

UNITED NEWSLINE

Information for the members of United Power, Inc.

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United Power Celebrating 80th Annual Meeting

United Power will be celebrating a special cooperative milestone at its Annual Meeting & Director Election on April 17, 2019. The Brighton-headquartered electric utility will join a short list of rural electric cooperatives celebrating 80 years of providing safe and reliable power. The meeting will include a special tribute to United Power's history and highlight the communities it serves.

All members are invited to connect with cooperative leadership at the annual meeting, enjoy the company of fellow

cooperative members and have a chance to win one of several door prizes. United Power's Annual Meeting will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds/Regional Park located at 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601.

There are four candidates vying for a position on the cooperative's board of directors. One seat in the East, West and South districts is up for election this year. Profiles of the 2019 candidates are included in this issue of the United Newsline.

Ballot packets will be mailed out to members in late March, and include profiles of each candidate. Members may cast their ballots in person at the Annual Meeting, drop them at a United Power office or mail them postage-paid prior to the deadline in the voting envelope.

While candidates live in and represent a geographic area of our territory, they are elected "at-large," which means members should vote for one candidate in each district. Please follow voting and signature

instructions carefully to ensure you return a valid ballot.

Member registration will be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Members who did not mail in their ballot or chose not to vote prior to the meeting will be issued a ballot and be able to cast their votes in the Director election. After members have cast their ballot, they can enjoy a barbecue dinner with us, visit the educational exhibit booths and be entertained by musician Dave Connelly.

The official business meeting of the members will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include reports from the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer John Parker and a report from the Board Treasurer. Election results will be announced prior to adjournment and door prize drawings will conclude the meeting. To learn more about the Annual Meeting, or the candidates running for a seat on the cooperative's board of directors, keep reading this issue, or visit www.unitedpower.com.



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DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILES

There are three director seats up for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Director positions in the East, West and South districts are up for three-year terms. Be sure to read about each of the candidates before casting your ballot. **United Power directors serve in geographic districts, but they are elected on an at-large basis. Please vote for one candidate in each director district.**

2019 Director Candidates

East Elizabeth Martin

West Ursula J. Morgan

South Keith E. Alquist, II
Bradley J. Case

The following statements are those of the candidates and have not been verified by United Power.

EAST DISTRICT



Elizabeth Martin

Real Estate Broker-State of Colorado
Co-owner and CBW (Chief Bottle Washer) -Pepper Pod Restaurant, Hudson-since 1977 BA -CU Boulder
United Power Director -since 2010
Secretary of the Board for United Power-2018-19
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board-2012-2018
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Board-United Power-2011-12
Mayor Pro-Term, of Hudson, CO -1988-90
Finance and Administration Officer -Town of Hudson -1988-90

National Association of Realtors-Member
Colorado Association of Realtors-Member
Past President Brighton Kiwanis
Past Board Secretary-Kidz Quiltz
Founding Member/Director -Hudson Centennial Harvest Festival Celebration

Certificates and Designations;
*Five Star Professional Award Winner-2013-Present
*Master Certified Negotiation Expert
*Credentialed Cooperative Director-NRECA-since 2011
*Board Leadership -NRECA-since 2011

*Gold Designation-NRECA
*CRS (Certified Residential Specialist)
*Designation -Council of Residential Specialists
*GRI -Graduate Realtor Institute Graduate-NAR
*ePRO Designation-NAR

I truly love the Co-op business model and celebrate how fortunate we are to be served by a local, truly "not for profit", member owned cooperative. We all have both a voice and a vote. I believe my commitment, vigilance, integrity, sound judgement, communication, problem solving skills and leadership are uniquely valuable in my role on the Board. I remain committed to providing us with safe, reliable power utilizing the most cost effective and efficient manner possible with as much diversity of renewable options as is prudent and allowable per the contract with Tristate. I pledge to remain fully engaged and committed to ensure United Power serves her members energy needs, while being the best steward of our resources-both natural and human in this time of dynamic change. BethMartin@BethsRedShoes.com

WEST DISTRICT



Ursula J. Morgan

Ursula J. Morgan is running for re-election to United Power's Board of Directors representing the West District. She has been a member of United Power since 1995. At United Power, Morgan serves as Treasurer. Morgan is a wife and mother of two and has worked as a real estate appraiser and in e-commerce. She attended the University of Northern Colorado and completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold Program, Board Leadership Program and the Credentialed Cooperative Director Training Program. Morgan has also completed the Elected Officials' Training and the Advanced Training programs through the Colorado Municipal League. She is a volunteer for The Children's Hospital Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and The Children's Miracle Network.

