



“The Power of Community”

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ORECA Honors Outstanding Achievement and Elects Board Officers

Salem, OR – On November 29th, the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association held its 2018 Annual Meeting in Salem and elected a slate of officers and conferred awards on two electric co-op leaders and a member of Oregon’s Congressional delegation.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative’s CEO Roger Meader was presented with ORECA’s Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor that can be conferred by the association. During the ceremony, ORECA Executive Director Ted Case lauded Meader “For outstanding service to cooperatives, not only in Oregon, but also on a national level.”

Dave D’Avanzo, Member and Regional Affairs Manager of Lane Electric, received the ORECA Rural Electrification Award for his 38 years of work in the co-op community, including stints at Umatilla, Midstate and Lane Electric Cooperatives.

U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader (D-5) was awarded ORECA’s Cooperator of the Year, the highest honor given to an elected official. Case highlighted Schrader’s bipartisan efforts to protect the federal Columbia River Power System and for his legislative work to improve vegetation management on our federal lands. Representative Schrader was unable to attend the meeting because of the House Congressional schedule. He will receive his award in person in 2019.

The ORECA Board also elected a slate of officers. The Executive Committee for 2019 is: President Dave Schneider, General Manager of Midstate Electric; Vice President Bob Durham, Director at Wasco Electric; Secretary/Treasurer Fred Flippence, Manager of Harney Electric; Executive Committee At-Large Alicia Bonesteele, Director at Salem Electric; and Executive Committee At-Large Shirley Cairns, Director at Douglas Electric.

ORECA represents eighteen electric cooperatives in Oregon, serving nearly a half-million Oregonians with clean, renewable and affordable electricity.