

Watts Working

Each Member's Voice Counts

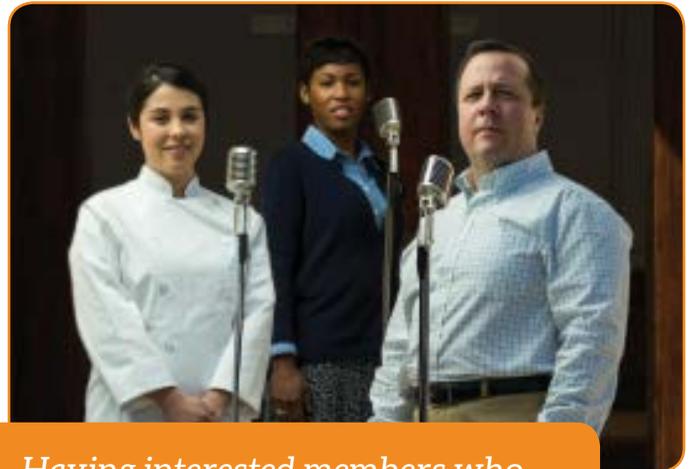
While the national elections of the past November may be fading from your memory, voting for politicians is not the only way we as co-op members can practice democracy.

Every co-op—whether it's Randolph EMC, your credit union or a farm co-op—follows the basic principle of one member, one vote. Most often you are asked to vote and elect individuals who will represent you on the board of directors. These folks are your friends, neighbors and fellow residents of our community. Occasionally, you may be

asked to vote on a policy, such as a bylaw change (this is like the constitution for your co-op). This is one of the key differences between a co-op member and a customer of an investor-owned utility (IOU). Most IOUs are not too interested in customers' opinions of how the company should be run.

Co-ops invite participation. In fact, it is critically important to the survival of the co-op. Most co-ops serve far fewer people than IOUs, so as the electric utility industry evolves, having interested members who are willing to take an active role is critically important.

With our Annual Meeting coming up on June 19, 2015, we invite you to join us and become more involved in your electric cooperative. You will have the opportunity to vote in the election of three directors, will hear more about what lies ahead for the co-op, and—best of all—will have many chances to win prizes. Please save the date!



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Randolph EMC offices will be closed Friday, April 3, in observance of Good Friday. Happy Easter!

Clearing for Safety, Reliability

There are many ways that Randolph EMC provides you with safe, reliable electric service. One of the most common – and crucial – ways is referred to as right-of-way clearing (or vegetation management).

A right of way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where they will not cause harm to individuals or disruption to electrical service.

By far, trees are responsible for most outages on our system. Randolph Electric contracts with vegetation management experts to keep the cooperative's rights of way free of overgrowth to help reduce the number of tree-related outages. These contractors may use chainsaws, bucket trucks, tree climbers, brush chippers,



mowers, or chemical control methods to control vegetation.

Right-of-way maintenance also helps keep your family safe by ensuring that tree branches do not become energized due to close contact with a downed power line. Be mindful when around trees close to power lines, and make sure children know that climbing trees near power lines is extremely dangerous.

Remember to contact REMC if you see a tree that could pose a problem or if you decide to trim or remove trees near any power service or line. And never trim a tree in the right-of-way zone on your own.

Visit www.RandolphEMC.com to learn more about our vegetation management program and view our contractors' working locations.

SWAP SHOP

For Sale

Electric smoker, char-broil, like new. Comes with box & manual, \$125. Digital meat thermometer for smoker or grill, \$12. 336-736-8971.

4-row corn planter, \$800. 919-837-2315 or 919-837-0010 (nighttime).

Nigerian baby dwarf goats \$50-\$100. Milking goats & good pets. 336-672-3122 or 336-953-3776.

Klaussner Wingback chair with matching ottoman, claw feet. Tan, Burgundy, & Green tapestry. Like new, \$425. Delivery fee \$25. Carthage area. 910-947-5096.

