



North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

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# NDAREC PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

## COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

- 1978 Oliver Sund, James Valley Electric
- 1979 Leona Meyers, James Valley Electric
- 1980 Farrel Nelson, Verendrye Electric
- 1981 Telford Anderson, McKenzie Electric
- 1982 Robert Lloyd, R.S.R. Electric
- 1983 Clifton Odegard, Nodak Electric
- 1984 Thomas Solberg, board president, NDAREC, and Clarence Welander, James Valley Electric
- 1985 Loren Richards, Sheyenne Valley Electric
- 1986 Charles Roth, James Valley Electric, and Duane Fossum, Nodak Electric
- 1987 Mike Gustafson, Cass County Electric
- 1988 Gerald Oberg, board president, NDAREC
- 1989 Ernest Grotte, Sheyenne Valley Electric
- 1990 Lars Nygren, Capital Electric
- 1991 Sidney Olson, North Central Electric
- 1992 Harvey Tallackson, Nodak Electric
- 1993 Jim Klesalek, Mountrail-Williams Electric
- 1994 Robert McPhail, Basin Electric, and Alan Bergman, James Valley Electric
- 1995 Clifford Haro, James Valley Electric
- 1996 Everett Dobrinski, Verendrye Electric
- 1997 Scott Braeger, James Valley Electric
- 1998 Ben Axtman, Northern Plains Electric
- 1999 Howard Carlson, Northern Plains Electric
- 2000 Rudolph Nelson, Nodak Electric
- 2001 Donald Link, McKenzie Electric
- 2002 Ray Kruckenberg, Oliver-Mercer Electric
- 2003 Dale Haugen, Mountrail-Williams Electric
- 2004 Gary Williamson, Central Power Electric
- 2005 Adolph Feyereisen, KEM Electric
- 2006 Robert Huether, Cass County Electric
- 2007 Awards program tabled due to change in annual-meeting dates from October to March
- 2008 Keith Berg, Burke-Divide Electric
- 2009 Cedric Jacobson, North Central Electric
- 2010 Harvey Tallackson, Nodak Electric, and Ralph Birdsall, Verendrye Electric
- 2011 David Loer, Minnkota Power
- 2012 Everett Dobrinski, Verendrye Electric
- 2013 Bill Bertram, Cass County Electric
- 2014 Jay Jacobson, Dakota Valley Electric and Northern Plains Electric, and Bruce Carlson, Verendrye Electric



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### **COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD (CONTINUED)**

- 2015 Dorvan Solberg, Mountrail-Williams Electric
- 2016 James Kerzman, Slope Electric (presented posthumously)
- 2017 Lee McLaughlin, Nodak Electric

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

- 1979 Ron Holte, Nodak Electric
- 1980 E.W. Smith, Verendrye Electric
- 1981 Wally Beyer, Verendrye Electric
- 1982 Bob Spencer, Baker Electric
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- 1984 None awarded
- 1985 Gary Allen, Baker Electric
- 1986 Dallas Morin, Baker Electric
- 1987 Dick Selinger, Slope Electric
- 1988 Wally Beyer, Verendrye Electric, and John Soderquist, Burke-Divide Electric
- 1989 Wayne Martian, North Central Electric, and Jerry Wiechman, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric
- 1990 Clayton Hoffman, Oliver-Mercer Electric
- 1991 Darwin Wilke, Slope Electric
- 1992 Claire Vigessa, Tri-County Electric
- 1993 Art Remmich, James Valley Electric
- 1994 Bobby Koepplin, Cass County Electric
- 1996 No nominations submitted
- 1997 Gary VerDouw, Capital Electric
- 1998 Wilbur Vander Vorst, KEM Electric
- 1999 Maurus Karboviak, Sheyenne Electric
- 2000 Harold Nowatzki, Cavalier Rural Electric, and Scott Handy, Cass County Electric
- 2001 Richard W. Weber, Basin Electric
- 2002 Rex Sadler, Slope Electric
- 2003 Robert M. Horne, Verendrye Electric
- 2004 Derald Hoover, Mountrail-Williams Electric
- 2005 Duane Otto, Cavalier Rural Electric, and Jay Jacobson, Dakota Valley/Northern Plains Electric
- 2006 Reginal Rudolph, McLean Electric
- 2007 Awards program tabled due to change in annual-meeting dates from October to March
- 2008 Rocky Prestangen, McKenzie Electric
- 2009 Alan Omvig, North Central Electric, and Randy Hauck, Verendrye Electric
- 2010 Rex Sadler, Slope Electric
- 2011 Duane Hafner, Nodak Electric
- 2012 George Berg, Nodak Electric
- 2013 Dave Caroline, North Central Electric



