**Energy Cooperative Association of Pennsylvania**

**The Energy Co-op**

**Minutes of 2024 Annual Membership Meeting held on June 27, 2024**

**The Masonic Temple, 1 N Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107**

1. **Call to Order** – At 5:46 PM, Board President Ethan Birchard called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Ethan also stated that Divya Desai reported that there is a quorum for the meeting by proxy and in-person attendance. Divya Desai and Hillary Bedeian served as proxy designees for members who had duly submitted proxy designations.
2. **Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes** – A motion from the floor (Divya Desai) to approve and adopt the minutes of the 2023 Annual Member Meeting was duly made, seconded (Gloria Rohlfs), and approved and adopted without objection by voice vote.
3. **Opening Remarks by Ethan Birchard** – Ethan Birchard delivered opening remarks and shared Board member engagement and contributions over the past year.
4. **Presentation of Agenda by Divya Desai** – Executive Director Divya Desai thanked members for coming and explained the agenda. Staff and Board members will present on several topics and be available to answer members’ questions. During presentations, staff will tabulate results on the election of candidates to the Board. Following adjournment, members are encouraged to remain for individual conversations.
5. **Treasurer’s Report by Bill O’Donnell** – Board Vice President and Treasurer Bill O’Donnell discussed the 2023 audited financial results calling attention to the decline in revenue and costs due to changes in energy markets. Bill highlighted The Energy Co-op’s healthy liquidity, explaining that there was enough membership equity to cover all liabilities through year end. Five-year trend figures for The Energy Co-op’s statement of operations and balance sheet were presented to the audience. Bill also mentioned that The Energy Co-op’s auditors have confirmed the 2023 audited figures are accurately represented.
6. **Report by Eleanor Fulvio** – Energy Program Director Eleanor Fulvio discussed energy market updates and program transformation.
7. **Report by Lauren Keller and Eric Miller** – Membership Manager Lauren Keller and Membership and Communications Coordinator Eric Miller discussed Energy Co-op member engagement updates, membership opportunities, and educational content.
8. **Report by Lauren Keller and Colin Teague** – Membership Manager Lauren Keller and Marketing Manager Colin Teague discussed growth philosophy, recent and upcoming marketing campaigns, and gave an update on The Energy Co-op’s new website development.
9. **Report by Hillary Bedeian** – Operations Director Hillary Bedeian discussed progress on The Energy Co-op’s strategic goals.
10. **Report by Divya Desai** – Executive Director Divya Desai discussed how The Energy Co-op is effecting change.
11. **Questions from Members** – Divya Desai invited and responded to the below questions from the members in attendance.
    1. Has membership increased or decreased in recent years? - Steve Moore
    2. When referring to increased access to renewable energy, does that mean grid scale and new renewable infrastructure in PA? - Joe Matje
    3. If community solar becomes available in PA, what impact will it have on The Energy Co-op? - Phil Coleman
12. **Closing remarks from Ethan** - Ethan thanked everyone for their questions and briefly spoke on the future of The Energy Co-op as renewable energy becomes more available in Pennsylvania.
13. **Bylaw Revision** – Ethan Brichard stated that staff proposed a change to clause 3.9 of The Energy Co-op’s bylaws titled “Privileges”. Ethan then called upon Hillary Bedeian to announce the results of the election. Hillary stated that over 183 members voted in the election and the proposed change passed with 97.8% of the votes in favor.
14. **Board Election** – Ethan Birchard stated that the returning Board members up for re-election were Ethan Birchard and Bill O’Donnell, and that new Board member Nathan Boon is up for election. Ethan then called upon Hillary Bedeian to announce the results of the election. Hillary stated that over 183 members voted in the election and all candidates were re-elected or elected to the Board with a minimum of 97% of the votes in favor.
15. **Adjournment** — Ethan Birchard requested a motion to adjourn. Upon such a motion, duly made (Divya Desai), seconded (Hillary Bedeian), and adopted and approved (by voice vote), The Energy Co-op’s 2024 Annual Member Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:49 PM.