



BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES

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PURPOSE To establish a policy for conducting Cooperative elections.



ACCOUNTABILITY The Board of Trustees are responsible for enforcing this policy.

SCOPE

- a. To establish general guidelines governing the voting process for the election of Trustees to the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees consistent with law, the Cooperative’s Articles of Incorporation and the Cooperative’s Bylaws.
- b. To establish general guidelines governing the voting process for all other matters properly brought before the member of the Cooperative consistent with law, the Cooperative’s Articles of Incorporation and the Cooperative’s Bylaws.
- c. To insure the fairness, impartiality, confidentiality, transparency and integrity of the voting process.

POLICY

- 1. The Board and the Cooperative are prohibited from endorsing a qualified candidate for election to the Board. Resources of the Cooperative shall not be used to support or oppose a Candidate for election. The Board is not prohibited from taking a public position on other matters properly brought to a vote of the Members of the Cooperative.
- 2. Board members are prohibited from sending individual newsletters using Cooperative resources.
- 3. Elections for members of the Board will be held in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative and shall be held at district meetings.
- 4. Notice of the pending election shall be mailed to each member between 45 and 60 days prior to the date of the district election. The notice will state the date when the election will be held, the offices to be filled; the deadline for the filing of a Declaration of candidacy and the place where a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed.
- 5. In addition to the candidate qualifications in the Cooperative’s Bylaws, the Board has determined that the following qualifications are desirable: A candidate should:
 - a. Be willing to promote and safeguard Cooperative interests
 - b. Represent the entire membership impartially for the good of all.
 - c. Be willing to attend regular and special meetings of the Board, national, state and other meetings of organizations with associated interests that further the cooperative movement and training courses or seminars which aid in keeping well informed on matters affecting the Cooperative.
 - d. Should agree to serve the term of office for which elected e. Be aware of the Trustees Code of Conduct prior to seeking election.
- 6. Management shall ensure that anyone running for a Trustee position shall meet all requirements to run.
- 7. Incumbent shall recommend location of election site to the full board. Final election site is subject to approval of the full board.

	Chairman of the Board	Date: <u>3/28/17</u>
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