

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Notice and Agenda**

**Meeting of December 4, 2018**

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. – Conclusion

**Location:** Ramkota Hotel  
800 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**Re:** ND Association of Telecommunications Cooperatives

**Agenda:**

See attached agenda

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**NORTH DAKOTA  
ASSOCIATION OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COOPERATIVES**

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**65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
DECEMBER 3-5, 2018  
RAMKOTA HOTEL  
BISMARCK, N.D.**

**REGISTRATION**

**Ramkota Ballroom Foyer**

**Monday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**9:00 a.m. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
Cannonball Room

**11:30 a.m. PLANNING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
Room 2160

**11:30 a.m. POLICY & BYLAWS COMMITTEE**  
Room 3130

**11:30 a.m. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
Room 3160

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**General Session**  
**Lamborn Room**

**1:00 p.m.      WELCOME**

Ron German  
President  
NDATC  
Mandan, N.D.

David Crothers  
Executive Vice President  
NDATC  
Mandan, N.D.

**1:15 p.m.      THE FUTURE OF CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE**

Jeremy Graves  
President  
Pivot Group  
Tucson, Arizona

**2:30 p.m.      BROADBAND: YOUR CUSTOMERS AND THE FUTURE**

Douglas Meredith  
Director - Economics & Policy  
JSI, Inc.  
Bountiful, Utah

**3:30 p.m.      BREAK**  
Courtyard

**4:00 p.m.      NDATC: LOOKING FORWARD**

Max Kringen  
Chief Storyteller  
Tellwell  
Fargo, N.D.

**4:30 p.m.      NDATC BUSINESS SESSION**

Ron German  
President  
NDATC  
Mandan, N.D.

Debra Hoffarth  
Attorney  
Pringle & Herigstad  
Minot, N.D.

**5:30 p.m.      WELCOME RECEPTION**

Courtyard

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**General Session**

**Lamborn Room**

**7:30 a.m. FRUIT & PASTRY BUFFET**

Courtyard

**8:30 a.m. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT!**

Max Kringen  
Chief Storyteller  
Tellwell  
Fargo, N.D.

**9:15 a.m. WASHINGTON 2019: A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME**

Mike Romano  
Senior VP of Industry Affairs  
NTCA  
Arlington, Virginia

**10:00 a.m. BREAK**

Courtyard

**10:30 a.m. NORTH DAKOTA VERSUS THE WORLD**

Chris Skidmore  
Senior Manager  
Moss Adams, LLP  
Spokane, Washington

**11:30 a.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Honorable Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner  
N.D. Public Service Commission  
Bismarck, N.D.

**12:00 p.m.      GROUP LUNCHEON**  
Courtyard

**THE POLITICAL FREEWAY**

Mike Jacobs  
Author  
The Onlooker: a weekly column about politics  
in North Dakota  
Gilby, N.D.

**1:15 p.m.      CONNECTIVITY IN THE MIDWEST**

Justin Forde  
Senior Director of Government Relations  
Midco  
Fargo, N.D.

**1:45 p.m.      THE ECONOMY IN 2019: TERRIFIC, TURBULENT OR  
TEPID?**

Elliot Eisenberg, Ph.D.  
Chief Economist  
GraphsandLaughs  
Kensington, Maryland

**2:45 p.m.      WHERE DID YOUR MONEY GO? COOPERATIVES  
INVESTING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Lori Capouch  
Rural Development Director  
RE&T Development Center  
Mandan, N.D.

**3:15 p.m.      IF YOU GIVE A DIRECTOR A TABLET...**

Carissa Swenson  
Consultant  
Consortia Consulting  
Halliday, N.D.

**4:00 p.m.     ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Courtyard

**6:00 p.m.     RECEPTION**  
Courtyard

**7:00 p.m.     DINNER BUFFET**  
Patterson Room

**INVOCATION**

Brunno Kinzler  
Director  
Dickey Rural Telephone  
Ellendale, N.D.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**ROCK THE HOLIDAYS WITH  
KAT PERKINS**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**7:00 a.m. PAC-T MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**  
Patterson Room

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Honorable Jim Grueneich  
State Representative  
District 12  
Jamestown, N.D.

**TECO REPORT**

Ralph Greer  
Director  
Dickey Rural Telephone  
Ellendale, N.D.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Dennis Schott  
PAC-T Chairman  
SRT Communications  
Minot, N.D.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:30 a.m. FRUIT & PASTRY BUFFET**  
Lamborn Room

**7:45 a.m. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Patterson Room



**BUSINESS SESSION**  
**Lamborn Room**  
**(NDATC Members Only)**

**8:30 a.m.      CALL TO ORDER**

Ron German  
President

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**  
Committee Chairman

**CALL AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Jennifer Sorenson  
Secretary

**MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

Jennifer Sorenson  
Secretary

**PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF RULES**  
Committee Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Ron German  
President

David Crothers  
Executive Vice President

**PLANNING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**  
Committee Chairman

## **POLICY & BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chairman

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chairman

## **OPEN FORUM**

Ron German  
President

David Crothers  
Executive Vice President

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **ADDITIONS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There will be a brief meeting of the NDATC Board of Directors, in the Lamborn room, immediately following the annual meeting for the purpose of organizing for the coming year and any other business as may properly come before the board.

You are invited to attend the NDTA Annual Meeting, in the Lamborn room, immediately following the NDATC business session.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION:**

The registration desk is located in the Ballroom Foyer of the Ramkota Hotel. Registration hours are Monday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **RECEPTION:**

A welcome reception will be held in the Courtyard at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3.

### **LUNCHEON:**

Tuesday, December 4, a luncheon will be held in the Courtyard at 12 noon.

### **SOCIAL HOUR:**

A social hour will be held in the Courtyard from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4.

### **BANQUET:**

The banquet will be held in the Patterson room at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4.

### **PAC-T BREAKFAST:**

The PAC-T membership breakfast will be held in the Patterson room on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 a.m. Membership dues are as follows: Tier 1: \$360.00; Tier 2: \$240.00; and Tier 3: \$120.00. Dues may be paid at the registration desk or to a PAC-T committee person.

### **DOOR PRIZES:**

Door prizes donated by NDATC Supporting Associate members will be given away during the business session of the annual meeting.

### **BADGES:**

At the close of the meeting, please leave your name badge in the box provided at the back of the room.