

## 2014 Candidate Biographies

DCEC members are to elect three directors to serve on the Board of Directors during the Annual Meeting on Friday, September 19, 2014. The following candidates for the positions of region directors have been identified by the 2014 Nominating Committee.

### Northern Region Candidates:



**Camilia K. Eldidi** moved with her family from Long Island to Harpersfield in 2011. Both of her sons attended Stamford Central School.

Camilia graduated from Alexandria University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She worked as an Accountant for over 26 years and specialized in forensic accounting, fraud detection and prevention and litigation support. She has served on the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Board for four years and the board of Compass Management and Inspections, LLC (a property management company) for 10 years.



**Lester Parker** is currently the Highway Superintendent for the Town of Gilboa where he has worked for the past 30 years. As a native of Schoharie County, he was born and raised in Conesville with his six siblings. In 1976 he moved to Gilboa and raised two daughters and began a successful business.

Having graduated from Gilboa-Conesville Central School in 1976 he then entered the workforce. In 1985 he began his own business, starting with a pickup truck and a chainsaw, he cut and sold firewood. With a solid direction and business plan, 29 years later, he has a successful excavating company with two full time employees.

He enjoys time with his granddaughter and family, and is looking forward to another grandchild in a few months. He takes pleasure in landscaping around his home on Capehorn Road in Stamford as well as hiking.

“My experience as a Highway Superintendent and business owner make me a worthy candidate for the position of Director with the Delaware County Electric Cooperative. I have full knowledge of strategic planning, budgeting and financial decision making, government contracts and business operations. Thank you for considering me as a candidate.”



**Edward “Rusty” Pick** runs a successful construction company, R & S Construction, and has been a home builder and mason for 35 years. He served on the Harpersfield Town Council for 12 years. After opening a lumber yard, Harper Hill Building Supply, he resigned from his position on the council to avoid a potential conflict-of-interest in supplying the Town building materials for their new Post Office and Highway Department addition.

Ed and his wife Sharon have owned and operated Harper Hill Farm in Harpersfield since 1975. They opened the farm on 10 acres. Over the years they have expanded it to 400 acres to produce hay along with raising and training horses. Their son Edward is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology and their younger son, Brian, is currently attending SUNY Delhi.

“During my first year as a director I completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program. I was appointed to the DCEC Insurance Committee and the Union and Labor Negotiations Committee as well. For the past year I have also served as the Secretary for the DCEC Board of Directors. I take my responsibilities very seriously and hope to once again be re-elected as one of the DCEC Board of Directors.”

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### Southern Region Candidates :



**Frank Perkins, III** of Roscoe ultimately moved to Delaware County in 2003. Prior to that he lived in Carmel, NY. While there, he had been on the Town of Kent's Democratic Committee, the Town of Kent's Library Board of Trustees, the Drew United Methodist Church's Board of Trustees and was appointed by the Kent Town Board to work on a committee to support the Town's Planning Board to review environmental issues for surrounding projects.

Frank graduated from Pace University and worked for the New York Telephone Company (NYT) which ultimately became Verizon. While at NYT and Verizon he had been an Associate Director mostly working on regulatory compliance issues.

"I would like to serve our community by running for the DCEC Board of Directors. I really respect and appreciate what the Cooperative does."



**Frank Winkler** lives in Andes with his wife Vickie. He is currently retired but works part-time as a Resource Conservation Planner with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District. He is also the Chair of the Andes Town Planning Board and a Director for the Catskill Forest Association.

"I want to thank our members for having confidence in me for the past nine years. Service to DCEC has been a priority for me. I strive to be well prepared and try to take advantage of all training opportunities offered. There are many challenges facing our small electric cooperative. I believe we have positioned DCEC to best prepare for the future and have talented employees to help us remain a safe, reliable and cost-effective electric power provider that serves our members and community well. I hope I can have your support for the next three years."

### Central Region Candidate :



**Paul Menke** lives in the Town of Meredith with his wife Candice where they raised their three children and operated a farm for over forty years. Currently, they raise beef cattle and horses and sell hay.

Paul has served the Town of Meredith as a Councilman for eight years and has been a Planning Board member for seven years. He was also a Committeeman on the Delaware County Farm Service Agency for several years. Paul has been on the DCEC board for 21 years and has since completed his training to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD). He has also attended other training classes and forums.

"If re-elected as a DCEC Director I would like to continue my common sense approach to controlling expenses while providing safe and reliable electric power to our members."