



## Changing of the Guard

**Shaun Lamp**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

In late March, I stepped into my new role as President & CEO of Great Lakes Energy.

When I first started working for the cooperative more than 20 years ago as an applications supervisor with the IT department, it was impossible to fully appreciate what a tremendous opportunity lay in front of me. Every day since then, my appreciation for Great Lakes Energy, our members, our employees, and our board of directors has grown. Continuing to take part in something bigger than myself makes it a pleasure to serve all of you.

Throughout my career I have been surrounded by outstanding people, each of them inspiring me to push myself to grow and improve. As my role within the cooperative evolved from supervisor to manager to director and then vice president, I drew from the support of my team to succeed. So now, while the name before the President & CEO title is changing, the team supporting

the role will continue to serve as a foundation as we build upon the success of my predecessor. Bill Scott and I have worked together for the past twenty years, and I would like to thank him on behalf of our Board of Directors, our employees, and myself for his contributions to GLE. We have seen tremendous growth under his leadership, and he will be greatly missed.

The amount of change our cooperative has in front of us is unprecedented. Power supply sources, pricing structures, energy efficiency opportunities, energy delivery methods, and member expectations are in constant motion. We have remained nimble, able to react and address changes appropriately. Most recently, I have served in a leadership position helping the growth of our expanding Trustream fiber network. Embracing change, and using the experience as a means for improvement, is a recurring theme throughout my career at GLE. I am confident that our team and our supportive board of directors will face future opportunities and challenges head on.

As we move forward, it is important to acknowledge that change can cause some uncertainty. However, I am very confident in our ability to handle the new opportunities we have in front of us because of the team we have at GLE. You can trust that each decision we make is done so by looking through the lens of our members' perspective. These are exciting times ahead of us, and I am honored, humbled, and thrilled to continue on this journey with you.



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# Three Openings on GLE Board

Nominating petitions are available in three districts for Great Lakes Energy (GLE) members who wish to seek election to the cooperative's board of directors.

Three board positions, each for three years, will need to be filled. Qualifying GLE members who reside in districts 6, 8, or 9 can seek election to the board.

## COUNTIES BY DISTRICT ARE:

**District 6** - Lake and Mason counties

**District 8** - Clare, Mecosta, and Osceola counties

**District 9** - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Montcalm, and Ottawa counties



**Bob Kran**      **Howard Bowersox**      **John LaForge**

The terms of directors Bob Kran of Free Soil (District 6), Howard Bowersox of Stanwood (District 8), and John LaForge of Delton (District 9) expire this year. Bowersox and LaForge plan to seek re-election.

To get a name on the ballot, qualifying member-owners of the electric cooperative who maintain a primary residence within its service area must file a nominating petition.

Petitions must be signed by at least 50 active GLE members within the candidate's district. Completed petitions are due June 10, 2022.

▶ **Visit [gtlakes.com/board-of-directors](http://gtlakes.com/board-of-directors) to request a petition or learn more.**



## When Do We Vote?

Great Lakes Energy members elect a candidate from within their voting district to the cooperative's board of directors once every three years.

Find the district you reside in below to determine when you will receive a mail-in ballot that is mailed in July with the annual election issue of *Michigan Country Lines*.

**2022** ELECTION

**District 6** - Lake and Mason counties

**District 8** - Clare, Mecosta, and Osceola counties

**District 9** - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Montcalm, and Ottawa counties

**2023** ELECTION

**District 3** - Antrim County

**District 4** - Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Otsego counties

**District 5** - Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties

**2024** ELECTION

**District 1** - Emmet County

**District 2** - Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties

**District 7** - Muskegon and Oceana counties



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