

# 2018 PLANNING CALENDAR

## NRECA Education Programs

Conferences & Meetings | Courses | Web-Based Learning | Certificate Programs

Chart your course for professional development.  
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## In support of the 5th Cooperative Principle,

NRECA offers a wide range of educational programs designed to equip you and your staff with the co-op specific knowledge and skills you need to succeed in today's rapidly changing energy industry. Use this calendar to:

- Plan your participation in 2018 conferences and meetings.
- Explore even more learning opportunities — just choose a category and view related programs offered in 2018.

Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for complete information on our education programs.

## THE 5TH COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE

### Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperatives.



# 2018 Conferences & Meetings (As of April 2017. Subject to change.)

A-Z

### Annual Meeting & Expo

*Director Education*  
Feb. 22 - 25, 2018  
*Annual Meeting*  
Feb. 25 - 28, 2018

### Basic Benefit Training Course

May 22 - May 24, 2018

### CEO Close-Up

Jan. 7 - 10, 2018

### CONNECT

May 8 - 10, 2018

### Cooperative University

Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2018

### Directors Conference

March 25 - 28, 2018

### G&T Legal Seminar

Nov. 8 - 9, 2018

### INTERACT Conference

July 9 - 11, 2018  
Aug. 13 - 15, 2018

### Legal Seminar

July 16 - 18, 2018  
Aug. 12 - 14, 2018

### Legislative Conference

April 8 - 10, 2018

### New and Emerging Technologies (NET) Conference

Feb. 5 - 7, 2018

### PowerUp Conference

Oct. 8 - 10, 2018

### Regions 1 & 4 Meeting

Sept. 5 - 7, 2018

### Regions 2 & 3 Meeting

Oct. 9 - 11, 2018

### Regions 5 & 6 Meeting

Sept. 17 - 19, 2018

### Regions 7 & 9 Meeting

Sept. 25 - 27, 2018

### Regions 8 & 10 Meeting

Oct. 16 - 18, 2018

### Safety Leadership Summit

April 24 - 26, 2018

### Summer School for Directors

*West:* June 22 - 27, 2018  
*East:* July 27 - Aug. 1, 2018

### Tax, Finance and Accounting Conference for Cooperatives

Aug. 5 - 8, 2018

### TechAdvantage<sup>®</sup> Conference & Expo

Feb. 25 - 28, 2018

### Winter School for Directors

Nov. 30 - Dec. 5, 2018

## January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CEO Close-Up						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NET Conference						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Annual Meeting Pre-Meeting Dir. Ed. →		
25	26	27	28			
Annual Meeting TechAdvantage						

## March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Directors Conf.						

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Legislative Conf.						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Safety Summit		
29	30					

## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CONNECT						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Basic Benefit Train.				
27	28	29	30	31		

## June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					→	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Summer School for Directors (West)						

## July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
INTERACT Conf.						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Legal Seminar						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					→	
29	30	31				
Summer School for Directors (East)						

## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
→ Summer School for Directors (East)						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
TFA Conference for Co-ops						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Legal Seminar			INTERACT Conf.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Regions 1&4			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Regions 5&6						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Regions 7&9						
30						

## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PowerUp		Regions 2&3				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Regions 8&10						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Cooperative Univ. →						

## November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Cooperative Univ. →		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			G&T Legal			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Winter School →	

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						→
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Winter School for Dirs.						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## Advocacy & Grassroots

### Conferences & Meetings

#### Annual Meeting & Expo

*(Including pre-meeting Director Education)*

Feb. 22 - 28, 2018, Nashville, TN

#### Legislative Conference

April 8 - 10, 2018, Washington, DC

#### Regional Meetings

*(Including pre-meeting Director Education)*

1 & 4 Sept. 5 - 7, 2018

Columbus, OH

5 & 6 Sept. 17 - 19, 2018

Minneapolis, MN

7 & 9 Sept. 25 - 27, 2018

Anchorage, AK

2 & 3 Oct. 9 - 11, 2018

Atlanta, GA

8 & 10 Oct. 16 - 18, 2018

Oklahoma City, OK

### Courses

#### The Power of Cooperatives

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

## Communications, Marketing & Member Services

### Conferences & Meetings

#### CONNECT Conference

May 8 - 10, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT

#### New Co-op Communicator Orientation

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### New and Emerging Technologies (NET) Conference (Touchstone Energy®)

Feb. 5 - 7, 2018, St. Petersburg, FL

### Courses

#### Advanced Key Account Management

Offered at Cooperative University

#### Managing Your Electric Cooperative's Key Accounts

Offered at Cooperative University

#### The Power of Cooperatives

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### Writing with Power (online)

April 16 - May 11, 2018

Oct. 1 - Nov. 2, 2018

### Certificate Programs

#### Certified Cooperative Communicator (CCC)

#### Certified Key Account Executive (CKAE)

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for certificate program details.*

