

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REGISTRATION FEES

Member Registration: \$565

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HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Fairmont Austin

101 Red River St., Austin 78701

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room Rate: \$219

Room Block Cut-Off Date: July 8

Check In: 3 p.m. **Check Out:** 12:30 p.m. (for those in TEC block)

Once you have completed your conference registration, you will receive a confirmation email with the link to make your hotel reservations. Reservations cannot be made over the phone; you must use the link provided in the email.

For questions about conference registration or hotel reservations, please email TECAnnualMeeting@texas-ec.org.



Texas Electric Cooperatives

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Breakfast on Your Own

7:00 a.m. **Member Registration Center Open**

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. **NRECA BLC FULL-DAY WORKSHOP
Risk Oversight: The Board's Role in Risk Management** (BLC 921.1)

INSTRUCTOR: **Wallace Barron**, NRECA
(Applicable toward NRECA Board Leadership Certificate)

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. **TEC LEADERSHIP FULL-DAY WORKSHOP
The Sustainable Workforce**

INSTRUCTOR: **Libby Spears**, Owner, Bravo cc

Noon **Lunch for Workshop Participants**

2:00 p.m. **TEC Communications & Member Services
Committee Meeting**

3:00 p.m. **TEC Manufacturing & Distribution Services
Committee Meeting**

4:00 p.m. **TEC Loss Control Committee Meeting**

TREWA Board Meeting

Evening on Your Own

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

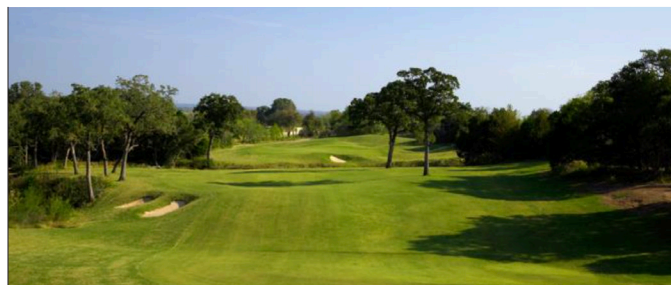
Breakfast on Your Own

6:45 a.m. **21st Annual Legislative Advocacy
Golf Tournament**
Wolfdancer Golf Club
Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort

- Check-in, breakfast and practice: 6:45 a.m. (Practice range closes at 7:40 a.m.)
- Shotgun start: 8:00 a.m.
- Lunch, awards and prizes at conclusion of tournament

7:00 a.m. **Member Registration Center Open**

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. **TEC Showcase
TREWA Craft Show and Raffle**



21ST ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Check-In: 6:45 a.m. (Practice range closes at 7:40 a.m.)

Shotgun Start: 8:00 a.m.

Wolfdancer Golf Club | Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort
575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines 78612 | (512) 308-4774
(The course is 23 miles from downtown Austin between Bastrop and Austin on Highway 71.)

Proceeds from the tournament assist our efforts to advocate in the legislative process on behalf of cooperatives and rural Texans.

GOLF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

★ **Eagle** \$1,800

- Includes:
- Four free golf registrations
 - Select your own foursome
 - Tee box sponsorship signage
 - Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

★ **Birdie** \$850

- Includes:
- Two free golf registrations
 - Signage at select hole events (i.e. Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, etc.)
 - Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

★ **Par** \$350

- Includes:
- Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

Individual Golf Registration \$200

Fee includes golf, cart, range balls, shirt, breakfast, lunch, team photo, door prizes and awards.

For questions about the golf tournament, please contact Karen Pollei at (512) 486-6221 or kpollei@texas-ec.org.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA CONTINUED

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, CONTINUED

- 8:30 a.m.–
3:30 p.m. **NRECA BLC FULL-DAY WORKSHOP**
Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues (BLC 925.1)
INSTRUCTOR: **Bob Patton**, NRECA
(Applicable toward NRECA Board Leadership Certificate)
- 8:30 a.m.–
3:30 p.m. **TEC LEADERSHIP FULL-DAY WORKSHOP**
Collaborative Co-op Leadership: Rediscovering the Path to Our Vision
INSTRUCTOR: **Sandy Geroux**, Founder and CEO
WOWplace International
- Noon **Lunch for Workshop Participants**
- 4:30–
6:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
Celebrating *Texas Co-op Power's* 75th anniversary and recognizing our Business Alliance Program members
- 6:00 p.m. **Evening on Your Own**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 7:00 a.m. **Member Registration Center Open**
- Membership Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:00 a.m.–
4:00 p.m. **TEC Showcase**
TREWA Craft Show and Raffle
- 8:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
- Welcome and Convene**
PRESIDING: **Blaine Warzecha**, Chair
TEC Board of Directors
Victoria EC
- TEC and Industry Update**
Mike Williams, President/CEO
Texas Electric Cooperatives
- 9:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:05 a.m. **TREWA Membership Meeting and Spouse Program**
(See next page for details.)

