



October/November 2026

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89th ANNUAL MEETING



**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 2026**



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**MEMBER REGISTRATION
9 - 11 A.M.**

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**BUSINESS SESSION
11 A.M.**



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Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Upson Electric Membership Corporation will hold its Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 11 a.m., at the Thomaston-Upson Civic Center in Thomaston, Ga., in accordance with the corporation's Bylaws.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. and closes promptly at 11 a.m., when the meeting will be called to order.

Agenda:

- 1) Report from officers, directors and committees
- 2) Election of directors
- 3) Any other business that may legally come before said meeting

Valuable prizes will be awarded following the business session. Members are encouraged to register early and may vote by limited proxy if unable to attend. Proxies held by a spouse or adult family member residing in the same household will be accepted.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully,

Kenny Coggins
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors
Upson Electric Membership Corporation

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Upson Electric Membership Corporation met on August 13, 2026, at the office of the cooperative, in Thomaston, Ga., for the purpose of nominating directors to be elected at the next Annual Meeting of Members to be held October 27, 2026.

After full discussion and deliberation, the committee nominated the following members of the cooperative to be directors for three-year terms following the Annual Meeting, according to the Bylaws of the cooperative:

District No. 2, Post 1	Upson County and Crawford County	John Brazelton
District No. 3	Meriwether County and Pike County	Greg Hobbs
District No. 4	Pike County	Ray Brumbeloe

Respectfully submitted by:

George Hightower Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	Gail Hammock Walter Hancock	Tom Raines Lucile Wornum
Steve Douglas	Carol Ison	

Notice to members

If you have a disability that requires assistance while attending our Annual Meeting, please contact our office prior to the meeting or see one of our employees at registration.



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REGISTRATION FORM

89th Annual Meeting of Members – Upson Electric Membership Corporation

October 27, 2026 • Registration 9-11 a.m. • Business Meeting 11 a.m.

Thomaston-Upson Civic Center

The name appearing on the line below should be the same as it appears on the monthly electric bill and, if possible, the account number should be included. Completing this form will allow members to receive a free appreciation gift and a chance to win a door prize awarded at the conclusion of the business session.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Account Number _____ *Telephone Number _____

*Email address _____

*By providing contact information, you consent to receive emails, text messages and phone calls from Upson EMC for purposes related to your account.

(To avoid delays in registration, a member should complete this form and bring it to the Annual Meeting.)

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Proxy Voting Permitted

Article II, Section 6. Limited Proxies. Any member of the cooperative may designate his or her spouse or an adult member of the family, residing in the home of the member, to attend any meeting of the members, annual meetings or special meetings, and vote on any proposition which may legally come before said meeting, for and on behalf of the member of record. Limited proxies, as aforesaid, shall be in the form as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and said limited proxies must be filed with the Secretary or designated person before the meeting is called to order.

I am a member of Upson Electric Membership Corporation. I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

My name is _____
(Please print your NAME as it appears on your electric bill)

and my physical address is _____
(Please print your physical ADDRESS)

My account number is _____ and phone number _____

I give my proxy to:

(Please print the name of an adult member residing in your home to whom you are giving your proxy.)

I authorize the person above to vote on my behalf during Upson EMC's Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at the Thomaston-Upson Civic Center.

This person has agreed to vote my proxy as he/she believes I would vote if I were present. I, hereby, ratify and confirm my proxy's vote.

Signature of Member

Signature of Holder of Limited Proxy

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Letter of Authorization

For Churches, Clubs or Other Organizations
89th Annual Meeting of Members – Upson Electric Membership Corporation
October 27, 2026

_____ has been appointed to represent
(Print name of person)

_____ as its voting delegate and
(Print name of church, club or other organization)

to receive prizes for said organization at Upson Electric Membership Corporation's Annual Meeting of Members on October 27, 2026.

(Secretary of organization or other designated official)

Witnesses: _____

(If you are to be the representative of your church, club or other organization at the Annual Meeting, **please have this form completed and bring it with you, along with your organization's registration form.**)

Photography and filming notice

Please be advised photography and filming will take place during the Annual Meeting.

By attending the Annual Meeting, you acknowledge and consent to being photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded. Your image and/or voice may be captured and used in photographs, videos, social media, publications, websites and other promotional or informational materials. Your attendance constitutes your consent to such recording and use without additional notice or compensation.

If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please notify Brooke Parrott at (706) 647-5475 before the Annual Meeting.



Is your account joint?

Does the mailing label on this magazine show an asterisk (*) after your name? If so, your account is a joint account. If not, do you want your account to be joint? A joint account allows the spouse of an individual whose name appears on the monthly bill to register, vote and be eligible to win a prize at the Annual Meeting on behalf of the account name.

If there is not an asterisk (*) after the name and you want your account to be joint, or if you have any questions about a joint account, please call our office at (706) 647-5475.



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Lorenza Wilder, *Vice Chairman*
Kenny Coggins, *Secretary/Treasurer*
John Brazelton
Ray Brumbeloe
Greg Hobbs
Jim Meeks

PRESIDENT/CEO
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Office Closing

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October 27 for its Annual Meeting.



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