

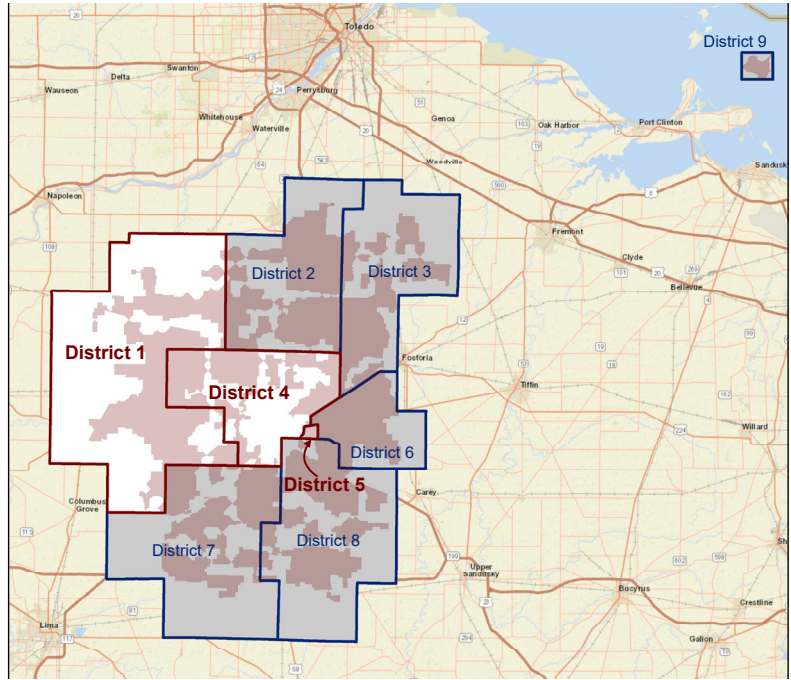
Accepting Petitions for the 2024 Board Election

Being a member-consumer of an electric cooperative means you have a say in the matters that affect you and your community. Hancock- Wood Electric is guided by a member-elected board of trustees that is responsible for making decisions related to the co-op’s financial goals and other policies. If you’re someone who is interested in taking a more active role in your cooperative, we urge you to consider running for a seat on the board.

A trustee should have the best interest of the cooperative at heart, without placing his or her own interest or agenda first — no one should serve on the board solely to assist the cooperative or for any personal gain. They should have the capability to guide the president and CEO through the formulation of sound policies that both protect the financial and operating integrity of the cooperative and protect the rights of the membership.

Members who live in districts 1, 4, or 5 are eligible to run for the board in 2024. District 1 consists of portions of Putnam and Henry Counties. District 4 consists of portions of Putnam, Henry and Wood Counties and District 5 consists of Hancock County (east side of Findlay). Not sure which district you’re in? It’s noted on your bill on the top right; or you can call our office to verify. If you are a qualified member in one of those districts, you can obtain a petition form from our office or at www.hwe.coop. After collecting the required signatures, return your petition form to the office by the March 15 deadline and your name will be placed on the election ballots sent to members in May. The results of our elections will be announced during our virtual annual meeting.

Any member can become a trustee on the board, and each district is designated by geographic area. In addition to



completing the petition form, a member must:

- Have been a member for at least three (3) years.
- Not have been an employee for three (3) years prior.
- Not be closely related to an employee.
- Not be employed by a financially interested competing enterprise, or a business selling electric power or supplies to the cooperative.

If you have any questions about the petition process or the election, please feel free to call our office at 800-445-4840 or email us at info@hwe.coop.

2024 Election Timeline

- March 15 • Petition deadline
- April 1 • President and CEO meets with candidates to provide election documents
- May 1 • Mailing of director election ballots (voting opens)
- May 22 • Return date for director election ballots (voting ends)
- June 12 • Virtual annual meeting