Morgan currently serves on United Power's Audit Committee. She also serves as the representative for United Power to the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, National Information Solutions Cooperative, the National Rural Telecommunications Council, and the South Eastern Data Corporation. In the past, she has served as the Assistant Secretary-Assistant Treasurer and as a representative for United Power at the National Cooperative (Financial) Services Corporation.

Previously, Morgan served on the Board of Trustees for the Town of Mead (Mayor Pro Tem) and as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Morgan also served on the Board of Directors for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), as a Policy Setting Committee Member with the Colorado Municipal League, and on the Transportation and Air Quality Planning Councils for the Upper Front Range and North Front Range of Colorado.

"It is a privilege to serve as your Director. I am seeking re-election because I am committed to our co-op and our community. My priority is direct and open communication with you, our member-owners. My focus remains financially responsible production and distribution of reliable, safe, and affordable power. This includes maximizing existing generation sources as well as continuing to support the development of new technologies and environmentally sound resources. I hope to continue building your trust through accountability, fairness, and integrity. As always, I am available to respond to questions or concerns at ursula@ursulajmorgan.com, you can find me on Facebook, or you may call me directly at (303)709-4523."

SOUTH DISTRICT



Keith E. Alquist, II

Hi, I'm Keith Alquist and I am currently one of your directors from the South District. I have represented all of the members of United Power for the last year and an half and I want to continue to represent you for this next term. These are exciting and changing times but the electric business is serious business. Our expanding communities require and demand reliable service at affordable rates. I ask for your support and vote to continue representing you, our member owners, for this next term.

I have attended every board meeting and regulatory meeting since I was appointed by the board of directors of United Power to fill the vacant directorship left when the previous director in the South District resigned in 2017. I have put all of my energy into fulfilling my responsibility as a director to do my duty to contribute to the governance of United Power.

This past year I completed my Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate that is required by every board member during their first 3 year term. By the time of this election, I will have almost completed the second level of director training, the Board Leadership Certificate. I am currently a member of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives and have been for 27 years. I have used this experience to be an active member on the audit committee.

My wife, Julie, and I have lived in Brighton for over 26 years and we raised our four children here. Previous to being semi-retired, I was the Vice President and CFO of American Pride Co-op for 20 years until it was merged into Agfinity Inc in 2012. I am an active member of the Rotary Club of Brighton and am involved in a number of projects helping the community, especially the dictionary project for 900 third grade students and the U.S. Constitution project for almost 1000 fifth grade students in Brighton and Henderson.

Many exciting changes have been completed in the last few years that are positioning United Power to continue to serve its members to the highest level possible. AMI meters, solar farms, residential solar, net metering and the Tesla battery project for peak shaving to help save members money are all great projects.

The world of generation is changing from carbon based to more renewable sources like solar, wind and hydro. So we must keep ahead of governmental mandates and keep up to date in using the changes in technology to best serve you, our member, owners.

I want United Power to continue to be a strong and nationally respected leader in electric cooperatives.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue to do so.



Bradley J. Case

I have been a resident of Brighton, Colorado my entire life. My father retired from Xcel Energy with over 40 years of service, so I've had the opportunity to learn about electricity first hand, by an experienced lineman. My family was also responsible for helping manage the Case farm while I was growing up. On the farm, I learned about the power and dedication of hard work. I have supported the Brighton community by volunteering my time and efforts. I believe I would be a valuable member on the United Power Board. I would enjoy the opportunity to help grow and develop the cooperative electrical company and give back to the community I love. I believe in the cooperative and underlying fundamentals of giving back to United Power's customers in diligent management of our energy resources. I could offer United Power my extensive management experience to help educate customers in home energy efficiency, auditing, and new opportunities to engage in sustainable renewable energy.

