



Charter Election Committee

Type

As needed annually and for special elections, appointed by the Board according to the Election Policy.

Accountability

The Election Committee serves under the general direction of the Policy Committee. The committee has no independent authority to direct the general manager or any co-op staff or to commit any of the Co-op's resources. Each committee member is authorized to carry out the provisions and purposes of the Election Policy unless otherwise specified therein. Committee members failing to adhere to the policy may be removed.

Purpose

The committee's responsibility is the impartial administration of all SNFC elections in accordance with the Bylaws and the Election Code. Such elections include regular and special elections of Board members, as well as balloting pursuant to any proposed measures or advisory surveys. This committee is mandated by the Bylaws.

Specific Duties

The duty of the election committee is to conduct the annual election or any special election in a fair, impartial, timely, and honest manner. The committee shall follow the detailed duties and timeline of the Election Code.

Chair

Appointed by the Board of Directors. No chair shall serve for more than 3 consecutive years

Committee Make-Up

At least 3 members who are neither Board members, Board candidates, employees, nor household shoppers associated with any of these, unless such restrictions threaten the timely conduct of any election. Because of the complex duties of the Election Committee, as well as its interim nature, SNFC staff has a significant role in conducting the business of the Election Committee. Therefore the Board administrator shall serve as a nonvoting member on the committee to provide continuity, administrative support, and expertise in election administration and the Election Code.

Meetings

The committee will meet as often as deemed necessary for its functions.

Budget

Included with the budget established for the Board of Directors.