

**FORT LOUDOUN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
VONORE, TENNESSEE
Board Policy No. 105**

SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE

I. OBJECTIVE:

To assure the membership that those members nominated to be voted upon for service upon the board of Directors of the Cooperative (a voluntary service group acting as trustees for and representatives of the membership) are generally qualified to carry out the viewpoints, objectives, formulate policy, develop plans, and insure their execution within the Cooperative.

II. POLICY, CONTENT AND PROVISION:

Be it resolved that the following is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees of the Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative as the policy relating to the qualifications for Director/Trustee:

- A. That the nominating committee or individual members petition that nominates an individual to be voted upon for election to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative should be aware of, and should carefully and seriously consider the following legal requirements and personal qualifications before such a nomination is entered.
- B. Any Director or Director candidate must satisfy the qualifications and terms outlined in the Bylaws of the Cooperative (see Article IV, Section 4.02 for clarification).

In addition to the above requirements, the candidate:

1. must consent to a background check.
2. should be willing to promote and safeguard the interests of the Cooperative among the members and the general public.
3. will be required, and therefore able, to represent the membership on an impartial basis for the good of, and in the best interest of, the entire Cooperative.

4. must be willing to attend regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Board of Directors/Trustees and to further attend national, state, and meetings of local organizations with associated interests that further the cooperative movement, together with Director training institutes or seminars which will aid in keeping him or her well informed on matters affecting the Cooperative.
5. should be aware that members of the Board of Directors/Trustees serve without salary on a fee basis for time given to regularly scheduled and approved affairs of the Cooperative, and in addition, they will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses in connection with such scheduled activities.
6. should agree to serve the term of office for which elected until a successor has been appointed or elected.
7. shall not use or cause to be used his or her position as Director/Trustee to further his or her political ambitions.
8. shall provide proof of a high school diploma or equivalent.

C. That service as a Director/Trustee shall include the following responsibilities for growth and development, keeping himself/herself and others informed and participating in the decision making process of the Board at all scheduled regular and special meetings:

1. to put forth the effort to improve abilities and understand the Cooperative's problems to provide the judgement required to make decisions in constantly changing circumstances that have a direct and indirect effect upon the Cooperative, and to support all decisions and actions made or taken by majority of the Board.
2. to conscientiously study the information contained in Board reports.
3. to contribute to the development of statements on functions and responsibilities of Board Members, and thereafter to become familiar with, and strive to improve, such statements.
4. to objectively evaluate and consider the questions and problems with which the Cooperative is faced.

5. to keep informed as to the aims and objectives of the Cooperative, and to further study and analyze the policies, plans and problems which result from efforts to achieve such aims and objectives.
 6. to keep informed on, alert to and aware of, the attitudes of the members and general public toward the Cooperative's objectives, programs and services.
 7. to inform all interested persons about the Cooperative's viewpoints, objectives, programs and services.
- D. This policy shall be in addition to existing provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and approved Bylaws, and is intended to serve as a guide for keeping Credentials Committees informed of their obligations..

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. The President and the full Board should insure that a copy of the provisions of this policy is in the hands of each member of the Credentials Committee , and further will cause such policy to be published periodically in the news media of the Cooperative.
- B. The President is responsible for determining that this policy is adhered to and made known to interested persons at all times.

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