I worked at Majestic Metals, a precision manufacturing shop, for 34 years. I have managed anywhere from 40 to 80 employees. I have personally managed, organized, and monitored million-dollar projects. These projects have included wind and solar projects; which I have completed in an organized and productive schedule. I have just started a new business, Case Powdercoating and Case Tractor Service, which enables me to offer a flexible schedule to dedicate my services to United Power.

I graduated with a degree in Computer Science from the Denver Institute of Technology; I served seven years on the Brighton Police Department as a volunteer reserve officer, where I quickly made the rank of lieutenant. During that voluntary work, I actively served the community and managed twelve volunteer reserve officers. I have coached various youth soccer and football clubs in Brighton.

My greatest accomplishment however, is my long-term marriage of 26 years to my wife, Deborah Case. She is a special education teacher at Southeast Elementary for sixteen years. My oldest son is Kyle who has completed six years of service in the United States Air Force and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Entrepreneurship from the University of Wyoming. Lastly, my youngest son Erick, is currently a senior at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He is also a reserve fire fighter for Windsor Fire Department. My family has strong beliefs in serving our community and helping others. I am very family oriented and enjoy camping, snowmobiling, and fishing during family vacations.

I would love the opportunity to serve as a board member. I believe my enthusiasm, education, experience and commitment would help me to contribute and benefit United Power's interests and goals.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE FORUMS

Attend a **Meet the Candidate** forum to learn more about each of the candidates vying to serve on the Board of Directors. The following events are free to members. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs are not required.



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.
Adams County Fairgrounds – Waymire Dome
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 80601

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.
Coal Creek Canyon Community Center
31528 Highway 72
Golden, CO 80403

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.
Ft. Lupton Recreation Center
203 S. Harrison Ave.
Ft. Lupton, CO 80621

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 | 7:30 a.m.
E.L.F. Grill
108 8th Street
Dacono, CO 80514



2019 ANNUAL MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION

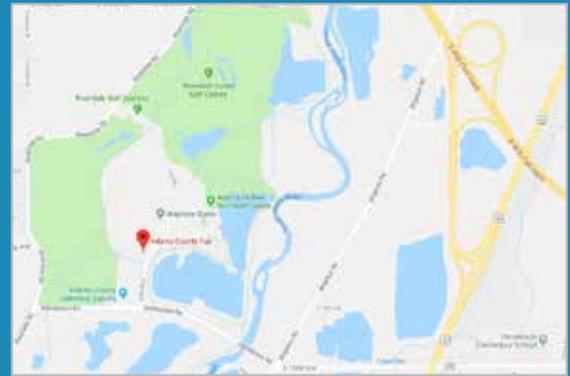
TUESDAY | APRIL 17, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2:00 P.M. Co-op Office Ballot Boxes Close
- NOON - 4 P.M. Fairgrounds Ballot Drop-Box Open
- 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. Member Registration
In-Person Balloting
Barbeque Dinner
Entertainment
- 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Balloting Closes
Business Meeting
Director Election Results
Door Prize Drawings

LOCATION

ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 80601



Free Parking | Full Barbeque Dinner | Live Music
Educational Booths | High Voltage Safety Demo
Co-op Update | Director Election | Door Prizes

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of Members of UNITED POWER, INC. will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waymire Dome at the Adams County Fairgrounds, located at 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton, Colorado.

The meeting will be for the purposes of electing directors, considering and approving reports for the prior fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

This year there are elections in the following districts: South, East, and West for three-year terms. The candidates nominated by petition are Keith E. Alquist II and Bradley J. Case in the South District, Elizabeth Martin in the East District, and Ursula J. Morgan in the West District.

UNITED POWER, INC. By: /s/Elizabeth Martin, Secretary

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What day is Lineman Appreciation Day?

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UNITED POWER PRIDE

Far from the glaciers of Colorado, Herbert and Annie Nagamatsu traveled north to visit their larger counterparts in Alaska. With more than 38 different glaciers, Kenai Fjords is famous for the extensive fjords carved into the mountains by these glaciers.