Cow trailer 14' \$1500. Fertilizer spreader \$100. 10' feed trough \$50. Two 12' gates & eight 12' panels, best offer. 910-464-3613.

Gas Pack, GC, everything included \$1,000 OBO. Cedar 9-gun cabinet, glass or wood doors with drawer & shelf, \$500 OBO. Gas furnace, hangs from ceiling, \$400 OBO. Tub & shower enclosure, all parts, \$75 OBO. Homelite XL 12 chain saw, 3 bars & several chains, \$75 OBO. Pressure washer engine, \$75 OBO. Delivery available. 336-824-2184.

Speaker Polk Audio Superior surround sound system. Yamaha digital processor; Dolby pro logic with enhanced control. AM & FM tuner; CD player input; Turntable input; TV video input; with remote control \$300. 910-439-1918.

Pedestal sink, white, like new, with fittings, \$100. 336-409-5450.

F-700 Dump truck, \$4700. 910-464-3459.

Massey Ferguson 431 Tractor with only 146 hrs. \$11,500 neg. 336-879-8294.

Two Reddy Kerosene space heaters. Concrete float. Walk board 1' x 24'. Two Emglo Compressors. Werner extension ladders. 336-629-5866.

Pressure cooker \$15. 2-shelf TV table \$50. Flower vases \$1 ea. Color TV \$20. Steamer \$10. Maytag Refrigerator \$80. Microwaves \$15. Wall mount or free standing natural gas heater, remote, \$175. Cappuccino-coffee machine, \$30. Walker with extra arm attachment, \$25. AB Circle Pro with calorie counter, \$30. Paper shredder \$15. Commercial vinyl tile cutter \$70. Fax machine \$100. Ditch witch & trailer with title, needs work \$600. 336-879-3320.

New handmade quilts, F,Q&K, \$100 - \$175 neg. 336-625-4548.

3,000 Red Sex Sal Link pullets, chickens at laying age 16 weeks plus, vaccinated & debeaked, \$6.75 & up. Liberty area. 336-708-2998.

Join Us for a BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 10, 2015 | 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
879 McDowell Road | Asheboro

Call 336-625-5177 to schedule an appointment!



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Asheboro(336) 625-5177
.....(800) 672-8212
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.....(800) 868-7014
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.....(877) 736-2633
Bill Payments:(877) 534-2319
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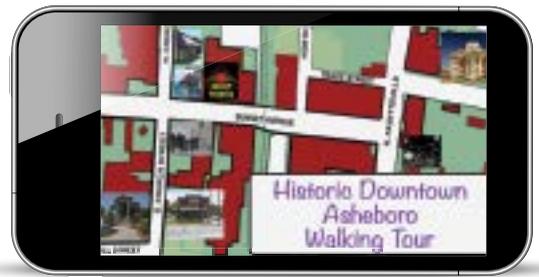
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History in the Making

Thanks in part to a Bright Ideas grant from Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, visitors to downtown Asheboro will soon have an app to guide them on a walking tour past places of historic interest and local businesses. Three students at South Asheboro Middle School are building the app in hopes of increasing tourism and stimulating economic activity and jobs in Randolph County.



Barber says the grant funds were used to purchase quality digital video and audio equipment for the app project, but those resources have reached far beyond their original intent already. Here are some of the ways the equipment has been used by a number of students and teachers in a variety of classes:

- Students recorded an interview with Bonnie Renfro, president of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, and local attorney and historian Mac Whatley
- Eighth grade students produced commercials for Language Arts class
- Students utilizing green screen to produce a weather video for science class
- Instructional coach recorded on audio recorder to share her professional development session with other teachers

With the excitement the Bright Ideas grant has generated so far, it's easy to see that Barber's project is a great success. To the cooperative and its member-owners, Barber says, "Know that what you do is a force for good, and that the opportunities you are providing for students are priceless. Thank you for your generous support of education and our community."