## Co-op Admin, Finance, HR & Strategy

### Conferences & Meetings

#### FEMA Program Requirements Updates

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### INTERACT Conference for HR and Benefits Professionals

July 9 - 11, 2018, Minneapolis, MN

Aug. 13 - 15, 2018, Orlando, FL

#### New CFO Orientation

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### PowerUp Conference for Administrative Professionals

Oct. 8 - 10, 2018, Tampa, FL

#### Tax, Finance and Accounting Conference for Cooperatives

Aug. 5 - 8, 2018, Austin, TX

### Courses

#### Avoiding HR Pitfalls (online)

April 16 - May 11, 2018

Oct. 1 - Oct. 26, 2018

#### Basic Benefits Training Course

May 22 - May 24, 2018, Omaha, NE

#### Conducting Effective Meetings (online)

April 16 - May 18, 2018

Oct. 1 - Nov. 2, 2018

## Cooperative Finance and Accounting for the Non-accountant

Offered at Cooperative University

### Delegating Effectively (online)

April 16 - May 11, 2018

Oct. 1 - 26, 2018

### Master Class in Strategy Execution (Touchstone Energy®)

Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.

### Work Order and Plant Accounting Procedures (online)

On Demand 24/7/365

## Certificate Programs

### Cooperative Financial Professional Certificate (CFPC)

Spring Session 1: April 23 - 27, 2018, Madison, WI

Fall Session 1: Aug. 27 - 31, 2018, Madison, WI

See [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for certificate program details.

## Director Education

### Conferences & Meetings

#### Annual Meeting & Expo

(including pre-meeting Director Education)

Feb. 22 - 28, 2018, Nashville, TN

#### Directors Conference

March 25-28, 2018, Las Vegas, NV

#### Gettysburg Leadership Experience for Co-op Leaders

See [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.

#### Legislative Conference

April 8 - 10, 2018, Washington, DC

#### New Director Orientation

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## Why do you attend the NRECA Regional Meetings?

“The Regional Meeting is a useful resource for information and helps keep issues...in proper perspective. It also provides opportunities...to use our relationships to the advantage of all.”

### - Victor Hurst

Senior Vice President, Line Services,  
Snapping Shoals EMC

### Regional Meetings

(including pre-meeting Director Education)

1 & 4	Sept. 5 - 7, 2018	Columbus, OH
5 & 6	Sept. 17 - 19, 2018	Minneapolis, MN
7 & 9	Sept. 25 - 27, 2018	Anchorage, AK
2 & 3	Oct. 9 - 11, 2018	Atlanta, GA
8 & 10	Oct. 16 - 18, 2018	Oklahoma City, OK

### Summer School for Directors (West)

June 22 - 27, 2018, Coeur d'Alene, ID

### Summer School for Directors (East)

July 27 - Aug. 1, 2018, Savannah, GA

### Winter School for Directors

Nov. 30 - Dec. 5, 2018, Nashville, TN

## Certificate Programs

### Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)

### Board Leadership Certificate (BLC)

### Director Gold

See [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for certificate program details.

## Distributed Energy Resources & Power Supply

### Conferences & Meetings

**New and Emerging Technologies (NET) Conference (Touchstone Energy®)**

Feb. 5 - 7, 2018, St. Petersburg, FL

**TechAdvantage® Conference & Expo**

Feb. 25 - 28, 2018, Nashville, TN

### Courses

**Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) Online Courses**

**Introduction to Distribution Engineering**

Unit A: July 31 - Aug. 3, 2018, Madison, WI

Unit B: Oct. 9 - 12, 2018, Madison, WI

## General Electric Co-op Industry

### Conferences & Meetings

**New CEO Orientation**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

**New CFO Orientation**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

**New Director Orientation**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

### Courses

**Electricity Basics (online)**

On Demand 24/7/365

**Introduction to Mandatory Reliability Compliance-NERC (online)**

On Demand 24/7/365

**Orientation for New Co-op Employees and Directors (online)**

On Demand 24/7/365

**The Power of Cooperatives**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*







## Leadership, Management & Supervision

### Conferences & Meetings

#### CEO Close-Up

Jan. 7 - 10, 2018, Palm Desert, CA

#### Cooperative University

Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2018, Nashville, TN

#### Gettysburg Leadership Experience for Co-op Leaders

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### New CEO Orientation

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

#### Safety Leadership Summit

April 24 - 26, 2018, Atlanta, GA

### Courses

#### Avoiding HR Pitfalls (online)

April 16 - May 11, 2018

Oct. 1 - Oct. 26, 2018

#### Building Your Co-op's Culture: The Supervisor's Role **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

#### Change Is Hard: Guiding Your Team through Complex Times **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

#### Conducting Effective Meetings (online)

April 16 - May 18, 2018

Oct. 1 - Nov. 2, 2018

#### Delegating Effectively (online)

April 16 - May 11, 2018

Oct. 1 - Oct. 26, 2018

#### Engaging and Developing High-Performing Employees: Bringing Out their Best **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Everyone Communicates; Few Connect: Tools for Bridging the Gap** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Executing Your Co-op's Strategic Initiatives (Touchstone Energy®)**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Know the Rules: Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities for Supervisors** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Personal Communication Styles: Who You Are and How You Impact Others** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Stepping into Your Supervisory Role: Learning to Lead** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Time Management and Productivity: Minimizing Distractions and Time Wasters** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Writing with Power (online)**