United Power Pride Photos

Snap a photo with the *United Newslines* and you'll get a \$50 bill credit if we print it. Send your name, address, phone number, and a description of the photo to:

E-MAIL: unitednewsline@unitedpower.com

MAIL: United Power—Attn: United Newslines
500 Cooperative Way, Brighton CO 80603



APRIL 18, 2019
LINEMAN
 APPRECIATION DAY
 #ThankALineman

Journeyman Lineman Jason Roberts

Lineman Appreciation Day

United Power is dedicated to keeping our members' lights on. That wouldn't be possible without the help of our skilled linemen, who work each day behind the scenes to improve our system and prevent outages before they happen. On April 18th, we will join in celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day, honoring the hard work, innovation and dedication of America's electrical lineworkers.

Linemen must be prepared to face daily situations that may be less than ideal, regularly tasked with resolving intricate and hazardous problems in unknown or perilous conditions.

During the past year, our linemen have had to help restore power to members following severe hail storms and high winds, which caught many offguard. When severe weather hits our service territory, our linemen are ready to assess the situation and begin the process of restoring power. When the skies are clear and the wind is calm, our linemen

are monitoring our system and making improvements to prevent outages where possible.

Our linemen are on call 24 hours a day, ready to respond to any situation in any type of weather. So next time you lose power, rest assured a highly trained United Power crew is on the way, dedicated to getting the lights back on quickly and safely.

Without our linemen, the power that makes our member's homes comfortable wouldn't be possible. We invite our members to take a moment to thank our United Power linemen for the work they do. Use #ThankALineman on social media to show your support, or take a moment to drop a kind note in the mail.

UNITED POWER
THANK A LINEMAN
500 COOPERATIVE WAY
BRIGHTON CO 80603



RECIPES



Chicken Pot Pie Stew

- 4 lg skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 10 medium red potatoes
- 8 oz package baby carrots, chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 (26 oz) cans cream of chicken soup
- 6 cubes chicken bouillon
- 2 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 1 tbsp ground black pepper
- 1 (16 oz) bag frozen mixed vegetables

Cut chicken breast into cubes and cut red potatoes into quarters.

Combine chicken, potatoes, carrots, celery, chicken soup, bouillon cubes, garlic salt, celery salt and black pepper in slow cooker. Cook on high for 5 hours.

Stir frozen mixed vegetables into slow cooker. Cook for 1 more hour.

LINEMEN BY THE NUMBERS

MAINTAIN
6,030
 MILES OF LINE

WORK
80 ft.
 ABOVE GROUND

ON-CALL
24 hrs.
 PER DAY



29
 FULL-TIME
 LINEMEN

WEAR
45 lbs.
 OF GEAR

KEEP THE LIGHTS
 ON FOR MORE THAN
250,000
 PEOPLE



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Continued Growth and Innovation



United Power members gather for Annual Meeting at Waymire Dome in 2018.



United Power trucks get a new look.



In November 2018, United Power powered the state's largest battery storage facility.

In the years leading up to its 75th anniversary in 2013, United Power experienced unprecedented growth for an electric cooperative, more than doubling in size. The way the cooperative serves its members has changed with the development and advancement of technology available to both provide power for and communicate with its members. This is the final piece in a three part series chronicling the cooperative's history leading up to its 80th Annual Meeting this April.

Following the addition of Brighton to the United Power family in 1993, the cooperative entered into a period of unprecedented growth. Since adding Brighton, United Power has grown more than five times in size, remaining one of the fastest growing cooperatives in the country over the past 25 years.

Much of United Power's growth could be attributed to Denver's continued northeast expansion. In the 1990s, construction on Denver International Airport was completed adjacent to the cooperative's service territory and E-470 was extended into its southern quadrant. This provided greater access to the area, which offered affordable housing options and the opportunity to grow with the communities, mimicking the growth of Northglenn and Thornton years earlier.

Knowing it would serve new electrical loads from homes and businesses moving into the area, United Power pursued an active role with communities as they planned for future growth and planned infrastructure to support that growth.

As new residents flocked northeast to Brighton and its surrounding communities and north along the I-25 corridor, the cooperative outgrew the "typical" rural electric mold. The difference gave United Power new financial clout, allowing it to become the responsive utility the members and communities it served needed.

United Power constantly surveys technical innovations that can help better provide electric service that's safe, reliable and cost-effective. The ongoing evolution of technology has created a cooperative that looks far different today than it did just a few years ago, and United Power has adopted a strategy placing it at the forefront of innovation among cooperatives across the country.

