

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN EGYPTIAN ELECTRIC BOARD MEMBER

What is a Director?

A director is a member whose primary residence is in one of the ten counties served by Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (EECA). A director should be interested in the activities of EECA, the utility industry and their community, capable of independent thought, analysis and decision making in a group environment. Openness to change is an attribute of an ideal director.

What does a Director do?

Directors of EECA have the same duties and responsibilities as officers of any corporation. Their primary duties are setting policies and rates, contractual considerations and strategic planning. Directors represent the Cooperative at associated groups and organizations and may be asked to serve on related committees. Directors may be asked to speak to various groups and organizations.

Do Directors Travel?

In addition to regular monthly board meetings, Directors may be required to attend special board meetings as well as state, regional and national meetings concerning the electric utility industry. There are meetings to keep the directors abreast of the happenings within the state, region, and nation concerning electric utilities. Travel may also occur for continuing education classes.

Are Directors Paid?

Directors do not receive a salary. However, directors are reimbursed for any travel expense and time they spend on authorized Cooperative business.

How much time is required of a Director?

There is a significant time commitment to serving on an electric cooperative board. Beyond the monthly board meetings, which can last up to four hours, there is time at home reading meeting notes and minutes, reviewing board packets, and prepping for meetings. In addition, time is needed to attend committee meetings, trainings, seminars, special events, and statewide and national update meetings. Educational, national and regional meetings vary in length from one to five days. Directors are expected to spend time reading publications that they receive. Directors make decisions that directly affect members of the Cooperative. It is extremely important that they make these decisions with the best information and knowledge possible. In all, a Director can expect to attend over 20 meetings in a calendar year.

There are nine (9) Directors. Directors represent all members of the Cooperative, not just the members in their immediate area. Directors are elected for three-year terms. Elections are held at EECA's Annual Meeting.

TO QUALIFY YOU MUST: (Refer to Article IV Sec. 4.02 of the EECA Bylaws for specific details):

- reside within the geographical area—primary residence
- be an EECA member in good standing.
- not be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electricity or supplies to the Cooperative
- be willing to spend time and effort on behalf of your Cooperative