Frequently asked questions regarding voting at the Annual Membership Meeting

Q: Can any person receive more than one ballot and vote more than one time?
A: No. No person can receive more than one ballot or vote more than one time.

Q: I have five different account numbers. Can I register each and every account?
A: No. The Cooperative Bylaws allow one vote per member without regard for how many accounts a member has.

Q: Can a member vote by proxy for another member?
A: No. Proxy voting is not allowed under Cooperative Bylaws and all matters must be voted in person.

Q: Can I register under both my residence and my business?
A: No. The Cooperative Bylaws state that each member is entitled to only one vote. It has been the Cooperative's practice that no person may receive more than one ballot. An organization, church, trust, corporation, partnership, governmental agency, limited liability company or sole proprietorship which holds a separate membership certificate is entitled to vote. It would be proper for the entity to supply an affidavit authorizing a voting representative. In so doing, the entity may designate an authorized voting representative on behalf of such entity.

Q: Can I register under my business and my spouse register under my residence?
A: Yes, if you are a member of the Cooperative, and as long as no person receives more than one ballot or votes more than one time and the business has a separate member number from the residential service. An affidavit, resolution or other documentation will be necessary if the business is an organization, church, trust, corporation, partnership, governmental agency, limited liability company or sole proprietorship and so long as no person receives more than one ballot or votes more than one time.

Q: Can an employee register and vote on behalf of my sole-proprietorship business?
A: No. The owner of a sole-proprietorship business would be the only person allowed to register to vote on behalf of the business. Allowing an employee to register to vote on behalf of a sole-proprietorship business constitutes a vote by proxy which is not allowed under Cooperative Bylaws.

Q: Can I register under my church?
A: Members can register on behalf of a church provided that person has a resolution, affidavit or other proper documentation authorizing the person registering to vote and so long as the authorized voting representative receives only one ballot and votes only one time.

Q: I am an elected official (county, city, state). Can I register under one of the agency's accounts which represent a membership in the Cooperative?
A: Members can register on behalf of a governmental agency provided that the person has a resolution, affidavit or other proper documentation from the agency authorizing the person to register and vote. Again, no person can receive more than one ballot or vote more than one time.

Q: Do I have to be present at the time of voting?
A: If the Annual Meeting is held in person, yes.

Q: If I am standing in line at the time registration closes, will I still be allowed to register to vote?
A: Yes.

Q: If I walk in the door a few minutes after 10 a.m. but there is still a line, will I be allowed to vote?
A: No.

Footnote: For the purpose of voting eligibility, an active Cooperative member is defined as a person, business or organization that purchases retail communication services within the Cooperative's service area. Retail communication services purchased in the following areas will generally qualify as Cooperative memberships — 279 (House), 355 (Fort Sumner), 357 (Grady), 372 (Weber City), 374 (Clayton), 389 (Pleasant Hill), 421 (El Valle), 422 (White Lakes), 423 (Bingham), 427 (Anton Chico), 456 (Bellview), 458 (Ragland), 472 (Santa Rosa), 481 (Farwell, TX), 485 (Roy), 487 (Logan), 575 (East Glenrio, TX), 576 (San Jon), 584 (Vaughn), 633 (Nara Visa), 641 (Trementina), 673 (Mosquero), 683 (South Clovis), 849 (Corona), 868 (Conchas Dam) or 985 (Ranchvale). Subscriptions to Plateau services outside these areas do not qualify. Retail communication services generally include landline telephone and/or broadband internet.