

SRT NEWSletter

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SRT'S 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 18, 2026
ND State Fair Center
Minot, ND

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

By action of the Board of Directors, the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting of SRT Communications, Inc. will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the North Dakota State Fair Center – 2005 Burdick Expy. East – Minot, ND.

Registration and voting will open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. SRT will serve a catered meal during that timeframe.

Regular business includes the election of four directors, one from each of our four districts, for a three-year term. The candidates who have been nominated are as follows:

DISTRICT 1

Stanley Vangsness, Berthold/Carpio - Incumbent

DISTRICT 2

Kristi Miller, Maxbass - Incumbent

DISTRICT 3

John Marshall, Towner - Incumbent

DISTRICT 4

Colton Bourquin, Minot
Dr. Jason Bradley, Minot
Deanna Klein, Minot - Incumbent

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026.

Voter designation form for organizations such as churches, schools, corporations, cooperatives, partnerships, public golf courses, and associations is on page 6.

Updates will be available on the SRT Facebook page and srt.com/annualmeeting.

THANK YOU for participating in our 75th Anniversary Treasure Hunt!



Thank you to everyone who submitted your member newsletter 75th Anniversary Treasure Hunt this spring! We enjoyed corresponding with you, seeing all the places you've spotted SRT in your community, and sending out prizes to our lucky winners. Please keep a lookout for our community calendar at srt.com/75years. Thanks again for being a valued member; we look forward to celebrating more with you this summer.

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SRT BOARD APPROVES
\$750,000

IN ADDITIONAL CAPITAL CREDITS
TO MARK
75TH ANNIVERSARY

Total 2026 Distribution Exceeds \$4 Million



The SRT Board of Directors voted to return \$4,075,980 to members through the retirement of capital credits, which includes a special approval of \$750,000 to honor the cooperative's 75th anniversary.

"The SRT Board always looks forward to sharing the cooperative's success and stability with members. This year marks an especially meaningful occasion for showing our appreciation to those who make SRT's 75-year history possible," said Stanley Vangsness, SRT Board President.

SRT also updated our process for distributing capital credits to increase efficiency.

- Members receiving \$100 or more in capital credits will still receive a check by mail.
- Members receiving an amount from \$5 to less than \$100 will now receive a credit applied to their bill.
- Members receiving less than \$5 will receive an allocation statement and the amount will be added to the next year's account balance.

"Each decision we make is ultimately about creating value for our membership. Streamlining how we deliver capital credits is one way we can do that," said Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT CEO and General Manager. "As our 75th anniversary distribution of capital credits demonstrates, SRT enjoys nothing more than delivering value back to our members."

The retirement includes a combination of the oldest year (2001) and a portion of the current year (2025) allocations. The amount is proportionate to the recipient's past business with SRT. Credits applied to a member's bill will appear in May and checks will mail in early June.

Members should inform SRT of changes to their current mailing address to ensure they receive any future capital credit retirements.

For more information on capital credits, visit srt.com/capitalcredits or call 701-858-1200.

How do capital credits work?

1. SRT tracks the money members spend on communication services throughout the year.
2. At the end of the fiscal year, SRT determines whether there are excess revenues, which are called margins.
3. The margins are allocated to members as capital credits based on the amount each member spends during the year.
4. The Board of Directors decides to retire, or pay, the capital credits when the cooperative's financial condition allows.
5. Members are notified how and when they will receive their capital credit distribution.

JESSAMY FORNSHELL PROMOTED TO SRT CHIEF FINANCIAL AND OPERATING OFFICER

SRT promoted Jessamy Fornshell to Chief Financial and Operating Officer (CFOO). Jessamy served as SRT's Chief Financial Officer since May 2025, leading the cooperative's strategy for driving financial performance, ensuring operational efficiency, and providing guidance to propel growth.



Prior to joining SRT, Jessamy was CFO at United Quality Cooperative, where she was responsible for finance, accounting, inventory, human resources, and credit/collections. She also previously served ten years at CHS, Inc., both as Northland Region Accounting Manager overseeing business units across North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, and as Controller for local Country Operations locations: CHS SunPrairie and Dakota Agronomy Partners.

Jessamy earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of North Dakota and is a Certified Public Accountant. She lives in Minot with her family.

JESSE KETTEMAN PROMOTED TO SRT DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

SRT has promoted Jesse Ketteman to Director of Regulatory Compliance. He brings more than 20 years of experience with the cooperative to his new role.

Jesse joined SRT in 2005 as Network Operations Engineer. He subsequently served as Regulatory Affairs Manager from 2022 until his promotion to Director of Regulatory Compliance. He is responsible for leading effective compliance strategies to manage risk and ensure ethical conduct across all areas of the cooperative.