Students conducted research for their app at the Randolph Room at the Randolph Public Library and by speaking with local historian Mac Whatley. In the bottom photo, Mr. Barry Barber is pictured with Anuragh Sriram, Sarah Barber, and Julian Poteat.

The free app will combine interesting facts and vintage images to highlight local businesses of interest to visitors, as well as include links to other nearby attractions.

Barry Barber, the technology facilitator at South Asheboro Middle School, was awarded the Bright Ideas grant in 2014. "From researching the history of Asheboro at the public library to taking a tour with a local historian, the students have learned a lot," Barber said. "Putting together the information into a mobile app has given our students real-world experience in collaboration, creative thinking, and problem solving."



5 TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY AT HOME

- 1 Set a programmable thermostat to turn down the heat when the house is empty or everyone is asleep.
- 2 Insulate your electric water heater.
- 3 Plug leaks around windows, doors, and power outlets with caulk and weather stripping.
- 4 Purchase ENERGY STAR® products.
- 5 Monitor your energy use to spot trends and sudden changes.

Visit TogetherWeSave.com for more efficiency tips!

Survey

This spring, REMC will partner with TSE Services and FGI Research to conduct its second quarter member satisfaction survey.

You may be contacted by phone between April and June and asked to participate. The call will likely come from a 919 area code, as the company calling on behalf of Randolph EMC is based out of Raleigh.

The feedback gathered in these surveys helps REMC gauge its performance and improve products and services in the future.

We appreciate your time and thank you for sharing your thoughts!

Surviving an Auto Accident Involving Power Lines

When you're in an auto accident, your first instinct is to get out of the car. But in a wreck with a power line, that could be a fatal mistake. By getting out, you could become the path to ground for electricity and risk electrocution.

Whether it is an auto accident or any other situation, always assume that a power line has power running through it, even if it has been knocked down. Never approach a downed power line or attempt to move it. If you're in a wreck with a utility pole, there are several things you should know:

- ▶ **If you aren't in immediate danger**, remain in the vehicle until help arrives. Unless there is a threat of greater danger—for example, the vehicle is on fire or comes to a stop in the middle of the highway—you are safer in than out.
- ▶ **If there is pressing danger**, the safest way to exit is to jump out of the vehicle, making sure no part of your body or clothing is touching the



vehicle and ground at the same time. Land with your feet together, then shuffle your feet away from the car. It sounds silly, but it is your best chance at avoiding electrocution.

- ▶ **If you come across a vehicle accident involving a power line**, stay clear and call 911. Do not approach the vehicle, even if the person is unable to exit and is in imminent danger. If you do approach the vehicle to help the individual, you stand a chance of being electrocuted and making an already bad situation even worse. Keep other individuals away from the car also.

AWARE

a word about
Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert, CEO

Dear Members,

There are a few team members around here that want to start editing—*prohibiting*, even—some of the AWARE column topics I write each month. Keep in mind, I write the columns one month in advance to meet the printer's deadline.

I am being accused of “causing” winter storms to hit central North Carolina by writing about storm preparedness. This is a very serious accusation and I do not take it lightly. Let me explain.

During the major ice storm that knocked out power to 80 percent of our members in December of 2002, I received a call that is my motivation to stress to our members to make preparations before a storm arrives.

The first day of the storm, a member called early in the morning very upset. He had a newborn baby, and since the power was out, did not have an alternate heat source and could not warm the baby's bottle. The baby was hungry and crying. I felt so sorry for this gentleman, the baby, the mom and their situation. I explained to him that this restoration effort would be a multi-day event and advised him to take the necessary steps needed to care for his family.

Randolph EMC has an Emergency Response Plan that is activated when our system is being threatened with the potential of a major storm event. We are as prepared as possible to respond efficiently and effectively when storms occur, and I want you to be prepared as well. Storms cause power outages and it takes time to rebuild the electrical system after it has been damaged.

