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Electric Cooperatives Association Elects Officers

Glen Allen, Va. — The Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) board of directors took action at their July 25 annual meeting to elect officers for 2016-2017.

Serving as chairman of the VMDAEC board is Larry C. Howdyshell, a farmer from Mount Solon, Va., who represents Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative. James E. Huffman, a retired educator and farmer from Fincastle, Va., represents Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative and was named as the board's vice chairman. Petersburg, Va. businessman Herbert Patrick serves on the board of Prince George Electric Cooperative and was elected to serve as VMDAEC board secretary. Fletcher B. "Bob" Jones, an insurance agent from Boydton, Va., represents Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative and was elected to serve as the VMDAEC board treasurer.

"Each of these officers also serves on the board of their local electric cooperative and on one or more of the Association's 10 committees," said Richard G. Johnstone, CEO of VMDAEC. "We truly depend upon their commitment to provide input on how to expand and improve the services we provide our member cooperatives."

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for 15 customer-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives that serve Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The Glen Allen, Va.-based Association provides its member cooperatives with employee and director education, safety training, government relations, and communications services, including publishing *Cooperative Living* magazine, whose circulation in excess of 500,000 makes it the largest in the state. For more information, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com.

Photo caption: From left, 2016-2017 officers of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives are Larry Howdyshell, chairman; James Huffman, vice-chairman; Herbert Patrick, secretary; and Bob Jones, treasurer.