United Power has taken proactive steps to keep power flowing while providing members with the tools necessary to monitor and control their usage. Improvements to the cooperative's infrastructure monitoring system, Supervisory Control and Data System (SCADA), provide more information related to outages and potential problems. The newly installed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) allows members to view detailed information related to their usage trends and history through the Power Portal.

Over the past few years, United Power has also installed innovative renewable programs as the technology has become easier and cheaper to obtain and install. From powering the country's first community solar field to the state's largest battery storage facility, the promise of a more efficient and economical future sits on the back of the innovations in technology that have helped to move the cooperative forward.

Over the past 80 years, United Power has grown from a small rural electric cooperative serving just over 100 members to a progressive urban cooperative with more than 90,000 meters. It has overcome a competitive buyout bid from the state's largest investor-owned electric utility, and set the bar for other cooperatives to follow as it adopts new and innovative technology. United Power is proud to celebrate 80 years of serving its members and providing safe and reliable power.



ENERGY SAVERS

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Youth Opportunities

Represent Your Co-op

Did you or your student miss these opportunities? Don't worry, students are invited to apply for the Youth Tour and Cooperative Youth Camp each year. Watch our website and Facebook page at the end of 2019 to learn more about the 2020 trips.

Like us on [Facebook.com/unitedpower](https://www.facebook.com/unitedpower) or visit www.unitedpower.com/youth-trips

2019 D.C. Youth Tour Delegates

United Power selected three local students to represent the cooperative at this year's Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington D.C in June. **Catera Gagna** of Brighton, **Brooklyn Stubby** from Commerce City and **Bethany Flanagan** of Brighton were selected based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, volunteer efforts and a brief essay.

Local electric cooperatives throughout the country sponsor approximately 1,500 ambitious high school students from small towns and cities for an incredible week in the nation's capital with the objective of providing an educational experience for young people on the organization and operation of a cooperative. Cooperatives are committed to educating America's rural youth about the country and the role electric cooperatives play in developing strong rural communities.



Catera Gagna is a student at Brighton High School, where she plays golf, is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers at a local elementary

school. Catera's future plans include attending the Colorado School of Mines and majoring in aerospace engineering.



Brooklyn Stubby attends Mapleton Early College in Commerce City. Brooklyn is a member of the school's student council, captain of the girls' varsity swim

team and a peer mentor in her high school's mentoring program. She plans to attend Front Range Community College in the fall and study physical therapy.



Bethany Flanagan is a student at Weld Central High School. She is active in many clubs, including National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of

America and drama. Bethany plans to finish her associates degree at Aims Community College and transfer to the University of Wyoming, where she will study social work.

2019 Youth Camp Winners

United Power has selected **Xavier Galyardt** of Firestone, **Audrey Thompson** of Prospect Ridge Academy in Broomfield and **Karlen Ruybal** of Fort Lupton to represent the cooperative at the 2019 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado this July. The camp is offered to high school juniors and seniors in the United Power service area. Interested students are asked to apply, and winners are selected based on academic performance, extracurricular activities and volunteer efforts.

The primary objective of the camp is to provide an educational experience for youth on the organization and operation of a cooperative. The camp strives to help develop leadership skills that will assist students with challenges they will face in the future.



Xavier Galyardt attends Mead High School, and is active in National Honor Society, soccer (indoor & outdoor) and track & field. Xavier also plays violin in the

Longmont Youth Symphony. His future plans include attending Air Force Academy or a similar service academy.



Audrey Thompson is a swimmer and honor roll student at Prospect Ridge Academy. In her spare time, Audrey volunteers at the Children's Hospital and is a

lifeguard and swim instructor in Broomfield. Audrey plans to major in Spanish and use it in the medical field in foreign countries.



Karlen Ruybal is an active band and drama club member at Ft. Lupton High School. She also participates in Knowledge Bowl, DECA and Future Business Leaders of America.

In her free time, Karlen enjoys playing music. After graduation, she plans to attend college and complete Air Force ROTC.

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United Power will be sending out director ballots in March.

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2nd Place: Chris Rosell, Keenesburg
Rhonda Timothy, Ft. Lupton

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