

SAVE YOUR SEAT! RSVP Today for the 2020 Annual General Meetings

It's time for the Annual General Meetings! All members are invited to attend the meeting closest to them. Members in attendance will be able to review the 2019 Annual Report and financials, elect Directors to the Board and learn what's coming up in 2020. Find information about the four Board of Director nominees on the next page!



2020 AGM Dates and Locations

Lethbridge - Tuesday, March 31
The Coast Hotel & Conference Centre
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South

Red Deer - Wednesday, April 1
Radisson Red Deer Hotel
6500 67 Street

Stony Plain - Thursday, April 2
Best Western Sunrise Inn & Suites
3101 43 Avenue

Meeting Schedule:

- **Registration and Trade Show** - 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.
- **Annual General Meeting** - 5:00 p.m.
- **Dinner to follow**

Join us for the Trade Show prior to the meeting where EQUS area staff will be available to answer questions and provide information about billing, community programs, micro-generation, automated metering infrastructure and more.

Members who attend can also test their luck and take a spin on the EQUS prize wheel!

Please RSVP to save your seat before March 15 by calling your Member Service Administrator at 1.888.211.4011 or by emailing Megan Hanson at mhanson@equs.ca.



Board of Directors Nominees for 2020

The following background information has been provided by the nominees.
There are three vacant positions requiring election in 2020.



Kurt Belich

Kurt is from a farm family west of Red Deer, he earned his Bachelor of Commerce with a major in finance from the University of Calgary. After working for two chartered banks, he returned to Red Deer to raise his children, farm and to pursue commercial land development opportunities. This experience is complemented by 12 years spent as the owner of a car wash in Red Deer.

Currently, he and his wife, Kyla, operate a sign and print business. They also own and operate The Track on 2 racing and entertainment centre as well as a farm.

Sid Doornbos

My name is Sid Doornbos and I live in Blackfalds. I am married to Karen and we have five married children and 15 grandchildren. Since 1995, we have been operating a dairy equipment supply business in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Prior to this, we owned and operated a dairy farm in the Fraser Valley.

I had previously served on the EQUUS board for six years, then took two years off because I was finding myself too busy. Currently, I am decreasing my involvement in the daily operations of my business and so I have the time once again to serve on the EQUUS board.

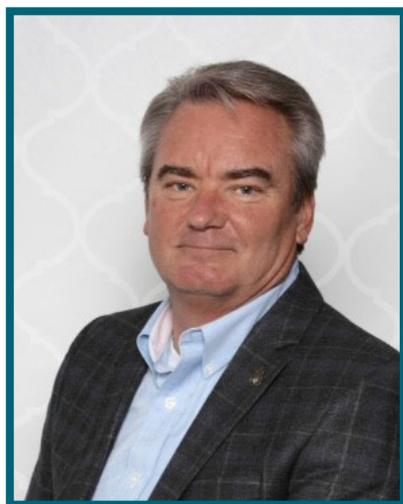


Dale Johnson

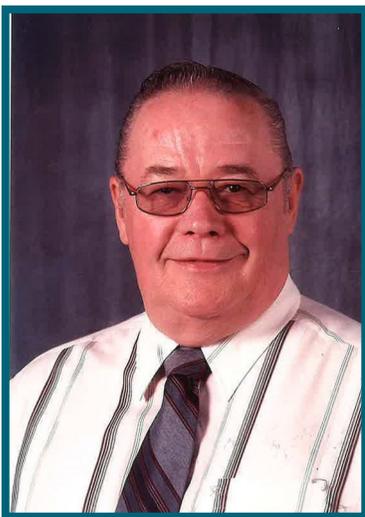
I'm Dale Johnson. I'm married to my wife Brenda and together we have five children and six grandchildren. I am a third-generation farmer and a semi-retired CEO of Country Automotive Specialists. My family has been members of the REA since the beginning.

My Board of Director expertise comes from serving on several Boards in the past, including as Board Chair. I also have years of experience both in business and farming that I believe will augment the Board.

I have worked to help many people and organizations in Alberta, and was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal for those achievements.



Allan Nimmo



I was born and raised on a family farm west of Innisfail. After completing schooling in Innisfail and Red Deer I moved to Whitecourt to work in the oil patch. While working for Pan American Petroleum I earned my Third Class Power Engineering Certificate. In 1973, I purchased a small business and moved back to Innisfail. In 1977 my life got really busy, I bought, owned, and operated a Real Estate Brokerage for the next 38 years in Innisfail, and operated a cow/calf farm with my wife and two sons. I joined the Central Alberta REA (now EQUUS) Board of Directors in 2010 and have remained an active Board member since that date. The electricity industry has been in a state of constant change and is continuing to change today. I am proud to have helped EQUUS react to these changes in a positive and beneficial manner.

