



# MOUNTAIN PARKS ELECTRIC, INC.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## DISTRICT 1 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES (EAST SIDE OF US HWY 40, FRASER/WINTER PARK AREA)



### PHILLIP ARCHER

I'm running for MPEI Board of Directors to ensure high reliability and low costs for the members.

Electricity is the lifeblood of modern society. Challenges include population growth, switching to renewable power, security requirements and electric vehicle loads. MPEI's recent cancellation notice to Tri-State Generation and Transmission underscores the gravity of the decisions it faces over the next few years.

I work as Director of Project Engineering for Crusoe Energy. I'm a registered professional engineer in Colorado. I am adept at mechanical, electrical and process engineering for midstream oil and gas. I've earned an MBA from the University of Utah and a BS Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Energy has been a lifelong focus. For over 30 years, I have negotiated electrical services for new and existing industrial sites totalling over 300,000 KW in Colorado, Utah and West Virginia.

I'm an avid skier, mountain biker, motorcycle enthusiast and disc golfer. I'm a member of the Colorado Biathlon Club and have skied the American Birkebeiner seven times.



### JOE SMYTH

I hope to serve on the Mountain Parks board to continue working for fair rates, clean energy, and programs that support our members.

I've worked as a clean energy advocate for 15 years, and I'm excited about new opportunities for non-profit utilities like Mountain Parks. Thanks to technology advances and new policies, we can now reduce costs with renewable energy, while keeping more of our energy dollars invested in our community and less paying for fuel at distant power plants.

I also have a proven track record saving our members money: in 2019, I stopped an unnecessary rate increase through a formal challenge and hearing before the Mountain Parks board. That saved our members more than \$1.5 million over the last four years. As your representative, I will continue to advocate for fair rates, and expand programs that help our members save money on their energy bills.

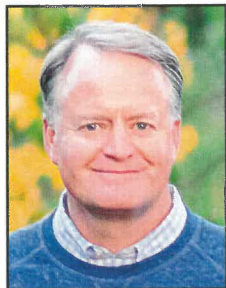
I've worked with electric cooperatives, clean energy groups, and policymakers to bring more transparency and accountability to the largest power companies in Colorado, and empower community-based utilities like Mountain Parks to focus more on our members' needs. With your vote, I will bring that experience to our co-op. More at [VoteJoeSmyth.com](http://VoteJoeSmyth.com)



### CHRISTINE LARKIN

I am a licensed attorney. I started my legal career in 1994 in Dallas where I served for 10 years as outside corporate counsel to one of the largest electric utility companies in Texas. This was during a period of major utility industry change, including electric utility deregulation and a fundamental change to how consumers purchased electric power. If you are familiar with the changes to come in MPE's power supply agreement, you will appreciate that my broad business and legal experience will be beneficial to the MPE board and management at this critical time. While I left private practice to serve as in-house counsel for a publicly traded media company in 2004, my interest in the electric utility industry has remained strong. As General Counsel, I was responsible for the company's legal affairs, including the negotiation of major transactions, and, as corporate secretary, acted as liaison to the board of directors. I am now a full-time resident of Fraser. My background in the electric utility industry, coupled with almost 30 years of business

and legal experience and my deep appreciation of our mountain community, makes me uniquely qualified and desiring to serve on the MPE Board. Learn more: [www.larkinformpe.com](http://www.larkinformpe.com).



### RYAN ZORN

Born and raised in a Colorado area served by a rural electric cooperative, I have a special appreciation for MPEI's essential service and community impact. I graduated from Colorado School of Mines, and my career has been dedicated to analyzing the energy sector, weighing the costs and benefits of all energy sources, and allocating capital towards the most deserving participants and projects. These experiences are particularly relevant to the work of the MPEI board.

For decades, most have not been confronted with budget-breaking costs, disrupted supply, or limitations on the energy choices that best serve our households and businesses. That is changing. MPEI recently voted to break its contract with the current supplier of our electricity and now faces critical decisions regarding the future supplier of our power. As your representative, I will prioritize future supply sources that offer reliable, scalable, low-cost energy that can be delivered to MPEI with the lowest impact to the communities and environments that enable the production and transmission of our power.

Small communities offer unique opportunities to pitch in and create a positive impact for all. From coaching kids, to chaperoning eighth graders in D.C., or offering professional perspective at MPEI—I'm all in!