Jesse is a U.S. Army Veteran and served eight years in the Signal Corps. He lives on a small farm near Granville with his wife, Tammy.



KEVIN CALES JOINS SRT AS DIRECTOR OF SALES

SRT welcomed Kevin Cales on April 10 as the cooperative's Director of Sales. Kevin brings more than 10 years of experience driving growth, efficiency, and organizational performance across cooperative, retail, and energy operations.

Previously, Kevin served as Vice President of Retail Operations for several years, promoted from Director of Ag Home Retail, with United Quality Cooperative in New Town, ND. He led multiple retail centers, sales in lumber, fuel, and ag, and millions of dollars of inventory across the business.

As Director of Sales, Kevin drives revenue growth, leads sales strategy, and builds a high-performance culture while advancing the cooperative's mission-driven, member-first focus. "I am

excited to join SRT at this pivotal moment," he said. "I look forward to leveraging my experience in the retail industry to accelerate our strategic growth and deliver innovative solutions that drive value for our patrons."

Kevin and his wife live in Minot and have three daughters. In his free time he enjoys biking, fishing, hunting, and hiking.

He succeeds Dan Roberts, who retired after more than 33 years with SRT.



2026 YOUTH AWARDS

SRT Scholarship Program

In 2026, SRT awarded six students a \$2,000 SRT General Scholarship each: Brynn Hanson (Burlington) – DLB High School; Hattie Heer (Douglas) – South Prairie High School; Cooper Kittleson (Velva) – Velva High School; Sam Knudsvig (Minot) – Our Redeemer’s Christian School; Collin Swenson (Minot) – Our Redeemer’s Christian School; and Brooke Zimmer (Mohall) – MLS-Mohall High School.

Tate Heer of Douglas won the \$3,000 SRT Technical Scholarship. He will attend Bismarck State College’s Electrical Lineworker program.

“We always look forward to rewarding area students for their accomplishments,” said Cassidy Hjelmstad, SRT CEO and General Manager. “As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary this year, we are especially honored to continue this decades-long commitment of supporting local youth and their bright futures.”

A panel of SRT board members and employees evaluated General Scholarship applications on scholastic performance and achievements, volunteerism and community involvement, and an essay submission. SRT Technical Scholarship applicants were required to submit volunteerism and community involvement, scholastic performance, an essay, and a letter of recommendation from a community member or educator.

FRS General Scholarship and Youth Tour

SRT partners with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association, to provide opportunities for rural students in our area.

FRS awarded Laykin Feller of Velva a \$2,500 General Scholarship. Laykin attended Minot High School and plans to attend University of North Dakota.

Shaun Randall and Makayla White of Berthold High School will represent SRT at the 2026 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. These students will learn about the telecommunications industry, tour the nation’s capital, and meet with legislative leaders to discuss their experiences in rural North Dakota.

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

SRT SCHOLARSHIPS



Brynn Hanson
Des Lacs Burlington High School
Daughter of Shannon and Angie Hanson



Hattie Heer
South Prairie High School
Daughter of Brooks and Cassie Heer



Cooper Kittleson
Velva High School
Son of Kevin and Sarah Kittleson



Sam Knudsvig
Our Redeemer’s Christian School
Son of Scott and Merry Knudsvig



Collin Swenson
Our Redeemer’s Christian School
Son of Nathan and Melodee Swenson



Brooke Zimmer
MLS-Mohall High School
Daughter of Chad Zimmer and Allisha Britton

SRT TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tate Heer
South Prairie High School
Son of Brooks and Cassie Heer



FRS SCHOLARSHIP



Laykin Feller
Minot High School

FRS YOUTH TOUR



Shaun Randall
Berthold High School



Makayla White
Berthold High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SRT RETIREES!

Susanne Hoskin

retired in March after nearly 30 years at SRT. Her career began as TV records specialist and led her to customer service, corporate communications, safety and training, and her final role as human resources administrator. Similar to her time at SRT, she will wear many hats in retirement, including volunteer, traveler, and gardener.



Karl Keller

retired after 22 years with SRT. He began as a combination technician in 2004, then served as an outpost combination technician. Karl joined the splicing department in 2021. He looks forward to spending more time with his family and grandkids and traveling.



Dan Roberts,

director of sales, retired in May after 33 years with SRT. He spent most of his career in network operations in several roles, including network operations manager. He plans to spend more time outdoors with his wife, who has been his greatest partner and supporter.



Sharon Gange

retired from SRT in May after 35 years with SRT. She began with SRT's answering service, where she worked for two decades before joining network assurance for the past 15 years. Sharon plans to travel and spend time with her family and grandkids.