- 10:05 a.m. **Charging Forward: United Power's Battery Storage Project**
John Parker, CEO, United Power Cooperative
- Government Relations Update**
Eric Craven, Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Legal Affairs
Evan Autry, Director, Government Relations and Legal Affairs
Julia Harvey, Director of Regulatory Affairs
Texas Electric Cooperatives
- 11:40 a.m. **Rural Friends/ACRE Membership Luncheon**
- 1:15 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
PRESIDING: **Alan Lesley**, Vice Chair
TEC Board of Directors
Comanche EC
- Power of Our People**
- A Conversation With Chairman DeAnn Walker**
DeAnn Walker, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Power of Our People**
- Bartlett's Experience Retiring Capital Credits**
Bryan Lightfoot, General Manager/CEO,
Bartlett EC
- 3:05 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 3:35 p.m. **Power of Our People**
- Broadband Around the State**
Blaine Warzecha, General Manager, Victoria EC
Cameron Smallwood, CEO/General Manager,
United Cooperative Services
Ryan Bartlett, President/CEO, Taylor EC
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 4:40 p.m. **NRECA Board Election**
- 6:00–
9:00 p.m. **The Love Boat**
This onsite event includes dinner, music, dancing and a casino as we relive the fabulous *Love Boat* excursions.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Breakfast on Your Own

7:30 a.m. **Member Registration Center Open**

8:00-11:30 a.m. **TEC Showcase**
TREWA Craft Show and Raffle

8:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome and Reconvene

PRESIDING: **Bob Loth**, Secretary-Treasurer, TEC Board of Directors
Central Texas EC

TEC Chairman's Report

Blaine Warzecha, Chair
TEC Board of Directors
Victoria EC

Recognition of Retiring Managers

Mike Williams, President/CEO
Texas Electric Cooperatives

CoBank Report

NRTC Report

Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange Report

Touchstone Energy Update

CFC Report

NRECA Report

Election of TEC Board of Directors

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

10:15 a.m. **Life Would Be Easy if it Weren't for Other People**
Connie Podesta, Speaker, Author, Comedienne and Motivator
Connie Podesta Presents

TREWA Report and Prize Announcements

11:55 a.m. **Closing Comments/Grand Prizes/Adjourn**

The TEC 79th Annual Meeting Has Something for Everyone.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5-7

- Visit and support TREWA activities and TEC Showcase
- Enjoy the sights, sound and tastes of downtown Austin.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 a.m. **TEC Membership Breakfast Buffet**

10:05 a.m. **TREWA Membership Meeting and Spouse Program**
Lord, Did I Really Shave My Legs for This?
Lisa Mills, Comedienne and Author

6:00 p.m. **The Love Boat**
This onsite event includes dinner, music, dancing and a casino as we relive the fabulous *Love Boat* excursions.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

10:15 a.m. **Life Would Be Easy if it Weren't for Other People**
Connie Podesta, Author, Comedienne and Motivator



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

10:05 a.m. **Lord, Did I Really Shave My Legs for This?**

Lisa Mills is an award-winning comedienne, motivational speaker, actor, and author. Regularly asked how she comes up with laugh out loud material, Lisa responds, "Plain and simple, there is enough laughter in everyday life to keep us all in stitches if we will just look for it!" Lisa's unique blend of slightly skewed, southern-spun humor appeals to a variety of audiences. Convinced that there are more things that unite us than separate us, she brings all types of people together through laughter.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

10:15 a.m. **Life Would Be Easy if it Weren't for Other People**

Connie Podesta is a game-changing, idea-generating ball of fire whose rare blend of humor, substance, style and personality have made her one of the most memorable, in-demand speakers in the world today. 25 years. Two million people. 1,000 organizations. Hall of Fame speaker. Award-winning author. Seven books. Former radio/TV personality. Human relations expert. Therapist for 30 years. Connie motivates audiences by fueling them with exciting new ideas, mindsets, attitudes and solutions that will empower them to tackle even the toughest challenges in today's crazy 24/7 world!



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NRECA BOARD LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE AND TEC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

NRECA BLC FULL-DAY WORKSHOP—\$425 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Risk Oversight: The Board's Role in Risk Management (BLC 921.1)

INSTRUCTOR: **Wallace Barron**

Electric co-op boards are operating in what may be one of the most challenging business environments any generation of directors has ever known. The array of risks ranges from financial, regulatory, cyber and economic to technology and changing member demographics. This course is designed to provide directors with the principles and tools to improve their processes for overseeing the cooperative's risk management activities. Using co-op examples and real-world case studies, this interactive course discusses the unique role of board and management to identify, manage and mitigate risk with processes that are appropriate to the characteristics of individual cooperatives.

