

## **BOARD CANDIDACY**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. How do I get nominated to be a Board Candidate?
- A. Director candidates are nominated by the Cooperative's Nominating Committee or by Member Petition.
- Q. When does the Cooperative's Nominating Committee meet?
- A. On or before the second Thursday in June of each year. The date, time, and place of the Nominating Committee meeting is published in the Carolina Country Magazine and on the Cooperative's website.
- Q. How do I contact the Nominating Committee?
- A. Potential nominees are encouraged to attend the Nominating Committee Meeting. The name and contact information of each member of the Nominating Committee member is published in the Carolina Country Magazine and on the Cooperative's website.
- Q. What information is required on a Member Petition?
- A. A Member Petition must contain the names, addresses, and original dated signatures of at least 250 members.
- Q. How much time do I have to get signatures on a Member Petition?
- A. All signatures must be dated within 60 days of the first signature.
- Q. Do you have a Member Petition Form?
- A. A Member Petition Form and an one-page example are posted on the Cooperative's website.
- Q. If I receive service in multiple Director Districts, may I run for the Board or serve as a Director for multiple districts?
- A. No. According to our bylaws, a Director may only represent the District in which the Director maintains his or her primary residence.
- Q. May I collect signatures for my Member Petition or advertise at EnergyUnited EMC offices of facilities?
- A. No. Members collections signatures are asked to do so off EnergyUnited EMC property to minimize distractions to Members, employees, and vendors conducting Cooperative business.

- Q. May a legal entity that is a EnergyUnited EMC member run for a position on the Board?
- A. No, but a chief executive officer, managing owner, or majority owner of an entity Member that has permanently occupied and used electric energy provided by the Cooperative at a location within the District for which they are nominated for the past five years, if they permanently reside within the Cooperative's service area, may run for a position on the Board.
- Q. If I am seeking nomination, may I sign my own Member Petition?
- A. Yes.
- Q. If a Member has multiple meters, does his or signature on a Member Petition count as more than one signature?
- A. No. At least 250 verifiable Members must sign a Member Petition.
- Q. May my spouse sign my Member Petition?
- A. Yes, if your spouse is a Member of the Cooperative.
- Q. My neighbors have a Joint Membership, may they each sign my Member Petition separately?
- A. No. Only one signature per Membership will be counted on each Member Petition.
- Q. Must every Member who signs a Member Petition receive EnergyUnited EMC electric service in the District for which election is sought?
- A. No.
- Q. Do I have to use EnergyUnited EMC's Member Petition forms, or may I supply my own forms or resume with the proper signatures and information?
- A. No, but the use of the forms provided by EnergyUnited EMC is strongly encouraged.
- Q. How quickly will EnergyUnited EMC verify the Member signatures on my Member Petition?
- A. EnergyUnited EMC will begin the verification process as soon as the Member Petition is received.
- Q. If there is a problem with my Member Petition, will I have a chance to correct it?
- A. Given the time required for the verification process, Member Petitions may not be altered after submission.

- Q. Does every portion of the Member Petition have to be filled out to be validated?
- A. The only optional information is a telephone number. All other information is required.
- Q. Can I mail or email a copy of my completed Member Petition to the Cooperative?
- A. No. The original Member Petition must be submitted to the Cooperative at its headquarters in Statesville, NC by 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday in June.
- Q. Can a Member sign a Member Petition for more than one nominee?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Can I have more than 250 Members sign my Member Petition?
- A. Yes. Only 250 Member signatures are required, but nominees are strongly encouraged to obtain more than 250 signatures in the event signatures cannot be verified.
- Q. How is my Member Petition verified?
- A. The Cooperative's Credentials and Elections Committee, working in cooperation with an independent outside vendor, verifies petitions against the Cooperative's Membership List.
- Q. If my Member Petition is approved, may I make use of EnergyUnited EMC's logo on my campaign information?
- A. No.
- Q. If my Member Petition is approved, may I campaign at EnergyUnited EMC's offices or facilities?
- A. No.
- Q. Who do I contact with questions?
- A. The Cooperative's Nomination Team, which consists of the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the Cooperative's Corporate Counsel, may be contacted with questions. The Nomination Team cannot give you advice regarding your campaign. The Cooperative's Nomination Team may be reached by email at \*\*\*\_\_\_\_\*\*\*\*\*