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You can see our annual meeting live by visiting [facebook.com/PiedmontEMC](https://www.facebook.com/PiedmontEMC) at the time listed below. After the meeting, the video will remain on our Facebook page and will also be posted to our website, [pemc.coop](https://www.pemc.coop).

Time
10:00 a.m.

Date
April 17, 2020

Piedmont Electric is located at
2500 NC 86 - Hillsborough, NC 27278

Each year, your cooperative takes time to review the last year, look forward to the year to come and elect the new board of directors. While in the past, we've held large annual meetings, we've moved to a more technologically advanced and convenient method to connect with you, our members, for this event.

This year, we invite you to join us on our Facebook Live Stream during our business meeting where I will be joined by a handful of our organization's leaders to talk about the cooperative's accomplishments in 2019 and share our plans for the future. Not only is this new structure more convenient for our vast member-base, it's also much more cost-efficient, saving all of our members money.

If you aren't able to catch the meeting live, know that we will also be posting the video on our Facebook page after the live stream has ended.

Last year we began offering online and mail-in voting for the board of director elections which enabled more members to vote than ever before. This year we are continuing to make it as easy as possible for all members to let their voices be heard. To learn more about your voting options, turn to the inside back cover of this magazine.

We're excited to continue to move our cooperative down the digital path as we grow and advance as an organization. None of this would be possible without our most valuable asset: you, our members!

STEPHEN B. HAMLIN
President & Chief Executive Officer

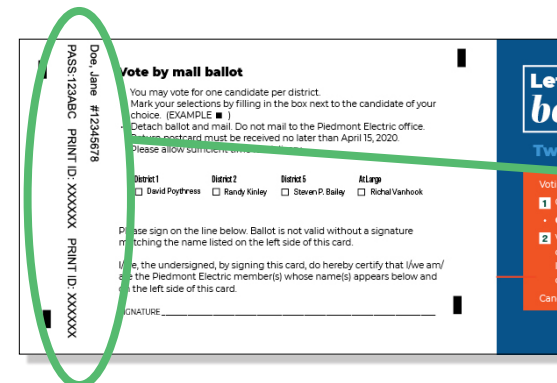
How to vote

As a member-owned cooperative, you play a vital role in how Piedmont Electric operates including the election of our board of directors. Our board is made up of members like you who live in our communities and work to make the best decisions for our cooperative.

Two ways to vote

Voting for our board of directors is easy! You can:

- 1 Complete and mail in the prepaid ballot postcard included at the center of this magazine.
- 2 Visit directvote.net/pemc on your computer, tablet or phone and use the unique login information provided at the center of this magazine to cast your vote.



Example vote by mail ballot

Your ballot can be found at the center of this magazine and includes all the information you need to vote.

Election pass code and member number needed to vote at directvote.net/pemc.

Members who vote will be entered into a drawing for one of two, \$100 bill credits. All votes must be received by April 15 at 4:00 P.M.

The Nominating Committee met Dec. 7, 2019 to consider members for nomination to the cooperative's Board of Directors. Four seats on the Piedmont Electric Board of Directors are up for election at this year's Annual Meeting of the Members. These seats are currently held by David Poythress (District 1), Randy Kinley (District 2), Paul Bailey (District 5) and Richal Vanhook (at-large).

The committee's list of nominees is posted at Piedmont Electric's three offices and is published in the official notice to the right. Members of the Nominating Committee include the following:

KAY FERGUSON
Hillsborough, At Large

JOE CURRIN
Chapel Hill, District 1

GREG MARTIN
Mebane, District 2

GREGORY RUDD
Yanceyville, District 3

DIANNE MURPHY
Mebane, District 4

ADAM SARVER
Roxboro, District 5

CORY MELTON
Roxboro, District 6

MARTIN A. DAVIS
Timberlake, District 7

WILLIS PARKER
Rougemont, District 8

SUSAN GRAY
Timberlake, District 9

2020 nominating committee

Piedmont Electric's Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at the Piedmont Electric Hillsborough Office on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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A presentation of the cooperative's past year's business and its future plans are on the agenda as well as the announcement of four directors.

The following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to represent four directorate districts:

DISTRICT 1
David Poythress

DISTRICT 2
Randy Kinley

DISTRICT 5
Steven P. Bailey

AT LARGE
Richal Vanhook

Sam T. Woods
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Secretary, Board of Directors

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Meet the candidates

The following candidates are running for a seat on the Piedmont Electric board of directors. Once elected, these individuals will serve a three year term helping govern the cooperative. A brief biography is included below for each candidate. Voting instructions can be found on the postcard at the center of this magazine.

DISTRICT 1 UNOPPOSED

DAVID POYTHRESS (DISTRICT 1) David's background includes employment with Orange Water and Sewer Authority. David later retired from the Town of Carrboro as Street Superintendent, where he worked with municipal infrastructure maintenance and planning. "I am honored with the opportunity to continue to serve the cooperative as they meet the many challenges of today by providing safe, affordable and reliable electric service while at the same time continuing to modernize the electrical grid to meet the member's needs and expectations related to outage notification, outage restoration, renewable energy generation and energy storage," David said.

DISTRICT 2 UNOPPOSED

RANDY KINLEY (DISTRICT 2) Randy Kinley has been a member of Piedmont Electric for 29 years and has served on the Board of Directors for 7 years. He has earned the his Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership and Director Gold education certificates. He has traveled with Piedmont Electric staff to Washington, D.C. and Raleigh to advocate issues for cost control. He and his wife Diane reside in the Hebron community of Orange County. They have four children. He is retired from Honda Power Equipment, in Swepsonville with 29 years of service. Randy is a member of Eastside Baptist Church of Mebane where he serves as song leader and Sunday School teacher.

DISTRICT 5 UNOPPOSED

STEVEN P. BAILEY (DISTRICT 5) Steven, a member of Piedmont Electric for 19 years, resides in the Woodsdale Community of Person County with his wife Ashley and their three children: Sam, Susan Claire and Margaret. Steven is a civil engineer employed by he North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and in his career has designed and managed projects for the public and private sector. He is a member of Long Memorial United Methodist Church where he has served in various capacities including the trustees and finance committees. Steven has served on the Person County Board of Health since 2005 and is currently chairman.

AT-LARGE DISTRICT UNOPPOSED

RICHAL VANHOOK (AT-LARGE DISTRICT) Richal has been a member of Piedmont Electric for 35 years and has served on the Board of Directors for 15 years. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned the Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential from NRECA. Richal resides in the Hurdle Mills Community of Orange County with his wife Savannah. He is retired from Orange County Government. Richal also serves on the following boards: Farm Bureau Insurance, Agricultural Preservation, Yolkfellow Prison Ministry, Cedar Grove Association and trustees of Lattisville Grove Church.