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

TEC LEADERSHIP FULL-DAY WORKSHOP—\$425 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

The Sustainable Workforce

INSTRUCTOR: **Libby Spears**

Recognizing that a co-op's most valuable resource is its people, this interactive workshop will guide cooperative leaders in building sustainable organizations by identifying the value each person brings to the table. Attendees will learn to recognize that a changing workforce reflects a changing co-op membership, helping your organization remain relevant into the future.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

NRECA BLC FULL-DAY WORKSHOP—\$425 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues (BLC 925.1)

INSTRUCTOR: **Bob Patton**

The continuing evolution of the structure of the electric industry in the U.S. has brought about increased scrutiny by consumers and regulators. As a result, many electric cooperatives are being challenged to make sure their bylaws adequately address new situations including changing membership, "large load" exceptions to some state territorial laws, diversified services, distributed generation and changes in some state or federal laws and regulations. This course will assist directors in undertaking a comprehensive review of the co-op's bylaws and highlight the implications of these changes, issues and challenges on future bylaw revisions.

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

TEC LEADERSHIP FULL-DAY WORKSHOP—\$425 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

Collaborative Co-op Leadership: Rediscovering the Path to Our Vision

INSTRUCTOR: **Sandy Geroux**

Whether you are a new or long-term co-op leader, the decisions and actions you take today will affect the future of the co-op for many years to come. Regardless of individual outlooks and perspectives, the vision remains the same: to improve the quality of life for all co-op members. With this in mind, and realizing that as membership expectations and needs evolve, leaders must evolve with them. This workshop will explore current best practices, as well as new ideas for the future through the sharing of uplifting stories, ideas, templates and models to help you recommit to the goals and ideals that made co-ops the successes they are today. In this session, you will collaborate to build on those successes and discover new ways to not only serve your membership, but also re-ignite the passion that drove you to become a co-op leader.

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Fairmont Austin | 101 Red River St., Austin 78701

MEMBER REGISTRATION

[Click here to register online.](#)

Registration options include:

REGISTRATION	By July 8	After July 8
TEC Member Registration	\$565	\$665
First-time Attendee		
Tuesday Membership Breakfast Buffet	No charge	No charge
Tuesday Rural Friends/ACRE Membership Luncheon	\$60	\$70
Tuesday Evening Love Boat	\$65	\$75

DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Sunday NRECA BLC: Risk Oversight: The Board's Role in Risk Management (Includes lunch)	\$425	\$525
Sunday TEC Leadership: The Sustainable Workforce (Includes lunch)	\$425	\$525
Monday NRECA BLC: Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues (Includes lunch)	\$425	\$525
Monday TEC Leadership: Collaborative Co-op Leadership: Rediscovering the Path to Our Vision (Includes lunch)	\$425	\$525

DOOR PRIZES

Will donate: One, two, three or four \$100 cash prizes

TEC will provide the cash prizes and invoice accordingly.

Conference cancellation policy: All changes or cancellations must be made by email to TECAnnualMeeting@texas-ec.org. Cancellations received by July 1 are eligible for a full refund. A \$100 fee will be assessed for cancellations received July 2-15. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after July 15.

Hotel cancellation policy: Hotel reservations made after July 8 will be on a space-available basis at the hotel's prevailing rate. Reservations canceled fewer than 14 days before scheduled arrival will incur a cancellation fee of one night's room rate.

For additional information, contact Cassie Rousch at (512) 486-6226 or crousch@texas-ec.org.

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SPOUSE/GUEST/CHILD REGISTRATION FORM

[Click here to register online.](#)

Registration options include:

REGISTRATION	By July 8	After July 8
TEC Spouse/Guest Registration	No charge	No charge
TEC Child Registration	No charge	No charge

Please let us know if you will be attending any of the following events. You must register and have a ticket to attend each event.

Sunday Lunch (NRECA BLC/TEC Leadership Training)	\$35	\$45
Monday Lunch (NRECA BLC/TEC Leadership Training)	\$35	\$45
Tuesday Membership Breakfast Buffet	No charge	No charge
Tuesday TREWA Membership Meeting and Spouse Program	No charge	No charge
Tuesday Rural Friends/ACRE Membership Luncheon	\$60	\$70
Tuesday Evening Love Boat—Adult	\$65	\$75
Tuesday Evening Love Boat—Child	\$30	\$40

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20TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

Wolfdancer Golf Club | Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort
575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines 78612 | (512) 308-4774

Proceeds from the tournament assist our efforts to advocate in the legislative process on behalf of cooperatives and rural Texans.