April 16 - May 18, 2018

Oct. 1 - Nov. 2, 2018

**You Can't Do It Alone: Building a Strong Team** **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

**Certificate Programs**

**Management Internship Program Certificate (MIP)**

*2017-2018 dates sold out. Visit [cooperative.com](http://cooperative.com) for 2018-2019 dates.*

**MIP Select: 2-Week Intensive Program** **NEW**

April 16 - 26, 2018, Madison, WI

May 14 - 24, 2018, Madison, WI

**Supervisor and Manager Development Program** **NEW**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for certificate program details.*

**Did You Know?**

You can arrange for NRECA to deliver supervisory and management courses at your co-op, G&T or statewide association. Visit [cooperative.com/onsite](http://cooperative.com/onsite) to learn more!







## Legislative, Regulatory & Legal Issues

### Conferences & Meetings

#### G&T Legal Seminar

Nov. 8 - 9, 2018, Nashville, TN

#### Legal Seminar

July 16 - 18, 2018, Chicago, IL

Aug. 12 - 14, 2018, Boston, MA

#### Legislative Conference

April 8 - 10, 2018, Washington, DC

### Courses

#### Introduction to Mandatory Reliability Compliance - NERC (online)

On Demand 24/7/365

#### Know the Rules: Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities for Supervisors **NEW**

Offered at Cooperative University

## Operations & Engineering

### Conferences & Meetings

#### TechAdvantage® Conference & Expo

Feb. 25 - 28, 2018, Nashville, TN

### What did you think of Introduction to Distribution Engineering?

“I wish that I would’ve been aware of this training years ago. This is the best training opportunity I have been afforded in nine years of cooperative employment.”

#### - Gregory Lee

Vice President, Ft. Knox Operations,  
Nolin RECC



## Courses

**Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) Online Courses**

**Introduction to Distribution Engineering**

Unit A: July 31 - Aug. 3, 2018, Madison, WI

Unit B: Oct. 9 - 12, 2018, Madison, WI

**Introduction to Mandatory Reliability Compliance - NERC (online)**

On Demand 24/7/365

## Safety & Loss Control

### Conferences & Meetings

**Safety Leadership Summit**

April 24 - 26, 2018, Atlanta, GA

### Courses

**RESAP Facilitator Workshop**

*Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.*

**Safety Improvement Plan (online)**

On Demand 24/7/365

### How is professional development valuable to you and your co-op?

“It is worth the time and money to invest in yourself! All the training can be applied professionally and personally. And if we better ourselves, we are better employees too!”

**- Connie Lawrence**

*Department Secretary, Central Generation Plant,  
PowerSouth Energy Cooperative*

## Safety Performance Measures (online)

On Demand 24/7/365

## Safety Self-Assessment (online)

On Demand 24/7/365

## Speak Up!/Listen Up! Instructor Training

Visit [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for program details.

## Certificate Program

### Certified Loss Control Professional/Loss Control Internship Program

Seminar 1: Jan. 28 - Feb. 2, 2018, Madison, WI

See [cooperative.com/learning](http://cooperative.com/learning) for full 2018 schedule.

## Technology

### Conferences

#### New and Emerging Technologies (NET) Conference (Touchstone Energy®)

Feb. 5 - 7, 2018, St. Petersburg, FL

#### TechAdvantage® Conference & Expo

Feb. 25 - 28, 2018, Nashville, TN

### Courses

#### Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) Online Courses

#### Enhancing IT Effectiveness: Technology Planning, Decision Making and Leadership

Offered at Cooperative University

### Why did you bring NRECA training to your co-op?

“We chose NRECA because it is tailored to our business. The trainers know and have worked with or in co-ops in the past. They know the co-op business model...this is important when training a supervisor at our cooperative.”

#### - Vivian Michael

Vice President of Corporate Services & HR,  
Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative



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Make a commitment to your own professional growth and your co-op's future with the wide range of educational programs and resources we offer on such topics as:

- **Advocacy & Grassroots**
- **Co-op Admin, Finance, HR & Strategy**
- **Communications, Marketing & Member Services**
- **Director Education**
- **Distributed Energy Resources & Power Supply**
- **General Electric Co-op Industry**
- **Leadership, Management & Supervision**
- **Legislative, Regulatory & Legal Issues**
- **Operations & Engineering**
- **Safety & Loss Control**
- **Technology**

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