With your support, I will continue to assist EQUUS in remaining "The Electricity Provider of Choice in Rural Alberta."

Election of the nominees will take place at the 2020 Annual General Meetings which are being held March 31, April 1, and April 2 in Lethbridge, Red Deer and Stony Plain. All directors are elected to the board for four-year terms.

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

Rural Crime and Safety



Rural crime and property theft is a growing problem throughout Alberta, and as many rural residents and businesses take measures to protect themselves and their property it is important to remember the safety of those who require access to your property for legitimate purposes such as restoring power or conducting planned system and vegetation maintenance.

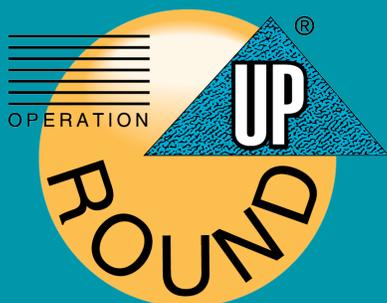
In recent months EQUUS field staff have encountered increasing security on rural properties and in some cases have run into homemade security devices that have caused damage to EQUUS equipment and are becoming a safety concern for field personnel.

While we understand why these devices are in place, we would like to remind members that it is a requirement that EQUUS have safe access. If you have security devices on your property that could affect the safety of EQUUS personnel and equipment, or impede their ability to access infrastructure on your property, you must make EQUUS aware by calling 1.888.211.4011.

Operation Round Up (dates)

Congratulations to the recipients of the final round of 2019 Operation Round Up funding:

- **Wabamun and Area Medical Society** - Funds to purchase medical equipment.
- **Oklahoma Community Association** - Funds to publish a book about the history of local pioneers
- **Poplar Ridge School** - Funds to purchase equipment for indoor/outdoor recess.



The next application deadline is March 31. Programs that benefit youth and seniors in EQUUS' Service Area could be eligible to receive up to \$5,000. For more information visit: equus.ca/community/operation-round-up

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Planning for Resilient Energy Infrastructure in Alberta

EQUS is pleased to be working with Quest Canada as a partner in supporting a one-year project designed to help rural Alberta communities adapt their energy infrastructure to be more resilient in the face of increasing extreme weather events. EQUS will be participating along with the communities of Big Lakes County, Black Diamond, Ponoka County, and Raymond.

The project will combine cutting-edge research on how new energy technologies support resilient energy systems with on-the-ground, participatory, interactive workshops and mapping exercises engaging multiple community stakeholders, including energy utilities. The resilience workshop and its associated assessment report will help these rural communities and their utilities align their planning processes and asset management to increase their energy resilience.

Key lessons and findings will be shared so other communities and utilities in the province can consider their own energy resilience plans and mitigate negative economic impacts from prolonged power outages and energy supply disruptions due to climate change impacts.

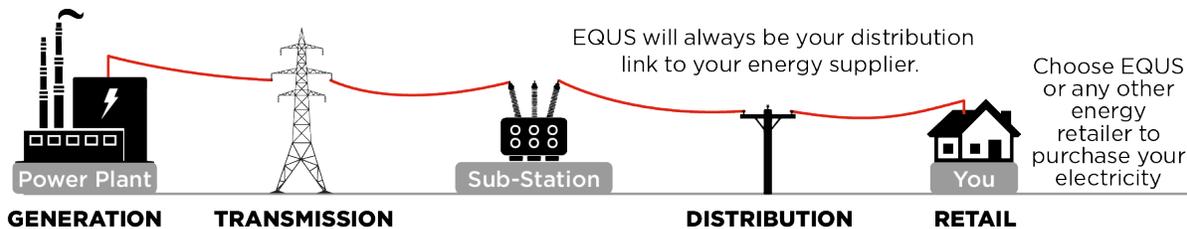
Energy Efficient Grain Dryer Grant

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership has announced a new grant program intended to assist producers with reducing the overall energy use in their operations.

Grain dryer and grain drying system components that significantly improve energy efficiency above standard configuration are eligible under the program. These components can be factory options on new equipment or retrofits installed on existing equipment.

The program can fund 50% of eligible expenses. To be eligible, an applicant must be an active producer in Alberta with a current Alberta Environmental Farm Plan certificate.

To learn more about the eligibility requirements or to apply for the available funding call 310-FARM or visit cap.alberta.ca



Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice.
For a list of retailers, visit www.ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310.4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Power  Out?

To report a power outage in your area, or for other services such as construction or vegetation management, please call your local Area Office.

Main Office

1.888.211.4011

North Area Office

1.888.627.4011

Central Area Office

1.877.527.4011

South Area Office

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