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### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (CONTINUED)**

- 2014 No nominations received for this award category
- 2015 Lisa Heinert and Wendy Boom, Dakota Valley Electric
- 2016 No nominations received for this award category
- 2017 Jamison Parisien, North Central Electric

### **WALLY BEYER RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

- 2001 Charles Fleming, Charles Stroup and Cornelius Grant (co-recipients)
- 2002 Jeff Weispenning, North Dakota Department of Agriculture
- 2003 Joseph Lamb, Bank of North Dakota (presented posthumously) and Ron LeClerc, North Dakota Department of Transportation
- 2004 William C. Davis, USDA/Rural Development
- 2005 Robert Spencer, Northern Plains Electric
- 2006 JoAnn Rodenbiker, Northern Plains Electric
- 2007 Awards program tabled due to change in annual-meeting dates from October to March
- 2008 Clayton Hoffman, Roughrider Electric
- 2009 Gene Veeder, McKenzie County Job Development Authority, and Clare Carlson, USDA Rural Development
- 2010 No nominations submitted
- 2011 No nominations submitted
- 2012 Dennis Rodin, USDA Rural Development
- 2013 Bobby Koeplin, Cass County Electric, and Sara Otte Coleman, N.D. Department of Commerce/N.D. Tourism Division
- 2014 Kenton Onstad, Mountrail-Williams Electric
- 2015 Martin Dahl, McLean Electric
- 2016 No nominations received for this award category

### **HELPING HAND AWARD**

- 1979 Peter Lee, Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
- 1980 Paul Harper, N.D. Farmers Union Insurance
- 1981 None awarded
- 1982 None awarded
- 1983 None awarded
- 1984 Jo Jacobson, president, NREWA and NDREWA
- 1985 George Rait, Burke-Divide Electric
- 1986 Herman Berg, McKenzie Electric
- 1987 Stan Moore, N.D. Farmers Union Insurance
- 1988 Sen. Quentin Burdick
- 1989 Mark Purdy
- 1990 Leona Koch
- 1991 Hal Rosenbluth
- 1992 None awarded



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### **HELPING HAND AWARD (CONTINUED)**

- 1993 Sen. Kent Conrad
- 1994 Wally Beyer
- 1995 Sen. Byron Dorgan
- 1996 Rep. Andrew Hagle
- 1997 Rep. Clarence Martin
- 1998 Congressman Earl Pomeroy
- 1999 Judge John D. Kelly
- 2000 Public Service Commissioner Bruce Hagen
- 2001 Sen. Russell Thane
- 2002 no award presented
- 2003 Rep. Janet Wentz (presented posthumously) and Rep. Mary Ekstrom
- 2004 Sen. Larry Robinson and Rep. Eugene Nicholas
- 2005 Sen. David O'Connell
- 2006 Gov. Arthur A. Link and Gov. William L. Guy
- 2007 Awards program tabled due to change in annual-meeting dates
- 2008 Wally Rustad, NRECA
- 2009 Roger Johnson, N.D. Commissioner of Agriculture
- 2010 Sen. Dwight Cook
- 2011 Rep. James Kerzman
- 2012 Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem
- 2013 Robert "Bob" Stenehjem (presently posthumously)
- 2014 Jasper Schneider, USDA Rural Development
- 2015 Brian Kalk, Public Service Commission
- 2016 Sen. John Hoeven