

# Co-op meeting, election Saturday

by [John Larson](#) | August 20, 2015 | Filed under: [News](#)

A continuation of the Socorro Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting is this Saturday at Macey Center. Registration and voting will be from 1-3 p.m. The business meeting begins at 3 p.m.

The annual meeting on April 25 failed to meet a quorum with only 61 of the 272 members required. At the end of that meeting a motion to adjourn and reconvene the meeting in August was put to a vote. The motion passed by a majority vote of the members in attendance.

In addition to the reconvened annual meeting, the election of two trustees for District 3 will be held. The new bylaws mandate that the district for the City of Socorro have three trustees. Melissa Amaro is currently the sole trustee for the Socorro district.

According to attorney Bruce Wiggins, a quorum consists of those persons present at the meeting, so at least a quorum must register during the 1-3 p.m. time frame.

"For purposes of the election, the quorum is determined by the number of persons registered whether or not they are present at the beginning of the business meeting," Wiggins said. "If a quorum is registered, the trustees elected both by vote at the meeting and by mail in ballot will be seated as trustees."

Any member from any district can vote. Mail-in ballots will also be tallied, but mail in ballots do not count toward a quorum.

"If there is not a quorum present at the business meeting, no business can be conducted," he said. "[But] there is no requirement that the trustees be confirmed at the business meeting."

The election, although required, would be a formality since only two people have filed for candidacy for the two seats — Don Wolberg and Leroy Anaya.

Wolberg is a former trustee of District 3 who last served when the board numbered 11. In a candidate statement sent to members, Wolberg, a geologist by profession, said he has an in-depth comprehension of electricity generation resources from coal-fired, wind, solar, geothermal or hydroelectric, and has visited "virtually every New Mexico power station as well as the regional nuclear station."

"I understand the issues involving energy transportation by transmission line, pipelines and rail," he states.

Anaya was also a trustee for District 3 from 2005-2013.

"There are continuing changes in the business of the co-ops and keeping up to date on the changes is vital," he said in his candidate statement. Anaya also worked for the Socorro County Road Department for over 30 years, as well as serving as assistant coach for Socorro High School baseball and softball. To encourage attendance at the meeting, members who register will receive a \$25 energy credit.