

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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| 1) <b>What is the purpose behind a Sawnee EMC District Meeting?</b>   | Sawnee EMC is a “cooperative” and is “democratically” controlled. The members of Sawnee “elect representatives” to serve on the co-op’s Board. The District Meeting is a meeting of members of a particular district to elect “who” will represent the members of that district on the SEMC Board.   |
| 2) <b>How often does Sawnee EMC have a District Meeting?</b>  | Generally, it is possible to have three (3) District Meetings each year in three (3) of Sawnee’s nine (9) eligible districts, on a rotating basis, as outlined in the Bylaws. It is not necessary to hold a District Meeting if there is no director election in an eligible district.   |
| 3) <b>Who can participate in these District Meetings?</b>   | Only those individuals who are listed as a “member” in that district of Sawnee’s service area can participate. A district is defined by a geographic area outlined in the Bylaws (See Section 4.03, “Directorate Districts”).  |
| 4) <b>So, are only the members who are assigned in a District allowed to vote for a director at their District Meeting?</b> | Yes. Each member of Sawnee EMC has a designated directorate district and can only cast their member vote for their representative in their district. There are requirements that govern “who” is defined as the member and “where” their voting district is, so be sure to ask if you are not sure.  |
| 5) <b>What are the dates of the 2010 District Meetings and where will they be held?</b>                                     | For 2010, there are three (3) District Meetings in which elections <u>could</u> occur as provided for by the Bylaws of the Cooperative and they are District #2 – September 7 <sup>th</sup> ; District #7 – September 8 <sup>th</sup> ; and District #9 – September 9 <sup>th</sup> . The exact locations of these meetings are still in the planning stage and will be provided to the members of these districts once it has been established that an election will be held. |
| 6) <b>Is there a situation where we could <u>NOT</u> hold a district meeting in a given year?</b>                           | Yes. If only one (1) candidate is seeking the office of Director of the Corporation for a particular district, Sawnee’s Bylaws provide that the Corporation is not required to go to the expense of holding a district meeting.  |
| 7) <b>How do name(s) of candidates get considered by the members of a district?</b>   | The Bylaws provide for two (2) paths for this to occur – the Committee on Nominations and the petition process. A Committee on Nominations, made up of members from that district, is appointed to place a name(s) before the membership in a district for consideration. Also, the Bylaws allow petitions to be submitted separate from the Committee on Nominations process.   |

- 8) **How will I know if there is going to be a District Meeting in my area this year?** You will receive a notice in the mail announcing the meeting information and describing the candidates who are seeking the position of Director in your district and the election process.
- 9.) **How can I vote at the District Meeting if there is an election?** To vote, the account must be in your name and the account(s) must be assigned to the district in which an election is to occur. More information about these activities is available.
- 10.) **How can I learn what District I am located in?** This information is readily available – call and we can tell you. Several tools have also been developed to make it easy to learn your assigned district. This website has maps (pdf images) as well as an internet application to provide this information.
- 11.) **Where can I learn more about the District Meeting process and activities?** You can click on the “contact us” link, call the office of the President and CEO or drop us a note. We have many items on this site and will be glad to answer any questions that you have as well as send you more information.