



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative Trustee. Member-owners of Hancock-Wood have a voice in the service they receive. Trustees represent the member voice. According to our Code of Regulations to run, a position must be available in your area, and to qualify, you must:

- Have been a member for at least three (3) years.
- Have not 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.

Any expired term resulting in an open seat on the Board of Trustees may be filled through a Petition Process by any interested and eligible member residing within the District of the open seat.

An eligible member of the Cooperative who is willing to serve as a Trustee may be nominated for election by a petition signed by twenty (20) or more Voting members within the same District as the open seat. Any eligible member who obtains and timely submits their application and required signatures will be nominated for election by the Voting members of the District.

The member's completed application and signature form shall be submitted to the Election Committee within (90) days of the annual meeting. The Election Committee or their assignees shall make a determination that any member who timely submits their application with the required signatures is otherwise qualified to serve as a Trustee. The slate of eligible and qualified candidates shall be submitted for vote to the members within the District. The candidate with the most votes from members within their respective Districts shall be declared the Trustee for the open seat.

Eligible members need to complete the petition form and return to our office located at 1399 Business Park Drive South, North Baltimore, Ohio and all signatures on petitions will be verified at that time by a member services representative. Members on Kelleys Island will submit completed petitions to the HWE island employee(s) for verification. Upon receipt, review, and approval of all completed petition signatures, the petitions will then be passed onto the election committee for certification.