Director Candidate Information

Additional nominations for director may be made by petition filed with the Secretary not less than 60 days before the annual meeting. Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) will furnish official petition forms for this purpose. A petition shall contain the name of the candidate and the signatures of at least 50 members qualified to vote, and a request that the name of the candidate be placed on the ballot. The following information is provided to assist you in the nomination process for the position of a director for OTEC.

1. All candidates for director must meet certain requirements. Refer to Article III, Section 5 of OTEC’s Bylaws for director candidate qualifications. The Bylaws explain individual membership, residency requirements, and potential conflicts of interest.
2. Your principal place of legal residence determines which district position you may seek. However, any member who is a corporation or other legal entity may designate a representative to be nominated, and if elected, to serve as director, provided such individual is at least 18 years of age and is a legal resident within the district in which the corporation or legal entity conducts business or has established its legal place of residence. Refer to Article II, Section 1 of OTEC’s Bylaws to determine your district. You must declare your district on your nominating petition. All directors, however, are elected “at large” by the entire voting membership of OTEC.
3. Your petition must be timely delivered to OTEC for signature verification. The last date to file the petition with the Secretary is 60 days before the annual meeting. Petitions received after this date will be rejected.
4. Please be sure that an OTEC employee signs and dates your petition as being received. The employee will forward your petition to the Secretary.
5. Signatures and membership status of individuals signing your petition will be validated by OTEC. Refer to the Bylaws, Article I, Sections 1-5 for guidance on membership status. A member’s petition must contain at least 50 valid signatures in order for them to become a director candidate.
6. Director candidate names will be placed on the ballot in alphabetical order.
7. All OTEC members may participate in voting for all director positions, regardless of the member’s district residency. Voting will occur by mail-in ballot or at the Annual Meeting of Members.
8. Members unable to attend the annual meeting may vote by mail by using a mail-in ballot that must be received before the annual meeting. Further instructions for voting by mail are described in the information sent to the members with the ballots. Refer to the Bylaws, Article II, Section 10.
9. Members may not nominate a candidate for director from the floor at the annual meeting.
10. Board Policy I-9 on Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest requires that all directors must sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. The form is included on OTEC’s website, along with Board Policy 32.

If you have any questions, please contact OTEC’s Administration Department at 541-524-2827.