

## Frequently Asked Questions

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#### **Q. What are the rights of members?**

**A.** Members rights are outlined in Tri-County's by-laws. In short, Members have the right to be heard at a meeting, to call a meeting and to vote on certain items at meetings. There are specific requirements that go along with each right.

#### **Q. What can members do to voice their concerns?**

**A.** According to the Tri-County by-laws, members may request a specially-called meeting by getting 10% of the electric cooperative membership to sign a petition making a meeting request. Right now, 10% of Tri-County's membership is 1,362 people.

Members may also call for the removal of the Tri-County board by acquiring a minimum of 300 member signatures on a petition.

All petitions have to be signed and turned into the Tri-County office so the staff may verify each person's membership.

#### **Q. How would I find out about a specially-called meeting?**

**A.** Tri-County notifies members of meetings via the mail.

#### **Q. What determines Tri-County board member compensation?**

**A.** South Carolina law allows reasonable compensation for board members to reimburse them for their time serving the cooperative. Tri-County board compensation is a combination of benefits, like insurance, and a per day amount that is paid to board members for every meeting they attend. The board scheduled over 50 meetings last year. The amount per meeting is \$450.

#### **Q. Where can I get a copy of the Tri-County by-laws?**

**A.** We have posted a copy of the Tri-County by-laws on our website. [www.tri-countyelectric.net](http://www.tri-countyelectric.net) You may also pick up a copy at the Tri-County Electric Cooperative office at 6473 Old State Road, St. Matthews, SC 29135.