# **Cooperative** News



### Annual Meeting will be Virtual on Aug. 27

ue to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, A&N Electric Cooperative will hold its annual business meeting virtually. The A&N Electric Cooperative Board of Directors wants its members to know that your safety is their primary concern and that has prompted the cooperative to establish an alternative to an in-person meeting this year. The virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Look for more details about the virtual annual meeting in the August edition of *Cooperative Living* magazine and online at anec.com.

A&N Electric is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative and its membership elects a board of directors. As a member of the cooperative, each person receiving electric service is urged to take an active part in its business by voting for its board of directors.

Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, members must vote by mail-in proxy and will be entered into a chance to win one of several \$100 bill credits to count toward an upcoming electric bill. Members are strongly encouraged to fill out the form accompanying their electric bill and return it to A&N Electric Cooperative prior to the annual meeting, either by mailing it back to the cooperative or by returning it to the cooperative's Tasley headquarters.

James N. "Jim"

Accomack County, has

served on the board 22

years and is second in

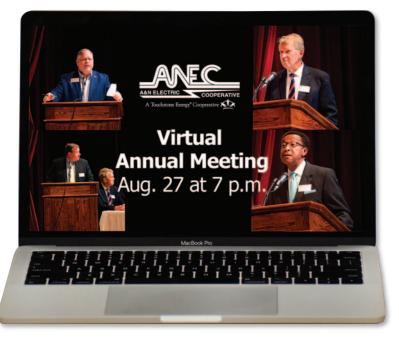
seniority. Belote lives in

Onancock with his wife,

Donna. The couple has

two children.

Belote III, District 2,



#### **Director Bios**



James N. Belote III

Belote farms and owns a Century farm. In 2016, he received National Rural Electrification Cooperative Gold Leadership Credential (highest level of director achievement) and in 2014 was recipient of Board Leadership Credentials. He has taken and passed 22 different credit courses by NRECA on topics such as co-op bylaws, strategic planning, duties and liabilities, risk management, energy efficiency, capital credits, etc. Belote serves on the following cooperative committees: wage and hour; products and services; and is a past member of the executive committee. He was NRECA voting delegate 10 times, CFC six times, Federated Insurance three times and NRTC two times. He attended the Delmarva Power wholesale meeting and CoBank meeting.

During his board tenure, the cooperative built a new headquarters and acquired Delmarva Power, tripling the cooperative's size with an end result of maintaining and lowering rates.

Belote is a 1975 graduate of Virginia Tech, with a B.S. in agronomy and a 1976 graduate of N.C. State with a master's degree in horticulture. He was the agriculture extension agent in Accomack County for 24 years, and worked as a Virginia Beach and Chesapeake agent 10 years.

Leadership: Governor-appointed Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Local Assistance Board; member Eastern Shore Groundwater Study Committee; past president Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association; past lay leader Market St. United Methodist Church; past treasurer Market St. UMC; past president Market St. UM Men; past chairman Virginia Employment Commission Employee Advisory Committee; past chairman Delmarva Advisory Council; past member Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom board of directors; past member numerous state and national organizations.



Robert L. Nock

Robert L. Nock resides in District 1 on the Eastern Shore. Nock has been a resident of Parksley, Va. (seaside area), since 1976. Prior to 1976, Nock lived in Mappsville, Va. He obtained his

Credentialed Cooperative Director's Certificate in 2012 through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director's Institute. He has earned his Board Leadership Certificate. He serves on the following A&N Electric Cooperative

#### **Cooperative Returned** Capital Credits in June

&N Electric Cooperative members should have noticed a capital credits reimbursement on their electric service bill last month. The cooperative's Board of Directors proactively voted to return capital credits to members earlier to assist when it was needed most during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The cooperative typically returns capital credits to its members in August, but the Board of Directors elected to expedite refunds to June, to help members dealing with the current state of emergency. Refunds were shown as a credit on an active member's June bill statement. A total of \$2.5 million in capital credits was returned to eligible cooperative members last month.



## To learn more about capital credits, log onto anec.com.

#### **Energy-Efficiency** Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!

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board committees: finance; member service and community development; wage and salary; and executive committee. In 2018, Nock was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the cooperative.

He is the owner of Seaside Village Mobile Home Park. He has attended a variety of schools to include: T.C. Walker Middle School; Mary N. Smith High School; the National Radio Institute; and Capital Radio Engineering Institute. He earned a Master of Ministry degree from Christian World College of Theology in Salisbury, Md., where he is an instructor of theology. He worked 43 years for the federal government at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration located at Wallops, Va. Nock serves as chairman of the Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals, and has served as a member of the Accomack County Planning Commission. He is pastor at St. Mary's Baptist Church in Jamesville, Va.

Nock and his wife, Yvonne, have one daughter, Tracy, and one granddaughter, Elise. In addition, the Nocks reared Yvonne's nephew, S. Anthony Justice.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

We, the Members of the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of A&N Electric Cooperative on March 26, 2020, after due consideration, do hereby nominate the following members for Directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on Aug. 27, 2020:

| Robert L. Nock      | Residing in District 1 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| James N. Belote III | Residing in District 2 |
| R. Wayne Browning   | Residing in District 3 |

Given under our hands this 7th day of May, 2020.

H. Bruce Richardson Jr. Michelle Marsh Jacqueline Davis Bill Sterling Bruce Freeman



Members of the Nominating Committee of A&N Electric Cooperative

### STORM SEASON IS HERE. SURGEASSIST CAN HELP.

SurgeAssist is A&N Electric Cooperative's newest electronics protection program line that helps address failures caused by electrical disturbances.

LOW COST - About 17 cents a day. (\$4.95 a month)

**PEACE OF MIND** – Anytime you experience a surge-related event, the cooperative will cover the cost of repair or replacement of the claim, up to the \$2,000 coverage amount.

**SATISFACTION** – We have created SurgeAssist to provide an easy, satisfying resolution for a participant's surge-related issues. If you are not happy with the service, you can discontinue it at any time.



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Check your daily and monthly energy use



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Learn more at www.anec.com or scan the QR code above to get started!

View your payment history

• Pay your bill

Set bill reminders

Report outages

Schedule payments

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# Helping Co-op Members Who Need it Most

Members Helping Members Inc. helps assist members of A&N Electric Cooperative who meet certain guidelines with payment of their electric service bills.

The Department of Social Services in Accomack and Northampton counties facilitate the program.







- Helps community members in need
- Over \$230,000 applied to electric bills since 2009
- Small monthly donation easily added to your bill
- Ask us about our Round Up option!

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COOPERATIVE SUNSHARE

Cooperative Sunshare gives ANEC members the power to embrace even more clean, renewable energy.



Looking to take advantage of solar energy, but can't install panels on your property? Are the upfront and ongoing maintenance costs of a personal solar array holding you back? Cooperative Sunshare is designed for you.



Through Cooperative Sunshare, residential members may purchase 50-kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks of solar energy.

A 50-kWh block is \$5.42, plus delivery costs. While higher than standard electricity, solar blocks will remain the same price for 3 years and are not subject to Power Cost Adjustments.

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# Who Owns What?

# Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs. Member-Owned Equipment



This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.