GOLF REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES [Click here to register online.](#)

Please print clearly. (Duplicate for additional registrations.)

Name _____

Cooperative/Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please select appropriately:

REGISTRATION

Individual Golf Registration

By July 8

\$200

After July 8

\$225

Fee includes golf, cart, range balls, shirt, breakfast, lunch, door prizes, team photo and awards.

Golfer: _____ Handicap: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Men's Ladies'

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EAGLE

\$1,800

Includes: • Four free golf registrations • Select your own foursome • Tee box sponsorship signage
• Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

Golfer: _____ Handicap: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Men's Ladies'

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Golfer: _____ Handicap: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Men's Ladies'

BIRDIE

\$850

Includes: • Two free golf registrations • Signage at select hole events (i.e. Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, etc.)
• Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

Golfer: _____ Handicap: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Men's Ladies'

Golfer: _____ Handicap: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Men's Ladies'

PAR

\$350

Includes: • Recognition at the golf tournament and TEC Annual Meeting

I would like to donate a door prize to the golf tournament.

Tournament limited to first 144 registrants.

All participants MUST be registered for the TEC Annual Meeting to play in the golf tournament.

Golf pairings are the sole responsibility of the tournament director except for **EAGLE** foursomes.

For additional information about the golf tournament, contact Karen Pollei at (512) 486-6221 or kpollei@texas-ec.org.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION HOURS

Annual meeting attendees may be eligible for 20 hours of CEU or CPE credits, depending on the governing body. Upon request and completion of the entire conference, TEC will provide a certificate of completion that may be used to apply for CEUs/CPEs. TEC is registered with the State Board of Public Accountancy as a CPE sponsor. Registration with the board does not constitute an endorsement by the board as to the quality of the CPE program. There are no prerequisites.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

NRECA BLC Workshop—Risk Oversight: The Board’s Role in Risk Management

- Defining the cooperative’s risk drivers and risk appetite
- Reviewing the purpose of a communications policy
- Distinguishing the board’s role from the management’s role in risk management and aligning strategy, risks and controls
- Working with management to identify the risk information the board needs and assessing the risk management process

TEC Leadership Workshop—The Sustainable Workforce

- Learn ways to build sustainable organizations.
- Identify the value each person brings to the table.
- Explore how a changing workforce reflects a changing co-op membership, helping your organization remain relevant into the future.

NRECA BLC Workshop—925.1 Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues

- Hear an overview of the role of bylaws.
- Discuss member and director issues and expectations.
- Explore issues impacting co-op operations as not-for-profit corporations.
- Understand the process of revising and amending bylaws.

TEC Leadership Workshop—Collaborative Co-op Leadership: Rediscovering the Path to Our Vision

- Learn how the decisions and actions you take today will affect your cooperative far into the future.
- Explore how individual outlooks and perspectives feed into improving the quality of life for all co-op members.
- Learn current best practices and new ideas for achieving success and fulfilling the cooperative mission.
- Collaborate to build on successes and discover new ways to not only serve your membership, but also re-ignite the passion that drove you to become a co-op leader.

TEC and Industry Update

- Review current overarching challenges of the electric utility industry.
- Learn about electric utility industry trends.
- Gain insight into coming changes in the industry.

Charging Forward: United Power’s Battery Storage Project

- Hear first-hand how United Power built the largest cooperatively owned battery storage project in the country.

- Learn how United Power listened to their members and overcame obstacles in deploying a four-megawatt battery to meet their members’ demand for renewable energy.
- Learn the benefits of operating a utility-scale battery.

Government Relations Update

- Review recent congressional changes and challenges affecting the electric utility industry.
- Learn about upcoming congressional proposals/bills that could affect the electric utility industry.
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A Conversation with Chairman Deanne Walker

- Review recent updates to PUC requirements
- Learn about changes to PUC requirements affecting electric cooperatives
- Hear about PUC priorities for the coming year

Bartlett’s Experience Retiring Capital Credits

- Review case study of co-ops capital credit retirements
- Learn about the member impact on varying approaches to capital credit retirements
- Hear about the internal procedures used for capital credit retirements

Broadband Around the State

- Hear case studies of three cooperatives’ broadband programs
- Learn best practices for determining member interest in broadband
- Review pros, cons and challenges of offering broadband service

Life Would Be Easy if it Weren’t for Other People

- Learn how to get along with people—even when they make it almost impossible to like them.
- Learn to identify the basic personality types.
- Discover why people do what they do and say what they say.
- Learn how you can react differently and communicate better with very diverse personalities.
- Learn how to lead so others will choose to follow.
- Identify the strengths you bring to the table and recognize how to leverage them for optimum success.