It's a good idea to have an emergency kit ready for whenever a storm strikes. You can find a great list for what to include in this kit at RandolphEMC.com. You can also help us get to you faster by making sure all of your contact information is listed on your account. When our outage management system

recognizes the phone number you're calling from, your location is detected in an instant, and we don't have waste precious minutes calling you back or entering information manually.

Now, back to the accusation that my writing “causes” storms . . .

Last year, for the March AWARE column, I discussed the extreme cold snap in January that resulted in single digit temperatures. I updated you on how the electrical system handled the heavy load extremely well and that we plan and build the system to provide the large amount of electricity needed on days like that. I also reminded members that, even in March, *storms can occur, so make preparations.*

What happened? An ice storm hit on March 7th, knocking out power to 46% of the membership. Extra line personnel were brought in from neighboring cooperatives and contractors to assist with restoration. This was the worse ice storm we've experienced since 2002.

Fast forward to 2015. As I wrote the March AWARE column in February, I discussed weather forecasting and how, on occasion, meteorologists struggle to get it right. I mentioned how a National Weather Service meteorologist had issued an apology when the blizzard forecast for New York never materialized and pointed out several old folklores that are still used to predict weather today by amateur meteorologists. The article ended with a reminder for you to plan for the inevitable. *Storms will come, please be prepared.*

So what happened?

On February 14th, about ten days after the article was written, a fast-moving windstorm blew down trees, breaking poles and crossarms which caused 1,700 members to lose power. Crews worked through the night restoring power.



On February 16th, what was described as “potentially crippling ice accumulations” up to one inch thick were predicted for the central and southern portion of Randolph EMC's service area. We give thanks to the Lord that the air mass remained colder than predicted and sleet fell instead of freezing rain.

On February 20th, Randolph EMC reached an all-time historic peak of 166 megawatts due to extremely cold, single digit temperatures. Then, just five days later, wet snow fell in the central and northern sections of our service area. The snow pulled heavy-laden trees onto lines and poles, causing more than 2,000 members to lose power. I hope that all of you heeded my warnings and were prepared for the winter weather that kept us busy the last two weeks of February!

