

Bringing the Process to the People

District Nominating Meetings for Changing Times

The election process for the Medina EC Board of Directors now includes District Nominating Meetings in each Voting District to nominate director candidates.

Members who attend the meeting in their voting district will receive a \$5 energy credit and the chance to win a flat screen LCD TV as a door prize. Refreshments will also be provided.

Member involvement is critical to keeping Medina EC functioning as the cooperative was designed to do. Member ownership is the cornerstone of Medina EC and the members serving on the Board of Directors are the backbone of the organization.

Three directors represent each of the three voting districts on Medina EC's Board of Directors. A director serves a 3-year term and one director position in each voting district comes up for election every year.

"I would encourage people to say they're interested in running and then pursue a spot and see what the membership wants," Medina EC Board of Directors President Fred Lancaster said.

During the nomination process, candidates are nominated to run for the open director position for the voting district.

"We want to make it as easy as possible to get people nominated for the Board of Directors if they are interested," Lancaster said.

The new nomination process brings the election process straight to the membership. Instead of the former system where a committee nominates director candidates, nominations can come from any member who attends their voting district's nomination meeting.

"We were concerned that in the old system, people may have been overlooked or didn't express interest to the right people," Lancaster said.

Adding, "This change was made to try to make the process more open so people out there who are interested get the opportunity to be in the running for a director position."

Attendees are encouraged to bring the names of the individuals to nominate for the Board of Directors or members can plan to attend their nomination meeting to nominate themselves.

"We wanted to make a big deal

about it this first time around to draw attention to the new process," said Mark Rollans, General Manager/CEO.

Members wishing to run for the Board of Directors must meet basic requirements, including:

- 1) Be in good standing with the cooperative for at least three years prior to nomination.
- 2) Be a resident of the voting district the member wants to serve.
- 3) Not be employed or have a financial interest in the electric industry within the past five years.
- 4) Be unrelated (spouse, parent, child, including step or adoption) to an incumbent Director or Medina EC employee.

Please visit www.medinaec.org or contact Medina EC at 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532) for a full list of qualifications.

"I've never met a director in 26 years that didn't have something positive to say about the experience of serving on the board," Rollans said.

Members who are unsure which voting district they are in should contact Medina EC at 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532).

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Director Candidates

Medina EC is seeking members interested in a challenging position on the cooperative's Board of Directors.

Members wishing to run as candidates for the 2010 Board of Directors election should plan to attend the meeting for their voting district or make sure another member nominates them at the meeting.

The section of Medina EC's bylaws detailing the election process are on pages 22 and 23 of the January *Texas Co-op Power*.

District Nominating Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. in each voting district:

- **February 22 - Voting District 3 meeting in Rio Grande City**
Rio Grande City High School, 144 N FM 3167
- **February 23 - Voting District 2 meeting in Uvalde**
First State Bank, 200 East Nopal St
- **February 24 - Voting District 1 meeting in Hondo**
Woolls Intermediate School, 2802 Ave Q

Unsure which voting district you're in or need more information on where the meeting is? Call 1-866-MEC-ELEC (632-3532).