

Board of Directors nominating procedures

A Cooperative member can become a candidate for election to the Board of Directors by two methods:

The first is to be recommended by a nominating committee. The current Board of Directors appoints nominating committees between 30 and 70 days before the Annual Membership Meeting. The duty of the committees is to submit a list of eligible candidates for the Board positions slated for election. The nominating committees' recommendations must be completed and posted at least 20 days before the Annual Meeting. There must be at least one eligible candidate for each vacant Board Position.

The second method is to be nominated by petition. A petition signed by at least 15 members of the Cooperative can qualify any member in good standing with the Cooperative. The petition must be submitted to the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis at least 20 days before the Annual Membership Meeting in order to have the name of the candidate placed on the official ballot. Deadline is April 3, 2017.

Candidates for election to the Board of Directors must meet the following requirements as quoted from the Cooperative's Bylaws; Article IV, Section 5:

"No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative;*
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling telecommunications service or supplies, or constructing or maintaining telecommunications facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural telephones;*
- (c) in the case of a director to be elected as the representative of a numbered director district, is not a resident of the area for which elected;*
- (d) is an employee of the Cooperative; and*
- (e) is related to an employee of the Cooperative as a close relative. For the purpose of this section, close relatives include grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing."*

The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting occurs on Saturday, April 22 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Board terms expiring in 2017 include the following:

Position # 3 – represents the Bellview (456), Grady (357), Logan (487) and San Jon (576) exchanges – currently held by Jerry Sours of Grady, N.M.

Position # 4 – represents the Fort Sumner (355), House (279), Ragland (458) and Weber City (372) exchanges – currently held by Powhatan Carter III of Fort Sumner, N.M.

Position # 5 – represents the Fort Sumner (355), House (279), Ragland (458) and Weber City (372) exchanges – currently held by Jim Lyssy of Fort Sumner, N.M.

Position # 6 – represents the Clayton (374), Nara Visa (633) and Roy (485) exchanges – currently held by Michael Montoya of Roy, N.M.

Questions concerning the Annual Membership Meeting should be directed to Plateau in writing at P.O. Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947, or by calling 1.800.432.2369.