

Dear Prospective Director Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in running by petition for Appalachian Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors. Enclosed are instructions and forms for your use. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Ruth Christian, Executive Assistant, 865.475.2032, extension 1204, or rchristian@aecoop.org.**

INSTRUCTIONS

Article IV, Section 4.6 of the Cooperative's Bylaws provides for director nominations by petition. The procedures and guidelines to be followed in nominating qualified candidates by petition are as follows:

- A. All prospective candidates must complete Pages 1-2 of the Petition for Director Nomination (the "Petition") and certify by their signature the truthfulness of all information contained therein.
- B. A potential candidate, in order to be included on the ballot for election of directors, shall obtain the signatures and other required information of no less than 15 current members of the Cooperative from the district in which the potential candidate intends to run.
- C. **All signatures and other required information shall be completed in blue or black ink and shall be clear and legible so as to allow for verification.**
- D. Completed petitions with **original** member signatures must be received at the AEC office at least 75 days before the annual meeting.

Required Documents to return:

Signed Petition for Director Nomination (2 Pages)
Signature Page (Can be reproduced as necessary)

Petition for Director Nomination 2020 Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.6 of the Cooperative's Bylaws, a member resident may make a nomination by petition. A prospective candidate shall certify that this form and all signatures and information collected are true and complete. To verify the required number of members' signatures, the prospective candidate **must obtain**: a) the printed name of the member as it appears on the member's electric bill; b) the address at which he/she resides and receives electric service; c) the member's account number; and d) a legible signature of the member whose name appears on the bill. (On jointly held memberships, only one member can sign. Example: A membership held by a husband and wife is only allowed one vote and, therefore, only one signature.)

No member may sign more than one petition per director election.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.6 of the Cooperative's Bylaws, the following member desires to be nominated by petition and to, thereafter, stand for election at the Cooperative's 2020 Annual Meeting to represent the interests of the Cooperative's members located in:

Check one: District 3 District 7 District 8

Your Printed Name: _____

Service Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Account #: _____

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.2 of the Cooperative's Bylaws, I hereby certify that:

- I have read and meet the General Director Qualifications as set forth in Section 4.2 a. of the Cooperative's Bylaws.
- I have read and meet the Membership Director Qualifications as set forth in Section 4.2 b. of the Cooperative's Bylaws.
- I have read and meet the Conflict of Interest Qualifications as set forth in Section 4.2 c. of the Cooperative's Bylaws.

Upon establishment of the fact that a board member is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the board shall remove such board member from office, as set forth in Article IV, Section 4.2 d.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board.

I further certify that:

- I am willing and able to attend 12 monthly board meetings;
- I am willing and able to attend 2-4 additional board and/or committee meetings per year;
- I am willing and able to attend State and/or National meetings, conferences, and/or training seminars for an additional 2-10 days per year;
- I fully understand that directors of the Cooperative are required to attend 10-12 days of training to complete NRECA's Credentialed Cooperative Director Certification;
- I am willing to spend considerable time studying and analyzing data and other information presented to the board to keep fully informed;
- I will disclose any serious conflicts of interest with any other board membership, position, investment, business or friendship (either actual or potential); and
- I understand directors receive a daily per diem and mileage reimbursement for meetings attended.

By signing below, I hereby certify that I am a member of the Cooperative, that the above information is true and correct, and that I meet/am able to meet all eligibility requirements and qualifications to become or remain a member of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative as set forth at Article IV of the Cooperative's By-Laws. I further acknowledge the responsibilities associated with the position of being a member of the Board of Directors of Appalachian Electric Cooperative, and I am willing and capable to serve in such capacity. I further certify that the following signatures and related information on the Petition(s) for Director Nomination Signature Page are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By signing below, I authorize the Cooperative to do a records check on my background to determine the accuracy of the foregoing representations.

Signature

Date

APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Petition for Director Nomination Signature Page

NOW, THEREFORE, the following signatories do hereby Petition (Prospective Candidate) _____ to stand as a candidate for election to the _____ District seat on the Board of Directors at Appalachian Electric Cooperative's 2020 Annual Meeting, I, **as the signed member on the applicable account listed below**, do hereby provide the following required information and affix my signature to this Petition:

These sheets must contain original signatures!

Member's Printed Name: _____
Billing Address: _____
Account #: _____ Signature: _____

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