



Credentials & Elections Committee

(Role)

ByLaw- 2.4 Director Elections:

1. The Credentials and Elections Committee serves the membership by functioning as the screening process for members to seek election as a director.
2. The committee's purpose is to screen, interview, perform and receive background research, review applications, and other functions necessary to appropriately render final decisions on incumbent and potential board director candidates' eligibility and to properly document each phase of the process for each candidate.

The committee will rank eligible candidates and may nominate up to three (3) director candidates (including the incumbent, if applicable) per eligible district for an upcoming election ensuring all candidates participating in the election process, whether by nomination or petition, meet or exceed all cooperative requirements.

3. The committee serves as the primary point of contact during the election process by communicating with candidates, responding to candidate questions, and addressing concerns raised by candidates, or other members, as appropriate, to ensure the integrity of the election process is maintained.
4. The Board shall annually nominate members to serve on the Credentials and Elections Committee. The committee will accept and review nominations for director candidates for each director district scheduled for election each year.
5. Members of the committee shall be members in good standing of the cooperative with voting residence in the director district in which they have been nominated to represent, not currently serving as directors or employees of the cooperative, not closely related to directors, or candidates, and not be candidates for a director position.
6. The committee shall include at least one member from each director district unless a vacancy occurs after the committee's annual orientation. If a vacancy occurs on the committee prior to the committee's annual orientation, the Board shall appoint a replacement to the committee.
7. The committee shall meet for the purpose of accepting and vetting written director candidate applications; and determining whether such applicants are qualified to be placed into

nomination as director candidates and ranking qualified applicants for the districts scheduled for election.

8. The committee will conduct meeting interviews with the applicants and ensure credit history and background checks are performed for all applicants.
9. In receiving and reviewing the director candidate applications, the committee shall have the assistance of cooperative staff, and counsel if requested; and shall vote on the eligibility, pursuant to these bylaws, of each candidate applicant.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the Credentials & Elections Committee (Role) for Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. outlined in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date: _____