

Cooperative Light & Power
Board Policy III-6

SUBJECT: Qualifications for Directorship

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OBJECTIVE:

To assure the membership that those members nominated to be voted on to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Light & Power (a voluntary service group acting as trustees for and representatives of the membership) are generally qualified to carry out the objectives and ideals of the Cooperative.

In accordance with these objectives the following policy is recommended:

POLICY:

That the nominating committee and/or any individual member who places a name in nomination to be voted on for election to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Light & Power should be aware of and should carefully and seriously consider the following requirements and personal factors before such nomination is made. Candidates who do not meet the qualifications will be disqualified and not permitted to run, or if the disqualification is learned after being elected, shall be subject to removal pursuant to the by-laws.

The qualifications that the person placed in nomination must meet are:

1. Hold a membership in that district.

2. A natural person, who is a United States Citizen, and who had resided on the Cooperative's systems for at least one (1) year. Residency is determined by meeting any one of the three (3) qualifications:
 - (1) Driver's license or State I.D. reflecting an address on the Cooperative's system.
 - (2) Homestead interest in real estate in the service territory of the Cooperative.
 - (3) Has made application to the Board and the Board members have determined there are sufficient contacts and interest in the area served by the Cooperative system to be deemed a resident.

3. Must not be a convicted felon.

4. Cannot be an employee of the Cooperative, or has not been an employee of the Cooperative at any time in the previous three (3) years, or a close relative by blood or in-law, including half, step and adopted kin, a spouse, child, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece of a current employee of the Cooperative.

5. Cannot be in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy to the Cooperative, or business interest primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing supplies, appliances or fixtures to the Cooperative. Further they may not be in violation of the Cooperative's Conflict of Interest Policy III-10.

6. Must have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract.

7. Must be willing to attend Board of Directors meetings regularly, attend national, state and local associated organization meetings, and director's institutes, seminars as required to keep well informed on matters affecting the Cooperative.
8. Should agree to serve a term of three years or until his/her successor has been appointed or elected.
9. When a membership is held jointly or by tenants in common, one of the joint tenants or one of the tenants in common, but not more than one, may be elected as a director.