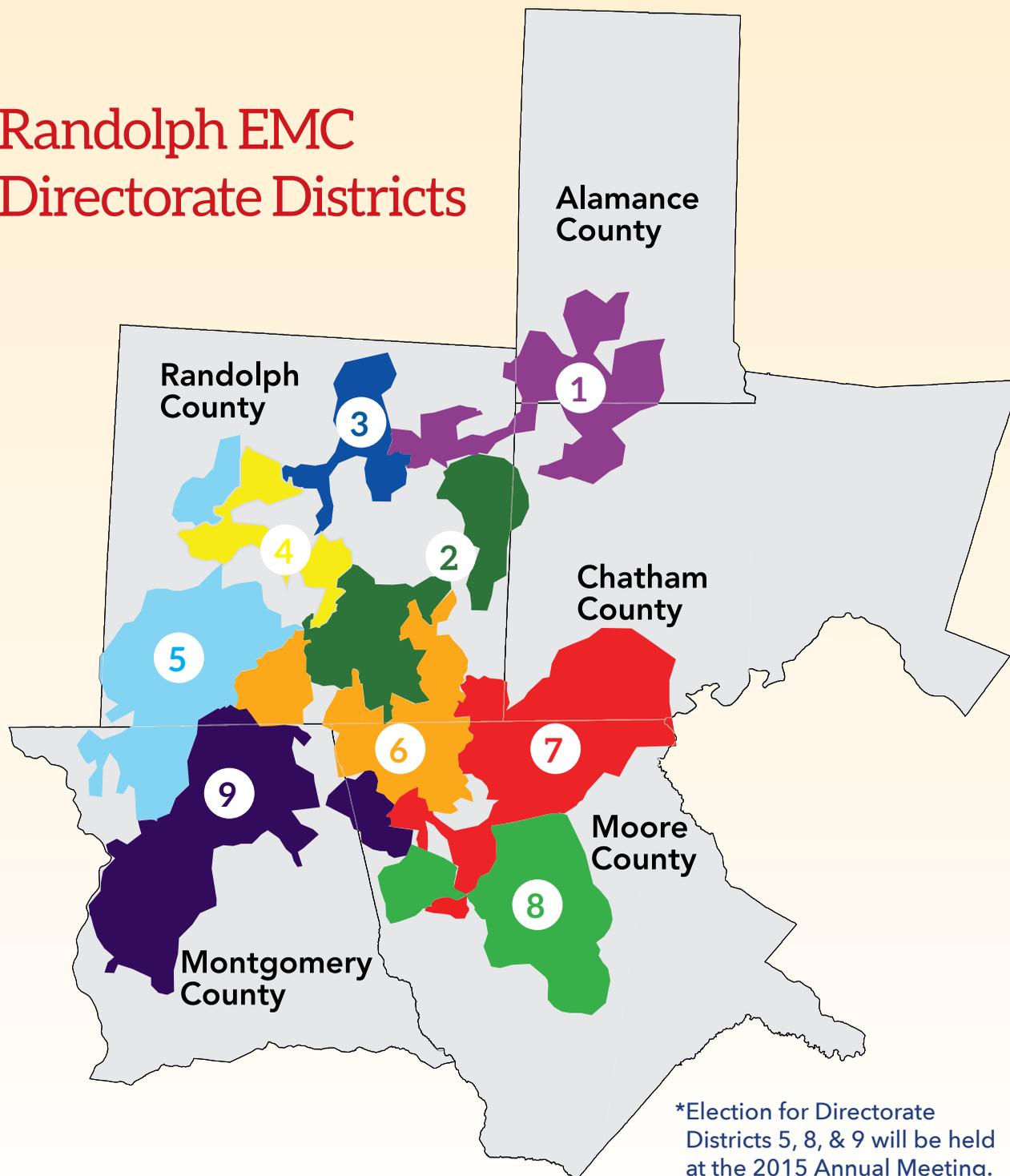
Wait a minute—as much as I hate to say it, there appears to be some validity to these accusations, after all. Looking back, I can see why they're “blaming” me for these storms.

Even though I believe it is all just coincidence, just in case, I would like to take a moment to remind our members that spring is here. We love temperatures with 70s as the highs and 50s as the lows. Let's see if this “reminder” works.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,
Chief Executive Officer

Randolph EMC Directorate Districts



District Nominating Committees, Credentials & Elections Committees Appointed

Pursuant to Section 3.03. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committees for Districts 5, 8, and 9, from which Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, have been appointed. The members that have been appointed to serve on those respective Nominating Committees will meet at the Asheboro headquarters office of Randolph EMC, located in Asheboro, N.C., at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015, to nominate a candidate who will run for the Board of Directors from each district. All three District Nominating Committee meetings will be held on the same evening. The Credentials and Elections

Committee, pursuant to Section 2.08. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, will also meet on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Randolph EMC in Asheboro, N.C. It is the duty of the Credentials and Elections Committee to establish and approve the manner of conducting member registration and voting, to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, count all ballots cast in any election, rule on the validity of any ballots cast, and to rule upon any other questions, protests or objections affecting the results of the election. The members listed on the following page make up the 2015 committees.



