

Co-op elections coming up

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Every spring the Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. holds its annual meeting to do business that will affect every member for the coming year. If your name is on your electric bill you are a member of the co-op, and Anne Dorrough, District 6 Trustee and Chair of SEC's Board of Directors, encourages everyone to attend.

After skipping last year due to COVID-19 public health restrictions, Socorro Electric Cooperative is planning to go ahead with this year's annual meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 at Macey Center.

The main order of business this year is the election of two Trustee positions. Both positions are in District 3 - the city of Socorro - and prospective candidates are asked to file their candidacies by February 1. Any member residing within the Socorro city limits who wishes to be on the ballot must file a declaration of candidacy.

The two Trustee positions to be decided are currently held by Donald Wolbery and Leroy Anaya, both of whom are running for reelection. Trustee terms are three years.

The other Trustee in District 3, Luis Aguilar, has two years remaining in his term.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, candidates must call the co-op's office at 575-835-0560, Ext. 1001, or email service@socorroelectric.com to schedule an appointment to submit a completed Member Declaration of Candidacy form. The completed candidacy form must be received at the co-op office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1.

To enter the SEC office, everyone must follow SEC's COVID-19 requirements of face covering and body temperature check.

The registration period for the annual meeting is from 1-3 p.m. and the business meeting is set for 3-5 p.m. Three percent of the total membership is necessary for a quorum, which means approximately 300 needs to be registered.

All members will be able to vote on each race, regardless of the district in which they live.

Socorro Electric serves customers living in Catron, Cibola, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia counties.