

2024 Nominating Committee Information

SANTEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE will hold its 2024 Drive-Thru Annual Meeting on April 16, 2024, at SEC Headquarters, 424 Sumter Hwy, Kingstree, SC 29556.

Nominating Committee to meet

In accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the co-op's bylaws, excerpted below, the member-owners listed at the right have been duly appointed to the Nominating Committee. The committee will meet December 19, 2023, at SEC's headquarters for the purpose of nominating trustees for Districts 1, 3, and 5.

Nominations by petition

Article IV, Section 3 also gives member-owners the right to nominate board candidates by petition. At least one percent of the co-op's membership, acting together, can nominate a fellow member. Petitions must be filed with the cooperative at least 80 days prior to the annual meeting.

Applicable bylaws

Article III: Meeting of Members

SECTION 1: ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of members shall be held on such day in each year, beginning with the year 1952, and at such place within a county served by the Cooperative as shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Trustees, and as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing trustees, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture and dissolution of the Cooperative.

Article IV: Trustees

SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than one-hundred-and-seventy (170) days or more than one-hundred-and-ninety (190) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected from different sections of the project area so as to ensure equitable representation. No member of the Board of Trustees may serve on such committee. Incumbent Trustees seeking reelection shall not directly or indirectly influence the nomination or credentials process. Said Trustees shall recuse themselves from participation in appointing members to such committee(s), and Cooperative members from their Trustee Districts shall be selected without their input or participation. Trustees may not appoint, direct or cause a family member to become a member of such committee(s). For purposes of this Section, "family member" includes a spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild and a member of the individual's immediate family. The committee on nominations shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least one hundred (100) days before the meeting a list of nominations for Trustees, but 1% or more of the members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative, not less than eighty (80) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Board of Trustees shall, by policy, adopt a process allowing petition signatures to be collected electronically according to procedures or standards approved by the Board. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a list of the number of Trustees, shown by District, to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated for each District, specifying separately the nominations made by petition, if any. The names are to be arranged by Districts and in alphabetical order, except that incumbents shall be placed first on the list so arranged. At the meeting of members, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of the official candidates for each District. Election of Trustees shall be by ballots. The ballots shall list the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee and by petition. The names shall be arranged by Districts and in alphabetical order, except that the incumbents shall be placed first in order on such ballot. Each member of the Cooperative present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for each District for which a Trustee is to be elected at that particular meeting. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each District at this meeting shall be considered elected as Trustee. In the event that the number of candidates seeking election does not exceed the number of Trustees required in a particular District, balloting may be dispensed with in respect to that District and, if there are no objections, the nominee may be elected by acclamation.

Nominating Committee appointments for 2024 Annual Meeting

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