



TRUSTEE ELECTION



Any LCEC customer/member who is a resident of Cape Coral, Marco Island, Sanibel, Captiva, or Pine Island can apply for the seats up for election in 2018. All applicants are considered and interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Each year there are at least three seats up for election. Terms are staggered to provide continuity on the Board.

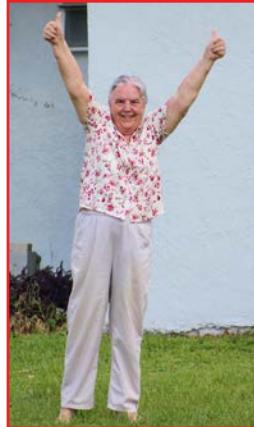
Potential qualifications for nominated candidates:

- Business experience
- Ability to interpret operating and financial reports
- Community leadership
- Sensitivity to member concerns, attitudes, and issues
- Integrity and minimal possibility for conflict of interest
- Capability to contribute to Board discussions and decisions

2018 ELECTION SEATS

- District 1 – Marco Island**
- District 2, Seat 2 – Cape Coral**
- District 3 – Sanibel/Captiva/Pine Island**

If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees, contact LCEC Public Relations, 239-656-2202 or pr@lcec.net. Applications accepted from November 1, 2017, through January 2, 2018.



Hurricane Irma packed a devastating blow to Southwest Florida. More than 170,000 LCEC customers were without power on September 10. Boots were on the ground the minute it was safe to work. With a force of hundreds of line workers, employees, suppliers, and vendors, customers were restored in record time!

We have a lot to be thankful for

There are so many things to be thankful for as this year ends. Your cooperative membership offers several more to add to the list.

- Reliable power at competitive rates.
- Neighbors helping neighbors.
- Each member has a vote.
- Jobs and funding remain in the community.



Election Nominating Committee to be named next month

The LCEC Nominating Committee, independent from the Board of Trustees, is comprised of LCEC members charged with interviewing and objectively evaluating members applying to serve on the LCEC Board of Trustees. As members of the cooperative, committee members are tasked with exercising due diligence and great care to ensure the nomination process is carried out thoroughly and with the utmost integrity. The Committee strives to conduct a fair and open process, to be conscientious of its responsibilities, and to apply standards widely applicable to large corporations.

LCEC awards more than \$12,000 towards betterment



of the environment

Last month, LCEC was proud to award Environmental Funding Awards to five local organizations whose mission centers around protecting the environment and the wildlife that inhabit it through education and action.

These award winners include the **Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife**, the **Monofilament Busters**, **Keep Lee County Beautiful**, the **Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation**, and the **Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum**. LCEC's Environmental Funding Awards are awarded twice each year.

To apply for an LCEC environmental award, organizations can email pr@lcec.net to receive an application. The deadline for 2018 award applications is March 16, 2018. Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered for the award. This funding award is just one of the many ways that LCEC positively impacts and supports wildlife and the environment. In the three years since the launch of this award, LCEC has provided more than \$50,000 in Environmental Funding Awards!



Powerful information? Your cooperative has it!

Sharing information with our members is just one of the ways we have your best interests at heart. LCEC supplies you with more than just power. As a cooperative, we are also an important resource for safety tips, conservation suggestions, and industry developments. Be sure to check www.lcec.net and find us on social media—our knowledge is your knowledge.

LCEC gives back

The LCEC business model is to serve our members—not to make a profit. LCEC accomplishes this by delivering reliable, cost-competitive electricity. But LCEC giving goes beyond power lines. Employees proudly volunteer thousands of hours annually in our communities. To support the passion for philanthropy, the LCEC Pay It Forward Program encourages volunteerism and supports employees' efforts to actively contribute to their favorite qualifying nonprofit organization. Employees who volunteer can earn Pay It Forward donation dollars, which are awarded to a 501(c) charity of their choice. Employees can earn up to \$100 in Pay It Forward donation dollars in a year for volunteering. Since its launch in March 2016, more than 10,000 hours have been logged and thousands of dollars have been awarded to charities through the Pay It Forward Program.



BRIGHT HOLIDAY

Safety Tips



Do not let accidents put a damper on your festivities. Following are four important tips to keep your spirits bright!



Before you plug in the lights, check for frayed wires, damaged sockets, and insulation gaps. Toss the lights and replace!



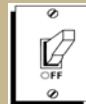
Consider LED lights, which are cooler and more energy efficient.



Don't overload outlets or extension cords.



Turn off all lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Call the LCEC Customer Care Center Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. for the quickest service!



During the Thanksgiving holiday, LCEC offices will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, reopening for normal business on Monday, November 27.

During the Christmas holiday, LCEC offices will close at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 22, and be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, reopening for normal business on Wednesday, December 27. LCEC will also be closed on January 2.

You can always conduct business online at www.lcec.net any day of the year, day or night!

CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNERS

If you receive an LCEC customer survey, return it for a chance to win \$100. Last month's winners were Kenneth Nitz of Punta Gorda and Patricia Amodei of Cape Coral.



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