Cindy Obenchain

retired in May after more than 38 years with SRT. She began as a computer programmer and progressed to data management supervisor, before serving as system analyst/coordinator for 28 years. She enjoyed collaborating with coworkers, customers, and industry peers. Cindy and her husband, Bryan, plan to spend time with their five grandchildren and travel.



Kelle Sisk retired in May after nearly 30 years at SRT. She began as a TV records specialist before becoming a customer billing representative, and then a customer billing/credit representative prior to retirement. Kelle is especially grateful for the friendships and memories she made while at SRT.



SRT 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Voter Designation Form

Organizations Can Designate Voters

If an organization is to be represented at the Annual Meeting of SRT Communications, Inc., a designated voter must present this completed form to the credentials registration desk at the meeting.

This form is to be used by organizations such as churches, schools, corporations, cooperatives, partnerships, public golf courses, and associations.

This form cannot be used as a proxy by individuals or individually owned businesses.

Name of Organization

hereby designates and appoints

Designated Voter

as the person to vote on behalf of the above named entity
at the June 18, 2026 Annual Meeting of
SRT Communications, Inc.

Organization Telephone or Account Number

Print Name of Organization Principal Officer

Signature of Organization Principal Officer

Date

STAY CONNECTED

SRT Services for Individuals with Disabilities

SRT offers a variety of products and services for customers with disabilities. These include:

- Personal emergency response systems
- Possible bill discounts for meeting eligibility requirements through the Lifeline program

We continue to work to provide products and services to meet the needs of all of our customers, including those with disabilities.

Additional Resources

In addition to products and services from SRT, the following agencies and businesses offer devices to assist persons with disabilities with their telecommunications needs.

- Relay North Dakota: A free service that provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and speech-disabled. Dial 711 to access this service, or visit www.relaynorthdakota.com for more information.
- North Dakota Vision Services: Provides products and services for the visually impaired, including Adaptive Aids (e.g., CCTVs, magnifiers, Talking Books) and technology resources. Call 701.795.2724 or visit www.ndvisionservices.com.
- State of North Dakota Disability Services Division: Help with assistive technology, independent living services, and more. Call 701.328.8930 or visit www.hhs.nd.gov/individuals-disabilities.

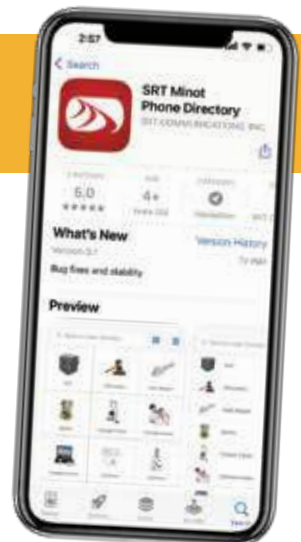
LET SRT DIRECT PEOPLE TO YOUR BUSINESS!

SRT phone books provide handy information at your fingertips. They also double as a reliable tool where your business can advertise.

Ads help customers locate your business and help you reach more than 70,000 people local to this area. The online directory and mobile app create a microsite and

digital presence with links to your business's website and social media accounts.

To download the directory app on your smartphone, search "SRT Minot Phone Directory" in the app store today. Ad sales are happening now, so call 1.800.510.9450 to be included in the 2027 SRT Directory!



SRT CARES



NORTH CENTRAL SEED SHOW AND AG EXPO – SRT celebrated Ag and Telecommunications with attendees of all ages at the 81st annual expo in Mohall.



KMOT AG EXPO AND LIVING AG CLASSROOM – SRT assisted farmers and ranchers with services that can safeguard their livelihoods. We also sponsored the Living Ag Classroom, where students learn about food production and distribution.



MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC CITYWIDE CLEANUP – Each year, SRT takes pride in joining other teams around Minot who head outside to spruce up our city.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VEHICLE FAIRS– SRT technicians taught students about fiber internet at the Sunnyside Elementary School and Dakota Elementary vehicle fairs.



SOURIS VALLEY UNITED WAY BACK PACK BUDDIES – SRT joined SVUW to pack weekend food bags for 556 local students earlier this year.



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – SRT honored military children this April on Purple Up Day and during the Famaganza event on Minot Air Force Base.





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SAVE THE DATE



ANNUAL MEETING

Celebrating 75 years!

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

ND STATE FAIR CENTER / 2005 BURDICK EXPY E. / MINOT, ND

SRT.COM/ANNUALMEETING

Join us for the
2026 SRT Annual Meeting!

5:00 p.m.

Doors Open

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Catered Dinner

6:00 p.m.

Entertainment

Ted & Kari

7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting



Ted & Kari

*Members who bring the top portion to the Annual Meeting will be eligible to win prizes. Must be present to win cash prize but not required to win other prizes. No purchase necessary.