

Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. is proud to be your local electric provider. It is our belief that working together towards a common vision is the cooperative difference. Let us tell you more about your cooperative...

Nominating Process

Medina EC's director nomination process begins annually at the District Nominating Meetings. At each of the three meetings, members from the district in which the meeting is held can submit nominations for the board of directors. In addition, a candidate may be nominated by petition in accordance with the bylaws.

Member Involvement

As a member of Medina EC, we encourage you to become involved in one of our member committees, which include:

- » Community Empowerment Program Committee
- » Operation Round Up® Trust Committee

These committees are a vital link between the membership and the cooperative. It is from these committees that ideas are garnered, suggestions are given, and the communication lines between members and the board through management exist.

Director Election Process

Medina EC prides itself on its director elections. Following one of the Seven Cooperative Principles, the election process reflects democratic member control: one member, one vote. Medina EC has nine members on its board of directors - three from each of the directorate districts. Each year the board of directors elects a method for voting in the director election. For many years, the preferred method of voting has been a vote by

mail process. In 2010 this process was expanded to include online voting.

Ballots and candidate profiles are mailed to each membership account no later than September 1st of each year. Pertinent information is provided in the September issue of the *Texas Co-op Power* magazine and in the mailed ballot. It is up to you, the members, to elect the director best qualified to run your cooperative.

Director Term Limits

An elected director serves a 3-year term on the board. When their term is up, they can run for reelection if they choose to.

Director Responsibilities

Directors are tasked with the development of governance policies and monitoring the financial health of the cooperative. In addition, they are charged with keeping up-to-date on industry trends, legislative actions, and other pertinent issues affecting cooperatives as well as representing the membership at cooperative related functions.

Director Compensation

The board of directors are provided per diem (by the day) pay plus expenses for meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative. They are not salaried and they are not considered employees. Further, they are not provided with any fringe benefits such as medical insurance. Directors receive their per diem for each day spent doing cooperative business, whether it is the board meeting, a committee meeting, or training. On average, directors spend between two and four days each month representing Medina EC.

Capital Credits

Because we are a not-for-profit organization, any margins made above and beyond our operating expenses are allocated to

our members. The board of directors determines each year whether or not to return Capital Credits; their decision is based on the cooperative's financial position.

Escheated Funds

After three years, unclaimed Capital Credit funds are forwarded to the State of Texas. The State can then allocate a portion of unclaimed funds back to the cooperative for the purpose of distributing the funds through specified accounts. The approved accounts for escheated funds are Scholarship, Economic Development and Energy Efficiency.

Release of Cooperative Information

Medina EC believes its members should have an opportunity to request certain information with regards to the operation of the cooperative and should be able to easily locate important corporate documents. Such information includes our bylaws, policies, Articles of Incorporation and the tariff, just to name a few, and can be found at MedinaEC.org/CorpDocs.

We welcome requests for information and are happy to visit with any member interested in understanding how their cooperative works.

Standard information (mentioned above) is also available by contacting your local district office.

Requests for more specific information must be made in writing on a *Members Request for Cooperative Information* form, found at MedinaEC.org/Contact. Medina EC believes that as a member, you have every right to know how your cooperative is doing.

For more information, check our website at www.MedinaEC.org or contact your local district office.

