

Family Skating!

Thank you to all the EQUS members and their families who joined us at our free Family Skating events in Bow Island, Onoway, Bentley and Vauxhall. To find out about EQUS events visit equs.ca/members/events.



REMINDER: RSVP for the 2019 Annual General Meetings

EQUS is hosting three meetings throughout our Service Area. All EQUS members are invited to attend the meeting closest to them.

Meeting Schedule:

3 until 5 p.m. - Registration and Information Booths

EQUS staff will be available to answer questions and provide information on current and upcoming programs and initiatives.

5 until 6:30 p.m. - AGM

A detailed agenda will be available at the meeting.

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

Remember to complete your Passport!

Arrive before 4:30 to visit the information booths and complete your Passport to the AGM for a chance to win the grand prize at each AGM: a gift certificate for a weekend stay at any one of the Charming Inns of Alberta.

Registration is required prior to March 15, 2019 to ensure adequate seating and food is available. Please RSVP by calling 1.888.211.4011 or by emailing Megan Hanson, Event Specialist at mhanson@equs.ca.



2019 AGM Dates and Locations

South Area - Monday, March 25

The Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Centre
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge

Central Area - Tuesday, March 26

Radisson Red Deer Hotel
6500 67 Street, Red Deer

North Area - Wednesday, March 27

Best Western Sunrise Inn & Suites
3101 43 Avenue, Stony Plain

Board of Directors Nominees for 2019

The following background information has been provided by the nominees.
There are two vacant positions and one requiring re-election in 2019.

Duane Blahun

Duane's professional background encompasses 28 years of senior management and executive level roles in the financial services industry. In these roles he held responsibilities for building strong stakeholder and member relationships, as well as coaching and leading successful teams within the provincial and national banking, credit union system, and the financial technology services sector.

Duane is a collaborative leader with significant experience in strategic planning, organizational change, culture transformation, strategic project delivery, marketing and communications. His educational background includes Business Administration, Strategy Execution, Leadership and Finance. Additionally, he holds a Certified Credit Union Director (CCD) designation and has served on various boards and committees within the cooperative and credit union system. Most recently, Duane volunteered for three years as a board director with the Alberta Community and Cooperative Association (ACCA) and was also a member of their governance and finance committees.

Duane was raised on the family farm near Mayerthorpe, Alberta and currently resides in Calgary with his wife and two teenage children. They enjoy spending family time at their rural acreage west of Bowden. His interests and passions include hiking, skiing, traveling, building construction, landscaping projects as well as music and volunteering for veterans.

Duane believes strongly in the co-operative model and would enjoy the opportunity to serve on the EQUUS board.



Glen Fox



Glen Fox has been the Chair of the EQUUS Board of Directors since 2014. Glen was first elected to the Central Alberta REA Board in 2009 and has since participated on the Policy and Governance Committee, Government Relations Committee and the Prairie Power Board. Additionally, Glen served as Vice-Chair of the Board in 2010.

Glen immigrated to Canada at the age of 21 and established an electrical construction company. After moving to Brooks, Alberta in the 1970s, he began a residential construction company, later accepting a position with an electrical construction company in Calgary. Glen worked at Olds College for a number of years as the Facilities Coordinator and also served on the Olds College Board of Governors.

Glen has always had an interest in rural areas and enjoyed the rural lifestyle. Glen feels that EQUUS' success and growth as the largest member-owned utility in Canada will encourage other REAs to realize their full potential, ensuring their rural Alberta will continue to develop economically.

Murray Stauffer



Murray lives with his wife and their sons on a farm east of Innisfail where they have been EQUUS members since 2001. As a farmer, he and his family appreciate the dependability of EQUUS as their power co-operative.

Murray's recent experience as a Board member includes serving as a director for the Innisfail Agriculture Society and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of Red Deer County. Murray is also a member volunteer on EQUUS' Operation Round Up Committee. Murray's career with the Alberta Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Branch involved chairing Apprenticeship Trade Committee meetings and presenting recommendations to various government department officials and industry representatives.

Now retired from his government work and with his adult sons assuming more of the farm responsibilities, Murray has more time to devote to board work and giving back to our communities. He will bring to the Board diplomacy, cooperation and listening, values learned through his career and Board experiences.

Election of the nominees will take place at the 2019 Annual General Meetings which are being held March 25, 26 and 27, 2019 in Lethbridge, Red Deer and Stony Plain. All directors are elected for four-year terms.

For more information on the AGMs please visit equus.ca/members/events.

Hello from Energy Efficiency Alberta

Attend the upcoming AGMs to hear about a new pilot program just for EQUUS members

I'm Monica Curtis, CEO of Energy Efficiency Alberta. We're a new provincial agency created in 2017. Our team is dedicated to helping Alberta homes save money and energy, and businesses become more competitive by reducing operating costs. We're helping expand Alberta's energy efficiency sector; creating local jobs, driving economic growth and diversifying our economy. Our programs also help strengthen Alberta's traditional sectors, like agriculture and oil and gas.



We're probably best known for the first program we launched that focused on the installation of basic energy efficiency products in Alberta homes at no charge to residents. But we're about more than lightbulbs. We've continued to evolve based on feedback from Albertans and now offer more than a dozen programs that provide direct financial incentives to households, businesses, non-profits, institutions and industry to become more energy efficient and adopt renewable solar energy. Albertans from every part of the province – in rural, urban and suburban areas – are participating in our programs, including EQUUS members.

Investments in energy efficiency are generating an excellent financial return for Albertans. Last year, our programs delivered savings of \$330 million and enough energy to power 694,000 homes for a year. Our programs are also helping create 2,300 jobs and economic growth of \$475 million. In other words, every dollar that Albertans invested in energy efficiency is returning three dollars.

We're excited to be partnering with EQUUS on an innovative program for small businesses, set to launch this fall. Preliminary details will be announced at the EQUUS AGMs in March and we look forward to your feedback.

In the meantime, learn more about Energy Efficiency Alberta's various programs by visiting www.energycanada.ca or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

See you in March!

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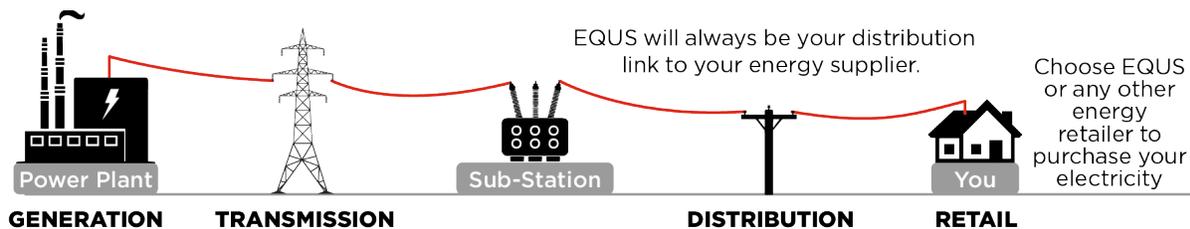
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When you're signed up for e-billing we'll send you an email at the beginning of each month when your bill is ready. You'll also receive a digital version of the newsletter and any other printed materials that you would have received in the mail for that month. You won't miss out on anything and you'll be saving paper and cutting down on printing and mailing costs.

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North Area Office

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Central Area Office

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