

Director Candidate Petitions Available

Three board seats are up for election this year

Anza Electric Cooperative is governed by seven directors representing its three service area districts. Positions up for election this July are held by Billy Adams, Harold Burdick and Joel Carlisle.

AEC's democratically elected board of directors is responsible for setting policy for the only electric distribution cooperative in Southern California. Directors are committed to policies that result in a safe and reliable electric system, fair rates, financial responsibility and superior member service.

Each year, eligible AEC members can seek nomination for director positions up for election through the petition process established by AEC's bylaws.

Each position on the board of directors is held by a cooperative member, with each term consisting of three years.

The AEC board meets once a month. At times, directors are asked to represent the cooperative at additional meetings. Directors are expected to travel and attend educational seminars leading to board certification.

If you are interested in having your name on the ballot you can pick up a candidate packet containing a petition, declaration of eligibility and resume form at the cooperative office, or download the packet from the AEC website at www.anzaelectric.org.

Thirty valid member signatures are required for each candidate petition. If two names are listed on a membership account, only one person is eligible to sign the petition.

All AEC members in good standing and residing within the co-op's service area may become a director, except for employees of the cooperative and those who are in any way employed or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electrical energy or electric or plumbing appliances to the co-op.

The deadline for returning petitions is **May 19, 2015.**

The director positions will be filled when the election results are announced at the annual membership meeting Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Director Responsibilities

Mission and Purpose

The board regularly evaluates whether decisions and policies help the cooperative successfully further its commitment to serving our communities by providing excellent member services, and safe and reliable energy services at a competitive price.

Governance

The cooperative's board of directors approves and may amend business rules and rates, which govern the cooperative's dealings with members.

Legal and ethical accountability

AEC board members adopt and enforce policies, resolutions and actions governing ethical conduct, accountability and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Financial Oversight

The board of directors establishes financial targets and goals and approves the cooperative's budget. Board members also review and approve significant investments, loans and acquisitions, and the rates and terms for providing electric service to cooperative members. The board is responsible for evaluating periodic financial statements, reports and information, and considering internal control procedures.

Operational Oversight

The board discharges its duty to manage the affairs of the cooperative by delegating day-to-day management responsibilities to the general manager. The general manager is hired by and answers to the board. Board members consider and approve AEC business initiatives.

Excerpt from Bylaws - Article IV, Section 4 - Nominations

- Any qualified member from the required district may be nominated for Director by official petition of not less than thirty (30) members of the Cooperative. Official petition forms will be available at the Cooperative Headquarters ninety (90) days prior to the deadline for filing the petition for the calendar year in which Director's terms expire.
- All candidates' nomination petitions shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Cooperative by the candidate, together with such additional information as may be requested by the Secretary, not less than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting at which Directors will be elected.
- The Secretary shall review all candidate nomination petitions to insure that the candidate is qualified to be a Director and to insure that the requisite number of signatures are contained in the petition.
- The Secretary shall cause to be posted a list of all qualified nominations at the Cooperative's Headquarters building and shall cause to be mailed with the notice of meeting or separately, but at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting at which Directors are to be elected, a statement of the number of Directors being elected and the names and addresses of the candidates.
- In the event petitions are received for only the number of Directors to be elected and the Secretary determines the petitions in order and the candidate qualified, no further election process shall be held and those candidates nominated shall be declared elected as Directors at the annual meeting.

Need a Little Help?

A local family loses its home in an early morning fire. A young couple deals with the financial strain of their new daughter's birth defects. You see such stories on the news and read them in the papers.

Thanks to Anza Electric's Cooperative Care Program, what these people share is help in time of need. As a cooperative committed to community involvement and member focus, AEC is pleased to have found an effective and easy way to improve the quality of life within our communities.

Funds collected from Operation Roundup and unclaimed capital credit checks fund the program. Money is distributed to two local charitable organizations: the Anza Thimble Club and Smiles for Seniors. These organizations process applications and help make a difference in our communities.

Applications are available on the AEC website under the *Member Services* tab at www.anzaelectric.org. Applications from the AEC website can be submitted only to the Anza Thimble Club. To apply for assistance through Smiles For Seniors, you must contact them directly.

If you are interested in contributing to Operation Roundup by having your bill rounded up to the next dollar, please visit www.anzaelectric.org and select the *Community* tab.



How do I apply for assistance?

Applications may be obtained by mail, the AEC website or at the cooperative office. Submit applications to the Anza Thimble Club. Grants for individuals are limited to \$300 in a 12-month period.

Smiles for Seniors, a nonprofit senior assistance program, has its own application.

Contact information:
(909) 790-6671
(909) 790-7112 - Fax
P.O. Box 1113, Yucaipa, CA 92399
www.smiles4seniors.org or email them at: smiles4seniors@verizon.net.

One-time grants for individuals are limited to \$300.

How is this program funded?

Participating AEC members voluntarily have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar, contributing an average of \$6 a year to Operation Roundup. That money and unclaimed capital credit checks fund the Cooperative Care Program.

For more information on Operations Roundup, visit www.anzaelectric.org/content/operation-round

or email: aec@anzaelectric.org.

Who is eligible for funding?

You do not need to be a member of AEC, but must live within the co-op's service territory. You must provide proof of residency so it can be verified with AEC.

What is the selection process?

Funds are administered by AEC and forwarded to the local charitable organizations. Specific guidelines are followed. Decisions

are based on the amount of funds available and the number of requests. All applicants will be notified within 30 days of the decision. Checks or payments are made directly to the service provider unless arrangements have been made due to special circumstances or gift cards are distributed.

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