

Nomination and Election Process for Directors

Directors are elected from the cooperative's membership, and any active Class A member may seek election to serve as a director. An "active Class A member" is a Class A member currently receiving electric energy services from the cooperative.

The cooperative is divided into seven Director Districts, and one director is elected from each District. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. Although directors are elected from particular Director Districts, all active Class A members may vote in every election.

The qualifications in the Cooperative's bylaws to serve as a director are:

- Must be an active Class A member who is a natural person (not a corporation, etc.) and not a person acting in a representative capacity for a Class A member (not a Class A member's guardian, etc.)
- Must be a bonafide resident in the Director District from which he or she is to be elected
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not have completed six or more three-year terms as a director
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in:
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the sale of any form of energy in the sale of any form of energy to the cooperative (other than any form of energy that the cooperative is required by law to purchase) or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the delivery of any form of energy to the cooperative or any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
 - Any other business or enterprise that is engaged in by the cooperative or its subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Must not be the incumbent or a candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid, other than a township office or school office
- Must, if seeking re-election for a fourth full term, be certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to have successfully completed a course of training for rural electric cooperative directors

A cooperative director is expected to:

- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meeting of members
- Attend all board meetings of other organizations for which he or she is a director representing Shelby Electric Cooperative
- Complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director training during the first three-year term of office

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members, but the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, determine that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online internet voting. Look to this website and your Shelby News Insert in the Illinois Country Living magazine for each year's nominations and voting procedures.

Nominating petitions and Statement of Qualification forms are available through the Cooperative's legal counsel, Rammelkamp Bradney, and may be requested by reaching out to Amy Jackson via telephone at 217-245-6177, e-mail at ajackson@rblawyers.net, or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, IL 62651-0550. Nominating petitions must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed with the secretary of the cooperative (or the secretary's designee) not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Annual meeting dates are published in the newsletter and annual meeting notice for that year.