



# Rock Energy Holds 2026 Annual Meeting

*Long-time Board Member Marian Trescher Retires*

**R**ock Energy Cooperative held its 90th Annual Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Janesville Conference Center (Holiday Inn Express) in Janesville, WI. Just over 380 people were in attendance, representing 177 co-op members.

During the meeting, 2026 Rock Energy director elections were announced for districts 7 and 8. Presiding over the elections was attorney Jessica Shrestha. Directors elected are as follows:

- **Derik Roth – District 7 (re-elected)**
- **Ron Richards – District 8 (re-elected)**



**Derik Roth**



**Ron Richards**

Calling the meeting to order and providing opening remarks was Board Chair Barbara Miller, followed by an address from Rock Energy CEO Shane Larson. Miller also provided the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, Treasurer's Report, and Chairman's Report.



**Above, Rock Energy Board Chair, Barbara Miller, addresses members at the 90th Rock Energy Annual Meeting.**

At this year's annual meeting, it was announced to members that long-time board member Marian Trescher has retired from her board position.

"From a board standpoint, tonight is bittersweet," said Miller. "We will say goodbye and thanks to long-time board member Marian Trescher, who is retiring after tonight's meeting."

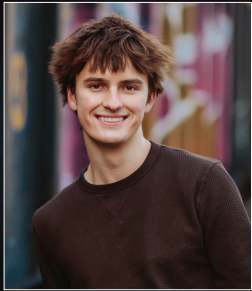
In honor of Trescher's long-time affiliation with the co-op and outstanding performance as a board member, she was presented with a retirement gift of an old-style meter that was converted into a lamp.

Trescher first became involved with Rock Energy through her husband, Howard. During his 43 years as a director, Marian was always by his side, handling schedules and taking notes at meetings. When Howard passed away in 2004, Marian was elected to fill his seat, a position she has held ever since. In 2011, she was elected board secretary. She has received many certifications and also served on the Federated Youth Foundation Board and WECA Education Committee. In the 1960's, when Howard served on the board, Marian started and organized the "cooperative queen" program for the co-op. In the early 70's, Rock Energy's queen went on to win the cooperative queen title at both the state and national level as "Miss Rural Electrification." Marian served as her chaperone, traveling with her to speaking engagements and events across the country.

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*Congratulations!*

# 2026 Rock Energy Scholarship Winners



**Andrew Chambers**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: Iowa State  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



**Beverly Brewer**  
HS: Clinton (WI)  
College: Southwest Tech  
Major: Animal Science



**Avery Eastman**  
HS: Parker (WI)  
College: Ripon College  
Major: Exercise Science



**Brooke Franklin**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: Michigan State  
Major: Psychology



**Joseph Collins**  
HS: Clinton (WI)  
College: UW-Platteville  
Major: Animal Science



**Grayson Hanna-Downey**  
HS: Milton (WI)  
College: Beloit College  
Major: Finance/Economics



**Ally Beeman**  
HS: Parkview (WI)  
College: Blackhawk Technical College  
Major: Nursing



**Aiden Steinke**  
HS: Milton (WI)  
College: UW-Platteville  
Major: Civil Engineering



**Anushree Karunamurthy  
Premanand**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: Univ. of Illinois  
Urbana Champaign  
Major: Bioengineering



**Harper Powell**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: North Carolina-  
Wilmington  
Major: Biology



**Isabella Leitner**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: Univ. of Iowa  
Major: Physical Therapy



**Isaiah Kupkowski**  
HS: South Beloit (IL)  
College: UW-Madison  
Major: Biology



**Jayden Mosley**  
HS: Beloit Turner (WI)  
College: UW-Platteville  
Major: Construction  
Management



**Kaelee DeRemer**  
HS: Milton (WI)  
College: UW-Platteville  
Major: Animal Science &  
Ag Business



**Giavannah Thipphayoth-  
Maiers**  
HS: Parker (WI)  
College: St. College of Florida,  
Manatee-Sarasota  
Major: Dental Hygiene



**Lilly Musgrove**  
HS: Milton (WI)  
College: UW-Green Bay  
Major: Nursing and Spanish



**Lily Kettner**  
HS: Milton (WI)  
College: UW-Whitewater  
Major: Physical Therapy



**Parker Kutz**  
HS: Clinton (WI)  
College: UW-Madison  
Major: Nutrition & Dietary  
Sciences



**Ryan Knaack**  
HS: Freeport (IL)  
College: UW-Stout  
Major: Industrial Product  
Design



**Sydney Watson**  
HS: Edgerton (WI)  
College: UW-Stevens Point  
Major: Undecided



**Thomas Peters**  
HS: Beloit Turner (WI)  
College: UW-Stevens Point  
Major: Social Studies /  
Community Sustainability



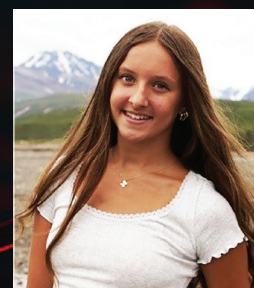
**Angelyn Lopez-Velazquez**  
HS: South Beloit (IL)  
College: Rock Valley  
Major: Forensics



**Katelyn Pigott**  
HS: Hononegah (IL)  
College: Colorado Christian  
Major: Pre-Medicine



**Morgan Abate**  
HS: South Beloit (IL)  
College: Univ. of Dubuque  
Major: Nursing



**Natalie Harris**  
HS: Evansville (WI)  
College: UW-Madison  
Major: Psychology

## CEO ADDRESS

While addressing co-op members, Larson spoke about the storied co-op history and the significance of its 90th anniversary.

