

## Ellis named General Manager at North Star Electric



**Ann Ellis**  
General Manager

After 13 years with North Star Electric Cooperative, 36 years in the industry and successes that include the new M-State line workers' training facility, North Star Electric Cooperative's General Manager Dan Hoskins is retiring. The board of directors conducted a national search for his replacement and has hired Ann Ellis as his replacement effective June 3. Ellis has been managing the cooperative's office for 28 years, describes herself as a servant-leader who thrives on challenges with a purpose, and adds,

"Delivering something as essential as electricity with our nonprofit/cooperative business model makes me look forward to coming to work every day. I will do my very best to be a great leader who effectively accomplishes the goals of our members with integrity and dedication to all." North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a member-owned rural electric cooperative serving 6,388 households and businesses from Warroad to Orr with 1,434 miles of power lines, \$42 million of utility plant and \$14 million in annual revenue.

## North Star Electric Cooperative 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Mark your calendars, as North Star Electric will be 75 years old on June 23, 2015. We will host a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Tuesday, June 23, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the cooperative headquarters in Baudette. Because this is our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we decided that instead of a brat cookout we will have a shore lunch with all the trimmings, including walleye, bacon, beans, coleslaw, buns and cake. Tickets for the shore lunch will be at the registration table (**you must register at the registration table to get a ticket for the shore lunch**).

We will offer bus service for our members from the eastern side of our system (see bus schedule included in this issue). Be sure to give us a call as quickly as possible to reserve a seat

because the buses may fill up fast. We will offer building tours, present a solar demonstration, showcase our equipment, give bucket truck rides, present an electrical safety demonstration, do face painting and make cotton candy and popcorn.

We are looking for members who may have old cooperative photos, memorabilia and stories to share for projects we are creating in honor of our 75 years. We would like to hear from any member who can remember when their lights turned on for the first time or who has unique stories about how electricity changed their lives. We plan to use these items/information to create, display and publish articles. Please note that any photo and memorabilia submitted to the cooperative will be returned to their owners as soon as the event is over.

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*Celebration for  
members is scheduled  
for Tuesday, June 23,  
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at our Baudette  
headquarters*



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## Members' corner

We added a section called members' corner. What we would like is for members to send in questions about your electric cooperative, and we will answer them for you. Please give us your name and a phone number in case we need to clarify the question, and send them to North Star Electric, PO Box 719, Baudette, MN, 56623, Attn: Wayne.



## North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc. Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our member-owners and community by responsibly providing clean, affordable, electric energy and other beneficial services while maintaining the very highest standards of performance and member satisfaction.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

# Highlights from the BOARDROOM

These are the highlights from the board of directors' May 1 meeting. All board members were in attendance. In addition to routine motions the board voted to submit a grant application to CoBank to support the Kabetogama Area First Responders, to approve the \$352.49 adjustment for the 2015 annual inventory adjustment and to approve the IRS 990 form.

Staff reports included the financial report, below budget sales, grassroots efforts at the Capitol, the final advance from the 2011-2014 construction work plan loan, DBS capital credits, dual heat sales, Operation Round Up, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the June power plant tour, new service requests, line inspection, this

summer's contracted construction work to be done in the Pelland Junction area, destruction of power poles caused by grass fires and first aid training.

Board reports included an update from the Economic Development Committee meeting, the Roseau Electric Cooperative annual meeting and the Minnkota Power Cooperative's board meeting.

Detailed minutes are available at the cooperative for member review. Regular board meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board, or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact Manager Ann Ellis at least two weeks in advance to be included on the agenda.



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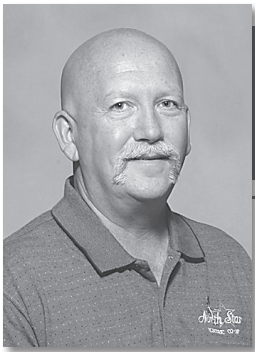
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**Dan Hoskins**  
General Manager

# MANAGER'S REPORT

that your cooperative is still in great shape, and probably much better shape than it was years ago. But we all know that was a way different time period. Equipment-wise and technology-wise we are ahead of that time period, but I believe our reason for being here is still the same; to provide dependable, reliable electricity at our lowest cost!

