Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Owned by those we serve since 1939

Your VOTE is important.

Washington Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity employer and energy provider owned by its members since 1939. As a member-owner of Washington Electric Cooperative, you have the benefit of participating in the "one member = one vote" democratic process that is unique to cooperatives. This means you not only have the ability to elect member-owners to the Board of Directors, but you also have the opportunity to participate in the meetings of the member-owners.

This year you are being asked to vote for up to three (3) of the five (5) candidates running for three (3) positions on the Board. (Learn about the candidates by reading the material enclosed in the Annual Meeting issue of *Co-op Currents* or online at wec.coop/annual-meeting).

Who Can Vote?

Only the person duly authorized by the corporation, municipality, or institution, as indicated on the Voting Authorization Form (see reverse side), may vote.

Where and How You Can Vote?

In 2024, voting may be done by mail *and* in person at the Annual Meeting on May 2. All mailed ballots **must be received by the Barre Post Office by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024** in order to be counted. Please allow 3-4 days for in-state delivery and 6-8 days for out-of-state delivery. **Ballots mailed or dropped off at the Co-op will NOT be counted.**

When Are Ballots Considered Spoiled or a Vote Void?

A ballot/vote will be marked spoiled/void if any of the following conditions are met:

- No signature on the official envelope
- Signature does not match the name on the envelope
- Too many candidates or write-ins
- Ballots are not mailed in the business reply envelope provided
- More than one director ballot in an official ballot envelope
- The intent of the voter is not clear (e.g., too many votes cast on a ballot), or
- Write-in is not a WEC member

Make Sure Your Ballots Count

Corporations, municipalities, schools, and churches must complete the authorization form on the reverse side of this sheet for their ballots to be counted.

After reading about the candidates…

- Mark your ballot for no more than three (3) candidates.
- Securely seal the ballot and accompanying authorization form inside the enclosed official ballot envelope. For additional privacy, you may place the ballot in your own envelope before placing it in the official ballot envelope.
- Sign the official ballot envelope. **Ballot envelopes not signed will NOT be counted.**
- Place the official ballot envelope in the business reply envelope and drop it in the mail so it is received by the Barre Post Office no later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1.

BALLOT

1. **VOTE FOR UP TO 3 DIRECTORS**
2. **COMPLETE AUTHORIZATION FORM**
3. **PLACE BALLOT & FORM IN OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE**
4. **SIGN OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE**
5. **PLACE OFFICIAL BALLOT ENVELOPE IN BUSINESS REPLY ENVELOPE**
6. **MAIL BUSINESS REPLY ENVELOPE TO BARRE POST OFFICE BEFORE MAY 1**

Vote for no more than three (3) of the following candidates for WEC's Board of Directors by filling in the circle of the candidate(s) or write-in(s). If you choose to vote for a write-in, please print the name(s) legibly and be sure she/he is a WEC Member.

- ○ Stephen Knowlton
- ○ Olivia Campbell Andersen
- ○ Richard Rubin
- ○ Ian Buchanan
- ○ Pat Barnes
- ○ Write-in _____
- ○ Write-in _____
- ○ Write-in _____

Voting Authorization Form for Corporations, Government Agencies, Municipal Bodies, Schools & Churches

Sole proprietorships and self-owned businesses do not need to submit this authorization form to vote. Simply return your director and bylaw amendment ballots in the official ballot envelope provided.

Corporations, government agencies, municipal bodies, schools, and churches must complete this voting authorization form, have the form notarized, and enclose it with the ballots in the return envelope.

Voting Authorization Form for Corporations, Government Agencies, Municipal Bodies, Schools, and Churches

I, _____, _____ of _____,

_____, Vermont, WEC Account No. _____, certify that on

_____, _____ 20___, a quorum of the members of _____ met and duly authorized the undersigned to cast the enclose ballots as marked for the WEC Business Meeting only to be held on May 2, 2024.

Dated at _____ on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signed: _____
Authorized Officer

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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Notary Public