



Look for a ballot and information packet in your mailbox soon after Oct. 13. Then mark your choices and mail your ballot in time to be received by **5 p. m. Nov. 1.**

## New and improved

### *WFEC annual meeting breaks tradition*


**W**est Florida Electric Cooperative's 2000 annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 11, will break more than one tradition. First, the Co-op has moved the meeting's location this year. Instead of convening at the Graceville Civic Center, as they have for many years, WFEC's members will gather at the Baptist College of Florida, at 5400 College Drive in Graceville. Besides a pleasant setting, the campus will provide plenty of parking and convenient access for members attending the event.

Another significant difference will be the absence of voting booths and the voter registration tent that normally await members at the meeting. For the first time in WFEC's more than 60-year history, members will already have cast their ballots by mail; however, they'll still have to wait until the meeting for announcement of the election results.

An independent certified public accounting firm, McDaniel and Associates, will handle all aspects of the balloting. The firm will mail a ballot and information packet from Marianna to each WFEC accountholder Oct. 13. The packet will contain an official notice of the annual meeting, the report of the committee on nominations, profiles of the board candidates, the proposed bylaw amendment, instructions for voting and a postage-paid return envelope pre-addressed to the CPA firm. Neither the firm nor the Co-op will provide any additional ballots.

Members must mail their marked ballots in the return envelope in time for McDaniel and Associates to receive them by 5 p. m. Nov. 1. The firm will discard any ballots arriving after the deadline, even those postmarked Nov. 1. The firm will then tabulate the votes and announce the outcome at WFEC's annual meeting. However, for members who don't attend the meeting, the results will appear in the December *Current Light Flashes* and some local newspapers.

To ensure the elections are fair, WFEC has taken every precaution possible to prevent tampering. McDaniel and Associates, an impartial third party, will distribute and receive all ballots and tally all votes. In addition, the ballots are printed using tamper-proof ink; the electronic device that tabulates the votes won't read a duplicate.

Amid the changes in its annual meeting, WFEC will maintain a couple of traditions – food and fun. Members will enjoy musical entertainment, complimentary barbeque sandwiches, chips and soft drinks, informative displays and prize drawings. Ricky Atkinson and Compassion, of Sylvester, Ga., and Resting Place, of Cottonwood, Ala., will perform throughout the morning. 

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