So, Happy Birthday North Star Electric Cooperative. To celebrate, we will have a shore lunch with all the trimmings on our birthday, Tuesday, June 23, at the headquarters building north of Baudette on State Highway 172 NW from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Stop by and see us, register, get your lunch ticket and pick up your bucket of goodies. We also have a few other things going on and you can check out our ad in this edition of the *Enlightener*. Hope to see you there.

When I was a kid, there were a bunch of us in the neighborhood who played army, or sports of some kind, mostly baseball, and we had so much fun doing this (Barry Berggren, 140-06-003-07). Those days seemed like they would last forever, and when it was time for us to all go to our homes, we were plum tuckered out. But we were excited because we got to do it all over again the next day! Then we got a little older, interests changed, kids moved in and out, and then one day, even I left those streets to pursue another interest.

Well, that's the way my job has gone, having so much fun at my job, going home, but excited because I get to return the next day. But then we get older, things change and a new interest has entered my life that comes with age, and it's called retirement. Thirty-six years ago, I believed this day would never come and it wasn't even on my radar. Even my last review was 16 months ago, and what I thought was a long time away is now here!

Well, this is my last article for the North Star Electric Cooperative monthly newsletter, the *Enlightener*. Although I am far from perfect when it comes to penning an article, I tried to be creative to get your attention and to let you all know what was going on in our industry, who was doing what and how it was going to affect you and/or your power bill. And, by the phone calls I received, or the on the street visits or the social gathering talks, good or bad, I would say I succeeded.

I have enjoyed every bit of my 13 years as your general manager and I would like to throw a few thank yous out there. The first one is obvious; the 2002 board of directors who hired me. Without their intuition, trust and fiduciary duty to their cooperative, July 23, 2002, might not have happened for me. Also, I would like to thank the current board of directors who

have worked with me on so many things. They have gone with me to meetings to educate themselves on issues and they are a good bunch of folks who represent you very well.

Second, a general manager/CEO is only as good as their employees, and I tell you now and always, this group of employees at North Star is second to none, and I thank them all for their trust in me, their hard work, professionalism, integrity and for their caring of their jobs and the responsibilities they have for our cooperative and all our member-owners. They work well for you!

I always told my kids to learn something from someone every day, whether it's a friend, family member, co-worker, boss or a stranger, pick something up from them and hang onto it, you may need it in the future. So, with that I thank all the people I have had the pleasure of crossing paths with, because believe it or not, I probably learned something from you!

I thank you, the member-owners of North Star Electric Cooperative. You are the reason we are all here at the cooperative; you own, control and support our cooperative by purchasing our electricity. I have always told our employees this is a great group of member-owners because whether there is a rate increase, a state mandate or a change in our industry by federal regulation, no matter what, you get involved. You have tremendous understanding and when asked, you speak the truth, so thank you for that.

I thank my parents who taught me a lot before they left. My dad's easygoing personality, his sense of humor and his politeness and patience. My mother's firm hand, and if you ever got it on the bottom, you would know what I'm saying, it was firm but, I deserved each one! Her belief that I am better than no one, but by golly no one is better than me either, and finally, if you are going to work for someone, be there on time and give them a good day's work and earn your pay!

I also want to thank my family. No words can ever cross my lips enough to say what they mean to me. My wife, Sharon, of 40 years, well dang near, Oct. 3 it will be 40, anyway, she has been beside me every step of the way! Thirty-six years in the industry and she has been there with me from the first day on the job at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, through the outages as a lineman, to the career change that brought us to North Star Electric Cooperative. Sometimes when I stumble, she was right there. So Sharon, thank you and I love you dearly.

And our children, whom I would lay down my life for, Sharbee and Brittany, they understood when dad couldn't come to a ballgame, or a concert or something special for them. But I couldn't be there because of work and they understood (Arne Wuorinen, 716-05-027-05). They were very supportive of my job and never made a big deal about my absence, well maybe except one Labor Day holiday, huh Brittany! Anyway, thank you guys!

