

REQUIREMENTS OF A BOARD TRUSTEE

Considering running for a trustee seat? A board trustee is expected to help protect, preserve and defend the assets of the cooperative. Below is an overview of trustee responsibilities and other beneficial information.

EDUCATION

It is important for trustees to understand their roles and responsibilities and to have the knowledge and skills to govern today's cooperatives.

Each board member is expected to attain their Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate within his/her first term, then their Board Leadership Certificate in the second term, and their Director Gold Certification (CDG) prior to the completion of their third term.

This means they are each required to take at least 18 different classes covering numerous cooperative topics through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

After they've attained their CDG, each board member is required to complete continuing education courses — earning three credits for each additional two years of service on the board.

NRECA's Trustee Education program is specifically designed to address the learning needs of electric cooperative trustees. *Course lengths, locations, and dates vary.*

TIME COMMITMENT

Board trustees are responsible for, and must actively participate in, the governance of the business and affairs of the cooperative. They commit approximately 30 days per year to education, training, conferences and meetings.

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS:

Monthly Meetings *(12 per year)*

Regional Meeting *(2.5 days in September)*

Statewide Trustees' Meeting

(1.5 days in February or March)

Pioneer Annual Meeting *(half day in March)*

OEC Annual Meeting *(1.5 days in August)*

NRECA Annual Meeting *(2.5 days in February or March; 3 trustees each year; 1 from each district)*

Strategic Planning *(1 to 2 days; every 2-3 years)*

County Board Meetings

(3 evenings per year; July-October)

Standing Committee Meetings *(as scheduled)*

BOARD COMPENSATION

Board compensation is set to reflect the responsibility of being a Trustee and recognizes the need to retain high quality and willing members to serve on the board.

The Code of Regulations provides that the Board of Trustees may be compensated for services rendered on behalf of the cooperative as a Board member, such as attendance at meetings, conferences and training programs or performing committee assignments.