

Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BOARD POLICY: A-6

SUBJECT: Member, Consumer, News Media and Guest Attending Board of Directors Meetings and Addressing the Board of Directors

I. OBJECTIVE

To provide a policy and procedure for Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc. (GCEA) members (Members), GCEA consumers (Consumers), members of the news media (News Media) and persons who are not Members, Consumers or News Media (Guests) to attend meetings of the Board of Directors (Board) and to provide a policy and procedure for Members, Consumers, News Media and Guests to address the Board.

II. POLICY

A. Attending Board Meetings

1. Members, Consumers and News Media may attend all Board meetings.
2. Guests must obtain advance approval of the President of the Board (President) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) before the Guest will be allowed to attend a Board meeting.
3. Certain matters including, but not limited to, personnel, contract negotiation, litigation, potential litigation and other confidential matters may be addressed by the Board in an executive session outside the presence of Members, Consumers, News Media and Guests.

B. Addressing the Board

1. Members will be given an opportunity to address the Board on any matter concerning the policies and business of GCEA at any regular meeting of the Board. Members must obtain advance approval of the President and CEO before being allowed to address the Board on any matter concerning the policies and business of GCEA at any special meeting of the Board.
2. Consumers, News Media and Guests must obtain advance approval of the President and CEO before being allowed to address the Board on any matter concerning the policies and business of GCEA at any regular or special meeting of the Board.
3. The Board encourages Members, Consumers, News Media and/or Guests, who have an issue(s) concerning the policies and business of GCEA to attempt to resolve the issue(s) with GCEA management or staff before addressing or seeking approval to address the issue(s) with the Board. In the event resolution of the issue(s) is not obtained through discussions with GCEA management or staff, the Board encourages Members, Consumers, News Media and/or Guests to present the issue(s) to the CEO for consideration and resolution before addressing or seeking approval to address the issue(s) with the Board.

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4. If a Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest has requested, and the CEO and President has authorized the Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest to be a specific agenda item on the Board meeting agenda, the Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest may address the Board at the designated time on the Board meeting agenda. Otherwise, a Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest may address the Board on any matter concerning the policies and business of GCEA only during the time period designated in the Board meeting agenda. Addressing the Board during a time period other than that designated on the Board meeting agenda will not be permitted without authorization by the Board.
5. The Board may place reasonable, viewpoint-neutral restrictions on the amount and duration of any Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest comment to or discussion with the Board.
6. The Board will take the issue(s) of any Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest under advisement until a reasonable effort to obtain all relevant information regarding such issue(s) has been made. The Board may direct the issue(s) to the appropriate Board committee or CEO for further evaluation and investigation. Upon reaching a decision regarding the issue(s), the Board will communicate its decision to the Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest who expressed the issue(s).

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the CEO to administer this policy and to forward to the President all requests to attend a Board meeting and/or to address the Board.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the President and CEO to consider Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest requests for possible inclusion as agenda items at the next available Board meeting if so requested by the Member, Consumer, News Media or Guest.

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Board President

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