

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS \_\_\_\_\_ V-A-1**

**I. OBJECTIVE:**

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to hold Board of Trustee meetings that are open and transparent to Cooperative members. The date, time and location of regular or special Board meetings will be posted on the Cooperative website and members are invited and encouraged to attend. Non-members and Press may attend but may not address the Board.

**II. POLICY:**

It is understood that members of the Cooperative Board of Trustees are elected by the membership to serve as fiduciaries on the member's behalf, fulfilling all aspects of their responsibility under federal and state laws and regulations and the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. In fulfilling this responsibility and in a good faith effort to be responsive to the membership of this Cooperative, it shall be the policy of the Board of Trustees to afford the members with every opportunity to meet with the Board. Members are encouraged to discuss any concerns or problems a member may have regarding the Cooperative operations or policies with the Cooperative's Manager or staff however, this does not preclude a member's ability to meet with the Board at a regular or special meeting if it is the member's desire to do so.

At the beginning of each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, there is a member comment period. In view of time limitations, members are asked to limit their comments to no more than 5 minutes. Although the Board will take comments under consideration, no interaction with Board may be taken at that meeting.

It is understood that a member or a member representing a group of members may attend part or all of a regular Board meeting. The member is not allowed to participate in any debate or discussion unless approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board members and recognized by the presiding officer for the meeting.

In the event a member or members feel they would like to meet with the Board of Trustees to discuss requests, concerns or problems, they may do so at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees providing that:

- A. The member or members request such a meeting in writing to the Board President at least 10 days prior to the next regular Board meeting, asking to be placed on the Board Agenda, specifying the reason(s) that they deem such a meeting to be necessary. If the members comprise a group, the Board President may request the group size be limited in order to accommodate such a meeting with the Board.
- B. The members understand that it will not be the common practice of the Board to take action or make a decision on any requests, items or issues until the Board convenes in its regular session and can further consider the matter. After consideration by the Board, the Board President will advise the member or members of the decision or action of the Board if the matter was deemed to require Board action.

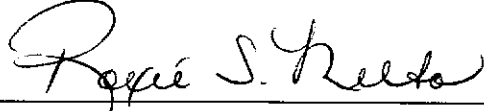
### **III. RESPONSIBILITY:**

- A. The Manager shall make every effort to address all problems and concerns of any member or members in a courteous and helpful manner. If after the Manager's and/or staff attempts to solve the members concern or problem, a resolution has not been achieved to the member's satisfaction, the Manager will explain the process to arrange for the member(s) to meet with the Board at its next regular meeting. If the situation is one that needs the Board's immediate attention, a Special meeting with the Board can be requested.
- B. The President of the Board of Trustees shall respond to all such requests and, if a meeting with a member or members is granted, shall cause a special meeting to be scheduled and all Board members to be so notified, as well as informed to the nature of the subject matter to be heard, or if Board President, deems a member should be heard at a regular board meeting, the Chairman shall include the member(s) scheduled appearance on the Board Agenda.
- C. The President of the Board of Trustees is responsible for adherence to this policy.

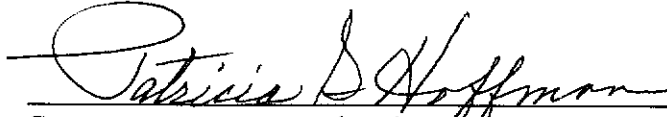
### **IV. REVIEW DATE:**

This policy should be reviewed at the first Board of Trustees' meeting two years after the last revision or review.

V. **APPROVED:**



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President - Beartooth Electric Cooperative



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Secretary - Beartooth Electric Cooperative

Date: November 9, 2007

Amended: November 23, 2010

December 30, 2011 (significant changes to entire policy)

Reviewed: