

# RANDOLPH CONNECTION

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## RANDOLPH COMMUNICATIONS CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

As Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation marks its 70th anniversary, the company reflects on a journey that began in 1954, when a group of residents from Randolph, Chatham and Moore Counties came together with a shared dream of bringing reliable telephone service to their rural

communities the larger companies didn't want to serve. Today, Randolph Communications (RC) stands as a testament to perseverance, innovation, and a commitment to providing cutting-edge telecommunications services to its customers.

In 1957, RC commenced operations with just 97 phone lines in Farmer, N.C. The dedication to progress was evident when the company transitioned to a 1-party line service in 1970 and embraced digital switching 15 years later, signaling a commitment to keeping pace with evolving technologies.

A significant milestone came in 1990, when the company began implementing fiber-optics, establishing the foundation for a robust network. The company's foresight and dedication were further showcased in 2001, with the launch of internet service, bringing connectivity to even the most remote areas. This investment to bridging the digital divide has remained a constant theme throughout RC's rich history.

In 2021, Randolph received national recognition as a Gig-Certified and Smart Rural Community Provider by NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association. This honor was achieved by Randolph Communications meeting the challenge of delivering gigabit broadband speeds, and by enabling technological innovation in the areas it serves. This advanced infrastructure spans across an impressive 2,052 miles of fiber.





Currently, Randolph Communications employs sixty-four local professionals and serves parts of eight counties—Alamance, Chatham, Davidson, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, and Randolph. The company’s services have evolved to include Symmetrical Broadband, Home Security, Camera Surveillance, Whole-Home Wi-Fi, Wireless, Web Design & Hosting, Business Networking, VOIP Phone Systems, and Computer Services to name a few—catering to the diverse needs of its expanding customer base.

As the company celebrates seven decades of service, Randolph Communications continues to fulfill its commitment to growth and innovation. Kim Garner, CEO & General Manager stated, “As our company enters into its eighth decade, we are proud to provide our communities with advanced broadband services required for succeeding in today’s digital economy. We will continue the deployment of fiber across our service areas to ensure a future-proof network promising superior quality in all of our products, for our customers.” Beyond communication services, we are dedicated to hold steadfast as a civic-focused company, actively participating in community

events, local parades and festivals, job fairs and active involvement in community organizations. The company also invests in the future through its General Scholarship program, which has awarded over \$156,000 in college scholarships to area high school seniors.

While a lot has changed since 1954, our mission has remained the same – ***To Improve the Lives of Our Customers and Communities.*** Our company stands poised for a future marked by continued growth, innovation, and a dedication to connecting communities through advanced fiber services. **Here’s to the next 70 years!**



# RTMC's 66th ANNUAL MEETING

August 10, 2024

This year's annual business meeting will be held at our Distribution Center, **6463 US Hwy 220 South Alt. Asheboro, NC 27205**

Registration will begin at 8:00 am with the business meeting beginning promptly at 9:00 am.

Attendees must be a member or member's spouse to register. Children, grandchildren, other family members or friends cannot register for a member. The meeting agenda includes the election of Directors, a process governed by Article IV, "Board Members," Section 4.5, "Nominations," of the RTMC By-Laws.

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than seven (7) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from the seven (7) districts so as to ensure equitable representation. At least one (1) member of the committee shall be selected from each district where a Director is to be elected. No member of the Board,

close relative of a Director or employee may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Co-operative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Directors which shall include as many nominees for each Board position as the committee deems desirable; (b) The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with a Notice of the Meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations; (c) Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place

where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations may be made by petition received no more than (90) days and no less than (60) days before the meeting and shall be included on the official ballot. Such ballot shall arrange the names of the candidates by district and shall also designate the candidates nominated by the committee and those nominated by petition. No member may nominate more than one candidate by petition, the seat for which the nomination is made must be specified, and the person so nominated must be in all respects eligible for service on the Board as set out in these Bylaws; and (d) All Directors must be nominated or re-nominated by the committee on nominations or by petition.

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*"The Liberty Chamber of Commerce appreciates the valuable resource provided by Randolph Communications through the Notify Plus communication network. This platform has significantly enhanced our ability to effectively disseminate information to our members regarding Chamber events, announcements, and reminders,"* stated Ronda Sizemore, President of The Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 12 - Mother's Day**  
**May 27 - Memorial Day**  
 (All Business Offices Closed)  
**June 16 - Father's Day**

Randolph Telephone Membership Corp. was established in 1954 as a member-owned cooperative now serving eight exchanges in seven different counties. Randolph Telephone provides complete communication services such as local telephone access, business telephone systems, high-speed internet, security, camera surveillance, computer services, web hosting and design and wireless services through its affiliate Randolph Communications.



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