

Board of Directors

The board of directors of the South Dakota Rural Electric Association is comprised of 30 representatives of the 31 electric cooperatives operating in the state. (Member Traverse Electric Cooperative in Wheaton, Minn., elects to not seat a board member.)

The board selects its four officers during the board reorganization which is held at the conclusion of the SDREA annual meeting in Pierre each January.

The board meets in conjunction with the SDREA annual meeting each January, the last Thursday and Friday of the months of March, June and September and in November (the Thursday and Friday varies due to Thanksgiving.)



Don (Carol) Heeren
SDREA Board President
Southeastern Electric
Cooperative
Joined SDREA Board in 1998



Butch (Judy) Livermont
SDREA Board Vice President
Lacreek Electric Association,
Martin, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 1997
Represents SDREA on VAADC



Bill (Joan) Bielmaier
SDREA Board Secretary
West River Electric
Association, Wall, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 1988



Richard (Jean) Koupal
SDREA Board Treasurer
East River Electric Power
Cooperative
Joined SDREA Board in 2008



Roy (Barb) Ireland
Basin Electric Power
Cooperative, Bismarck, N.D.

Joined SDREA Board in 1996



Jim (Dee) Preston
Black Hills Electric
Cooperative, Custer, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 2010



David (Cindy) Sternhagen
Bon Homme-Yankton Electric
Association, Tabor, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 1999



Thomas (Quin) Brunner
Butte Electric Cooperative,
Newell, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 1994



Dwight (Cindy) Rossow
Cam Wal Electric Cooperative,
Selby, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 2002
CFC Region VI Director



Mark (Kathryn) Hofer
Central Electric Cooperative,
Mitchell, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 1998
*South Dakota Director on
NRECA Board since 2006*



Joseph (Carol) Rysavy, Jr.
Charles Mix Electric Assoc.,
Lake Andes, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 2007



Arthur (Vicky) Reagle Jr.
Cherry-Todd Electric
Cooperative, Mission, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 2004



Tom Larsen
Clay Union Electric
Corporation, Vermillion, SD
Joined SDREA Board in 2007



L. Myron (Sue) Johnson
 Codington-Clark Electric
 Cooperative, Watertown, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2010



Garry (Carol) Dearborn
 Dakota Energy Cooperative,
 Huron, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2011



Joel (Sandra) Baier
 Douglas Electric Cooperative,
 Armour, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2011



Gary Bachman
 FEM Electric Association,
 Ipswich, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2010



John (Dede) Long
 Grand Electric Cooperative,
 Bison, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2006



Steve Hansen
 H-D Electric Cooperative,
 Clear Lake, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2011



Clair (Phyllis) Leonhardt
 Kingsbury Electric
 Cooperative, DeSmet, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 1999



Jason (Karen) Medhaug
 Lake Region Electric
 Association, Webster, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2007



Beverly (Russell) Birkeland
 Moreau-Grand Electric Co-op
 Timber Lake, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2000



Kurt Bindenagel
 Northern Electric Cooperative,
 Bath, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2008



Jake (Kay) Weischedel
 Oahe Electric Cooperative,
 Blunt, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2000



Earl (Mary) Drey
 Rosebud Electric Cooperative,
 Gregory, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 1992



John (Betty) Van Beek
 Rushmore Electric Power
 Cooperative, Rapid City, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 1995
 Represents SDREA on SDWEA



Henning (Raya) Hansen
 Sioux Valley Energy,
 Colman, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2004



Donald (Pat) Schurdevin
 Union County Electric
 Cooperative, Elk Point, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2007



D.J. (Judy) Mertens
 West Central Electric
 Cooperative, Murdo, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2010



Bill (Kristy) Tostenson
 Whetstone Valley Electric
 Cooperative, Milbank, SD
 Joined SDREA Board in 2011

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 Minn., is a member of SDREA, but elects
 to not seat a director on the board.**