And, of course, I thank my God. Through my prayers,

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# We are Looking for you!

Listed on the following pages are the names of past and present members of North Star Electric who have unclaimed capital credits remaining on our books. Before year-end, the remaining unclaimed capital credits for the names listed on these pages will be donated to local charitable organizations. If you recognize any names in this publication, please have that person or their authorized representative contact our office for further instructions on how the unclaimed amounts may be distributed. Thank you for your assistance.

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ROMIG, BILLIE D.  
ROSS, DONALD  
ST. CROIX, GERARD  
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THOMPSON, CHARLES

**RED WING, MINN.**  
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THOMAS, M. W.

**RICHFIELD, MINN.**  
OFTEDAHL, ANNA (EST.)

OFTEDAHL, MAY J.

**ROCHERT, MINN.**  
NOLAN, BARBARA

**ROOSEVELT, MINN.**  
BROUSE, WILLIS J.  
FANSON, JEFFREY A.  
JOHN, BRANDON K.  
KNUTSON, ROD  
KRUPICH, MICHELLE  
LAONA TOWNSHIP HALL  
OLSON, IRVIN L.  
REIHE, FARRELL  
REIHE, LISA  
RUSSELL, DON  
SCHELL, MARTIN R.  
SMITH, DANIEL  
SMITH, DAVID A.  
STOREY, DAVID  
ULLYOTT, JOEL  
VILAYSONE, LACKKY  
VOLL, LYLE  
WEAVER, GERALD

**ROSEAU, MINN.**  
ERICKSON, CLARENCE E.  
HAMANN, HERBERT (EST.)  
JOHNSON, LUANN  
KUKOWSKI, ALLAN  
NELSON, E. H.

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ROGERS, BERNIECE

**SAINT CLOUD, MINN.**  
BRUSTAD, ROSS  
BURGESS, RICHARD E.  
FRUTH, MARTIN

**SAINT LOUIS PARK, MINN.**  
CHANDLER, MARK

**SAINT PAUL, MINN.**  
CILIBERTO, GERRY  
HANE, ETHEL  
JOHNSON, RODNEY  
NEWMAN, OLIVER (EST.)  
PAINTER, FREDERICK

**SALOL, MINN.**  
BAILEY, JANICE  
MATTSON, CLIFFORD  
VOLK, LAVERN  
WENNER, WINTON E.

**SCANDIA, MINN.**  
JOHNSON, ALAN H.  
JOHNSON-LINDBERG  
SHALEEN, GLENDON L.

**SHAKOPEE, MINN.**  
EDEEN, DENNIS

**STEPHEN, MINN.**  
TRANE, BERTEN

**STRANDQUIST, MINN.**  
JENSEN, HAROLD

**THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.**  
FISH, RILEY  
HAROLDSON, MYRON  
HICKS, JAY  
KEEFE, JEFF  
MILLSOP, STEPHENIE  
NELSON, GREGORY  
NELSON, SCOTT  
PROTZ, ROBERT

**VESTA, MINN.**  
MALONE, CLIFFORD W.

**VIKING, MINN.**  
DAHLE, MICHAEL

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BERG, MELINDA  
EBERT, ANN M.  
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LIABRAATEN, ORVILLE O.  
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SANTMIRE, RAY

**WAITE PARK, MINN.**  
PRICE, AMY

**WARREN, MINN.**  
MATTISON, TODD

**WARROAD, MINN.**  
ADAMS, MICHAEL  
BERGGREN, DONOVAN  
BROWN, STACEY  
DOKKEN, JEFF  
DOWERS, DORIS B. (EST.)  
ETLICK, LINDA  
FRUETEL, DAWN  
KINGERY, BRENT  
LORENZ, JOHN (EST.)  
MOLSTAD, TIM  
NORDGAARD, KELLY  
OLSON, DUANE G.  
OLSONOSKI, ALLEYN  
PEDERSEN, CARL  
PROSSER, LARAE  
REGNIER, BRAD  
SEELEY, HAROLD  
SIPOLA, CINDY  
STEVENS, LAURA  
WACHSMUTH, G.  
WALZ, SHELLEY  
ZAVISKA, RUSSELL

