

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 You may also pick up a copy at the Tri-County Electric Cooperative office at 6473 Old State Road, St. Matthews, SC 29135.