District 1
James Andrews



District 2
Bob Wright
President



District 3
Larry Routh



District 4
Jerry Bowman
Vice President



District 5*
Delbert Cranford



District 6
Sue Spencer
Secretary-Treasurer



District 7
Tammie Phillips
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer



District 8*
Steve Harris



District 9*
Billy Maness

District 5: Cranford	District 8: Harris	District 9: Maness	2015 Credentials & Elections Committee		
Harold Cagle	James Roy Cagle	Brady Dickson	E. Bernard Beck	Sue S. Copelan	Richard Seawell
Robert Callicutt	John B. Crouse, Jr.	William Dale Gaddy	Leadford Brady	Yates Hussey	Russell Seawell
Andy Garner	Ronnie Lynn Dowdy	Sally Morris	Philip R. Brown	Bradley Lanier	Jeffrey Clay Sugg
Baxter Surratt	David S. Lawhon	C. Lowell Russell	Mary Priscilla Clay	Gary C. Loy	Jeff Webb
F.O. Yates, Jr.	Robert L. Vest	William Lee Stafford, Jr.	Sam L. Coble	Beatrice C. Morehead	Barry Wright

BYLAWS Relevant to the Qualifications, Nominations and Elections of Members to the Board of Directors

SECTION 3.02. QUALIFICATIONS.

The persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the board of Directors until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any position of trust, in the Cooperative, who:

(a) does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (b) does not have the mental and physical capacity to exercise the corporate standard for business judgment in discharging his/her duties in a manner to be in the best interests of the Cooperative under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (c) has not been a member of the Cooperative in the Directorate District for which such person seeks election and has received electric service there as his/her primary residential abode in such person's own name for at least one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days next preceding the date of the election; or (d) has, during the ten (10) years preceding the date of nomination, been a regular employee of the Cooperative or of a competing enterprise; or (e) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; or (f) is engaged in the business of selling electric energy.

A director or director's company may be allowed to sell materials, supplies, equipment, or vehicles to the Cooperative only if at least three bids are submitted to the Cooperative for any such sale, and only if the director or his/her business has submitted the lowest bid. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chairman presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative, lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected a director; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications herein-above set forth.

SECTION 3.03. NOMINATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a District Nominating Committee for each Directorate District in which directors are to be elected. Such District Nominating Committees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who shall be selected from the Directorate District from which a director is to be nominated. No officer or member of the Board of Directors or close relative thereof shall be appointed a member of such Committee/Committees. The Committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committees is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the Notice of the Meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the District Nominating Committees and the nominations made by petition if any. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

SECTION 3.04. ELECTION & TENURE.

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, from among those members who are natural persons; PROVIDED that, when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with in respect of that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by a lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of 1996, directors from Directorate Districts 2, 4, and 7 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; at the Annual meeting of the members of 1997, directors from Directorate Districts 5, 8, and 9 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; and at the Annual Meeting of the members of 1998, directors from Directorate Districts 1, 3, and 6 shall be elected for three (3)

year terms. Beginning with the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the members, and at each such meeting thereafter, the same number of directors that corresponds to the number whose terms are expiring shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) consecutive years; PROVIDED, that a year as used in this section shall mean the period beginning with one Annual Meeting of the members and ending at the next; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that, notwithstanding the terms for which they are elected, directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 3.05. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that the Board shall be comprised of nine (9) Directorate Districts. A director of a Directorate District must be a resident of, and make his/her primary residential abode, on a premises served by an electrical circuit provided by the Cooperative. All of the Cooperative's electrical circuits, as identified by circuit numbers on the Cooperative's maps and records, shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. For the purpose of assuring equitable representation, additional circuit numbers may be added to or deleted from a Directorate District. It shall be the duty of the board of Directors to make such additions to, and deletions from, the various Directorate Districts no later than April 1st of each year. Such additions and deletions, along with the existing Directorate District circuit numbers, will be provided to the members. Each of the nine (9) Directorate Districts is:

District Number	Circuit Numbers
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 68
2	6, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30, 71, 73
3	9, 13, 14, 16, 67, 69, 70
4	10, 11, 15, 26, 75, 76, 77
5	17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 60, 78
6	28, 31, 55, 72, 87, 88,
7	33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 80, 81, 83, 84
8	39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 82, 85, 86
9	42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63, 64, 89, 90

(Electrical circuits may be added or deleted on April 1st of each year for the purpose of assuring equitable representation.)