**WEST SAINT PAUL, MINN.**  
BURKE, MICHAEL P.

**WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN.**  
GAZDA, KENNETH  
MAGNUSON, RON

**WILLIAMS, MINN.**  
BAKER, LEWIS E.  
FIELD, HELMER R.  
FISH, AGNES L.  
FRIESNER, DEL  
GINTER, JERRY  
HARDWICK, MICHAEL L.  
HOEFER, VINCENT F.  
HOLLERUD, WALTER (EST.)  
JOHNS, BARRY  
LARSON, MARVIN E.  
MARTIN, LARRY  
MCCANN, WILLIAM A.  
OLSON, MARGIE M.  
PAGNAC, MARY E.  
PEPPERLING, ANNA  
RANGER, J. C.  
REMINGTON, TOM (EST.)  
ROGINA, ROLAND (EST.)  
SKETERS, DORA  
TAYLOR, FRANK  
WALKER, WILLIS F. (EST.)  
WASHABAUGH, PATTIE P.


**WILLMAR, MINN.**  
KENNARD, MARGARET

**WOODBURY, MINN.**  
MOYER, GEORGE W.

**WYOMING, MINN.**  
DEGIDIO, DON  
SWIFT, GERRY

**ZIMMERMAN, MINN.**  
CLOUTIER, KAREN  
MILLS, MURRAY I.

## Rhubarb/ Blueberry Jam



### Directions

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Mix ingredients together and cook until rhubarb is done. Add 2 small boxes of dry raspberry Jell-O. Stir until well dissolved. Pour into sterilized jars and seal. You can also use strawberry pie filling and strawberry Jell-O for rhubarb/strawberry jam.

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Makes 8-9 jars. Submitted by J. Lavalla

### Ingredients

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7 cups cut up rhubarb  
4 cups sugar  
(1) 20 oz. can blueberry pie filling

## Current electrical inspectors

State law requires that every new electrical installation in any construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall file a certificate for inspection and be inspected by a Minnesota electrical inspector. For more information go to Minnesota Department of Labor and Industries website ([dli.mn.gov](http://dli.mn.gov)) and go to the electrical page.

### • Lake of the Woods, St. Louis and Koochiching counties:

Curt Collier ([cgcollier67@gmail.com](mailto:cgcollier67@gmail.com))  
Phone: (218) 966-5070  
Call to set up an appointment between 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

### • Roseau County:

Scott Stenvik  
Phone: (218) 689-5406  
Call to set up an appointment between 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)





# Free Bus Service to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Call or send us a note to confirm  
your seat on the bus.

The bus is free, but please give us a call or drop a note to let us know that you plan to ride. Also, it would be helpful to know where you plan to board. With your help, we can make sure everyone finds a seat.

Call us to confirm your seat on the bus

634-2202 (Baudette)  
or 278-6658 (Littlefork)  
or toll-free (888) 634-2202

**Bus schedule for North Star Electric  
Cooperative's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
- Baudette Headquarters -  
*Tuesday, June 23, 2015***

## EAST ROUTE 1

Kabetogama	Gateway Store	10:45 a.m.
Ray	Woodland Inn (park at north end)	10:55 a.m.
Roger's Corner	Store	11:05 a.m.
International Falls	Menard's	11:20 a.m.
Pelland Junction	Y-Knot Quick Stop (park at north end by Highway 11)	11:30 a.m.

## EAST ROUTE 2

Big Falls	Community Building	10:50 a.m.
Littlefork	Restaurant	11:15 a.m.
Pelland Junction	Y-Knot Quick Stop (park at north end by Highway 11)	11:30 a.m.
Loman	Church	11:40 a.m.
Birchdale	Church	12:00 p.m.

## Destination

*North Star Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Headquarters, Baudette, Minn.*

# Know how to stay safe from lightning strikes

***June 24-30 is Lightning Safety Week***



A rainy day can all too quickly turn into a disaster when thunder and lightning are present. The high level of voltage in lightning

is not something with which to take chances. According to data collected by the National Weather Service, 287 lightning fatalities were reported between 2006 and 2014. Knowing how to stay protected in a storm is key to preventing a tragedy and costly injuries.

