

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • July 2023

## Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's 69th Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, August 11, 2023
American Legion, Steeleville, IL

5-7pm – registration and barbeque meal • 7:15-business session

On behalf of the board of directors and employees, we wish to extend a special invitation to you, our members, to attend the 69th Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, August 11 at the American Legion in Steeleville. The official notice and annual report will be mailed to members on July 28, 2023. Participate and enjoy your Annual Meeting.





# Egyptian distributes approximately \$250,000 in capital credits

gyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's Board of Directors approved the retirement of approximately \$250,000 in capital credits. The capital credits will be distributed to members during July and August. Egyptian is pleased to be able to return these capital credits to our members.

# Free Nationwide Calling in July from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative

Cooperative members subscribing to Egyptian Long Distance get Free Nationwide Calling in July. You can enjoy priceless conversations with the people you care about the most.

### Just pick up the phone in July and talk freely!

\*Subscriber must be switched to Egyptian Long Distance for both local toll and long distance services. Time frame for free calling is 7/1/23-7/31/23. Plan applies solely to voice calls terminating within the continental U.S. Plan does not apply to calls for Internet access services, calling card services, operator assisted calls, collect calls, third number calls, calls to international numbers, incoming 800 calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, operator services, and preferred plus calling. Non-qualifying calls are subject to additional charges at Egyptian's then current rate.



#### **FUSC** charge

ffective on your August 2023 statement, the amount of your Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will change in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) universal service fund contribution factor from 29% to 29.2%. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers in all areas of United States.



#### Win a \$10 Bill Credit



orrectly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners in August. Last month's winners were John Laur, Donald Stallman, Darlene Sandheinrich, and Roger Weber.

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#### **Nominating Committee meets**

The members appointed to the 2023 Nominating Committee met Thursday, June 1, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for three director positions that will expire this year at the 69th Annual Meeting.

The committee present for the 2023 nominating committee were: Gene Luthy, Baldwin; Shane Moen, Blair; Brian VanPelt, Glenn; Lloyd Kranawetter, Glenn; Jim Musselman, Oakdale; David Gill, Rice; Jeanne Koeller, St. Libory; and Lowell Shubert, Venedy. Also present were Cooperative Attorney Ron Arbeiter and General Manage Matthew Bollinger.

Mr. Arbeiter reviewed cooperative bylaws and policies pertaining to the committee's responsibilities and duties from nominating candidates. Lowell Shubert was elected chairman and Jim

Musselman was elected secretary. After discussion, the committee nominated the following candidates from the Baldwin, Glenn, and Blair exchanges. Nominated candidates for 2023 are:

- David Goetting Baldwin
- Kenneth Hollmann Glenn
- Kevin Nurnberger Blair

These candidates, along with any nominations by petition, as prescribed in Article IV, Section 4.4 of the bylaws and meeting the qualifications to be a board member, as prescribed in Article IV, Section 4.3 will be voted on by the members present at the annual meeting on Friday, August 11, 2023.

#### New directories available

Your 2023/2024 Egyptian Telephone books were mailed in June. Please take the time to review the book's contents and offerings. Your directory is filled with valuable information. Whether you are searching for emergency numbers, area codes, special service offerings, and much more, your phone book is designed to

meet all your needs.

Advertisers in the Yellow Pages help make Egyptian's phone book an extremely useful tool for you. Yellow Pages save you time and money by letting you enjoy the convenience of shopping at home. Please support your local merchants and let them know you found them in the Yellow Pages.



#### Fiber construction update

rogress continues on our major fiber optic buildout. We have retained Vantage Point Solutions as our engineering partner, and their engineers will be out in our Blair, Baldwin, and Glenn exchanges gathering information to proceed with fiber.

Also, outside construction has resumed in our Rice exchange for the fiber placement. After the outside construction portion of this fiber project in Rice is completed and tested, our installation group will contact members to schedule the in-home installations in that area.

We appreciate your patience with our construction projects. Please call 888-774-1638 or email us at fiber@egyptian.net if you have any questions on this fiber project.

#### **IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers**

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale	329-1234	Blair	774-1234
Rice	336-1234	Baldwin	785-1234
Glenn			
St. Libory		<b>,</b>	



Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association 1010 W. Broadway, Steeleville, Illinois 62288 Business Office: 618.774.1000 Toll Free: 888.774.1638 Office Hours: • 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

