

VEC Board of Director Elections

VEC Board

VEC is an electric cooperative that provides the opportunity for our members to serve on the Cooperative's governing board. There are 12 board members who serve rotating terms to represent the various portions of the VEC service area. Each year three of these districts hold elections for those who are interested in representing their area on the VEC Board of Directors. Any VEC member who meets the qualifications of the VEC Bylaws as an eligible candidate is eligible to run for the Board. The VEC Bylaws can be accessed on the VEC.org website.

Candidate Qualification

Each year a schedule is set by the VEC Board of Directors in conjunction with the timeline contained in the VEC Bylaws. A Notice of Election is published in *Powerlines*, the Cooperative newsletter, around mid-April of each year. Interested candidates can pick up election packets from the VEC Corporate Office, normally in late May of each year. These packets detail the process for qualifying as a VEC Board candidate. These qualifications include providing information and petitions with the signatures of at least 25 Cooperative members. The deadline for this material to be submitted is typically early June.

Director Election

A Credentials Committee, consisting of appointed members of the VEC Board of Directors, will review all submitted election materials and validate the eligibility of each potential candidate. Biographical information is published in *Powerlines* and is also included in the ballots. Ballots are typically mailed in late August and must be received by mid-September. Ballots are mailed directly to the address on file for each member that is eligible to vote in the Cooperative district in which there is a contested election. Completed ballots are mailed back directly to an independent auditor who records and counts the votes and validates the ballots. In the case of an uncontested election, no ballots are mailed. There are no at-large Director positions; candidates are elected by the membership within their respective districts.