

ARTICLE III - Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held once a year at such time and place within one of the counties served by the Cooperative, or by means of remote communication, as shall be designated by the board of trustees, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. In the event that the national welfare or the best interest of the Cooperative shall, in the judgment of the trustees, demand a postponement or cancellation of the annual meeting, such annual meeting may be postponed or cancelled. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not have any adverse effect on the Cooperative.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the board of trustees or upon a written request signed by any three trustees, by the president, or by ten per centum or more of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within one of the counties served by the Cooperative or by means of remote communication, specified in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business other than that listed in Section 7 of this article is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten days nor more than twenty-five days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. In case of a joint membership, notice given to either member shall be deemed a notice for both. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. If the total number of members does not exceed five hundred, ten per centum of the total number of members present shall constitute a quorum. In case the total number of members shall exceed five hundred, fifty members or five per centum of the members, whichever shall be the larger, shall constitute a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice, provided that the secretary shall notify any absent members of the time and place of such adjourned meeting.

Section 5. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation, or these bylaws.

Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members and, so far as possible, at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

1. Report as to the number of members present in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Acknowledgment of the notice of the meeting and proof of the date of publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting.
3. Presentation of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees, and committees
5. Election of trustees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment