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## **Public Service Announcement**

### **La Plata Electric Association – 2025 Board Election Voting Information**

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) reminds its members of the 2025 Board of Directors election beginning the week of **Monday, April 21st, 2025. Online voting begins on April 21st, at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).** Eligible LPEA members will have several options to cast their ballots.

#### **Online Voting:**

New this year, members can vote electronically through their secure online bill-pay SmartHub account. A “Vote Now” button will appear for eligible voters, directing members to the secure voting portal. Once the ballot is submitted, the button will disappear. Members enrolled in SmartHub will also receive an email when voting opens, containing a direct link to access their ballot.

#### **Mail-in Ballots:**

Paper ballots will be mailed to LPEA members in mid-April. Completed ballots may be returned by mail or deposited in 24-hour drop boxes located only at the following LPEA offices:

- 45 Stewart Street, Durango, CO
- 603 S. 8th Street, Pagosa Springs, CO

**Please note that ballots may no longer be submitted at La Plata County or Archuleta County election drop boxes.**

#### **In-Person Voting:**

Members may also vote in person the hour before LPEA’s Annual Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., held in the Truck Barn at the LPEA Durango Office.

As required by LPEA policies, all members will still receive a paper ballot by mail, unless they’ve opted out. However, the new online voting procedure prevents the possibility of duplicate votes and provides an accurate vote count.

#### **Deadlines:**

- Online ballots must be submitted by **12:00 p.m. MDT on May 20, 2025**
- Mail-in ballots must be received by **4:00 p.m. MDT on May 20, 2025**
- In person voting **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. MDT on May 21, 2025** at the LPEA Durango Office

**To learn more about LPEA's board candidates please visit [lpea.coop/elections](http://lpea.coop/elections).**

Election results will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting. For more information and to RSVP, please visit [lpea.coop/annual-meeting](http://lpea.coop/annual-meeting).

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#### **About LPEA**

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral, and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 36,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at (970) 247-5786 or visit [lpea.coop](http://lpea.coop).