"A small group of incorporators back in 1936 signed our articles of incorporation and our first line was energized in 1937," said Larson.



**Pictured above, Marian Trescher (left) receives a retirement recognition gift from Shane Larson, Rock Energy CEO.**

"Once that happened, the co-op never had a day off. Every minute for the next 90 years was covered. Between 1937 and today, this co-op has been available for its membership and has survived depressions, recessions, pandemics, and every sort of weather."

Larson went on to talk about the co-op's core strength, its employees, and making sure the co-op provides the best service possible for its members, at all times.

"We spend a great deal of resources on vegetation management, pole replacement, animal protection, and system upgrades. And on the natural gas side, we continue to have very competitive rates and reliable service," said Larson. "We know that there's going to be some challenges ahead, but I'm very confident that we're going to be positioned very well to serve the members for the next 90 years and beyond."

## BYLAWS CHANGES

There were also two changes to the Rock Energy Cooperative Bylaws approved, including:

**Article III. Directors** - the approval allows the co-op to have a minimum of seven districts.

**Article IV. Meeting of Directors (Section 1) Regular Meetings** - this approval allows the co-op to have no less than 9 board meetings annually.

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

As the evening dinner was served, the co-op's Education Committee members Bill Fischer and Barbara Miller recognized the 2026 scholarship winners on stage. Each of the scholarship winners addressed the member audience by stating their name, high school, college choice and future area of study. Twenty-one of the 25 scholarship winners were in attendance at the scholarship presentation (see pages 18B-18C for scholarship winner details).

The scholarships are awarded to high school graduating seniors that reside in our distribution area. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. Rock Energy has increased the number of scholarships awarded to 25, which is 10 more than years past when 15 scholarships were handed out.

Also announced during the scholarship presentation were second-year scholarship winners. Those students, going into their sophomore year of college next year, were not in attendance.



**Pictured above, co-op members listen in during the CEO's address at the 2026 Rock Energy Annual Meeting.**

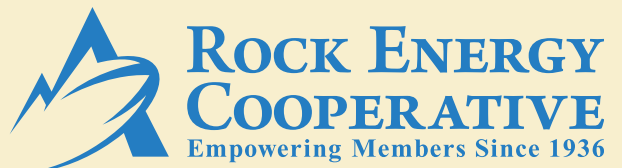
# Capital Credits Appear On June Statements

The Rock Energy board of directors recently authorized the retirement (bill credit) of capital credits to our current members; this credit will appear on the June statements. In addition, the board authorized the retirement to past members. Your June Rock Energy statement shows your beginning capital credit balance, the 2025 allocation, the 2025 retirement credit, and your ending capital credit balance. Around this time of year, eligible Rock Energy members are allocated a slice of the cooperative's margins based on how much energy they paid for during the previous year. As a member, you have a stake in Rock Energy with your capital credits. Your stake (capital credit balance) is shown on your June billing statement.

**Shane Larson, CEO**

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# When It Comes To NATURAL GAS Remember To Keep SAFETY In Mind

## How To Recognize A Natural Gas leak?

**SOUND** An unusual hissing, roaring, or whistling sound along a natural gas line or coming from an appliance might signify a leak.

**SMELL** Gas providers add a chemical that makes natural gas smell like rotten eggs so any leaks can be easily detected.

**SIGHT** Unexplained dead grass, bubbling water, and blowing dirt near a meter or along the pipeline route are signs of a leak.

If you suspect a leak in your home, leave the building/ area immediately. Go to a safe place, outside the smell of gas (certainly not downwind of it).

Do not use a phone until you're safely away from the suspected leak. Then call Rock Energy Cooperative at 866-752-4550 or contact your gas provider.

### Natural Gas Detection & Safety - VIDEO

Check out Rock Energy's "Natural Gas Safety at Home" video and know what to do if you detect a natural gas leak. To view the video, scan the QR code to the right. ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about natural gas safety, we would be happy to provide you with further information. Just call us at 866-752-4550. We also encourage you to visit the web sites below to get more information about pipeline safety.

Rock Energy: [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop)

Call 811: [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)

Diggers Hotline: [www.diggershotline.com](http://www.diggershotline.com)

JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators): [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com)

National Pipeline Mapping System: [www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov)



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