There is no safe place from lightning when you are outside (Melvin Gaetzke, 556-43-103-01). The best way to stay safe from the threat of lightning is to stay inside and avoid interacting with any appliances, electrical outlets and wires, cables, phone lines, water and piping.

Preparation is also important. Listen to, watch or download weather forecasts so that you know if there is a chance of severe weather. If there is a chance, reschedule the activity or make sure you can get to a safe location if a thunderstorm develops. Safe shelters are in fully enclosed buildings or in a fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle.

Open vehicles, such as convertibles, motorcycles and golf carts, are not safe. Open structures, such as porches, gazebos, pavilions and baseball dugouts, are not safe either.

Before the thunderstorm, turn off or unplug corded appliances, stay away from television sets and do not depend on surge protectors to absorb a lightning strike. Turn off your air conditioner to help protect the compressor from a potential power surge and costly repairs from the storm.

Also, during the thunderstorm, do not lie on concrete floors and avoid leaning on concrete walls. Lightning can travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring.

After a storm, wait until 30 minutes have passed without lightning or thunder before returning outside. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the area in which it is raining. If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and care for the victim immediately. You are not in danger of being shocked or electrocuted by the victim.

The potential long-term effects of a lightning strike can be just as brutal as the accident itself, so take precautions. Check weather forecasts, and plan to be inside a safe shelter.

For more information, visit **SafeElectricity.org** and watch the short video, "Caught in a Storm."

# MANAGER'S REPORT

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my trust, my belief and whom I owe everything to, if it wasn't for him, I would have none of this! So I thank God for letting me be a part of this industry, and crossing paths with so many good people.

At our annual meeting last October, I mentioned Honor and Privilege, two words that I consider a part of my departure. I have been very honored and so, so, privileged to have been your general manager for the past 13 years. Never, and I mean never, in my wildest dreams when I started my career in the industry in Flasher, N.D., did I have the foresight to have seen this part of my life. It has been absolutely superb!

My last final act is to introduce you to your new leader and general manager

of North Star Electric Cooperative, Ann Ellis. Ann has been with the cooperative for more than 37 years and was our Assistant General Manager/Finance Manager. As of June 3, Ann has taken over the reins and we wish her the very best.

God bless you and our troops, Dan

COME SEE US  
AT THE  
**FAIR!**

Northern District, Littlefork  
**July 9-12!**

Lake of the Woods, Baudette  
**July 15-18!**



## Problems paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, the following agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.

**Lake of the Woods County  
Social Services**  
206 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Suite 200  
Baudette, MN 56623  
634-2642

**Northwest Community  
Action Council**  
P.O. Box 67  
Badger, MN 56714-0067  
800-568-5329

**Koochiching County  
Community Services**  
1000 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
International Falls, MN 56649  
283-7000

**Kootasca Community  
Action, Inc.**  
2232 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E.  
P.O. Box 44  
International Falls, MN 56649  
283-9491 or 800-559-9491

**Kootasca Community  
Action, Inc.**  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-3984  
Toll free 1-877-687-1163  
Direct 1-218-999-0800  
Fax 218-999-0220

**Arrowhead Economic  
Opportunity Agency**  
702 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.  
Virginia, MN 55792-2797  
800-662-5711

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**T**he North Star Electric Cooperative annual meeting of the members is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2, at Littlefork/Big Falls School. The Board of Directors position up for election is **District 7 for a four-year term.**

Your district number is printed on your electric bill. If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, you may pick up a petition form at our North Star Electric Cooperative office in either Littlefork or Baudette.

Please be advised that each membership of the North Star Electric Cooperative is allowed one signature, and in the case of joint membership, only one signature is allowed. (A husband and wife are not joint members unless they have completed a joint membership application.)

### **SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS.**

All persons eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative shall:

(a) be a member in good standing of the Cooperative receiving electric service at the member's primary residence in the district from which the director is to be elected prior to being nominated for director;

For purposes of these bylaws, "primary residence" shall mean the residence that is the chief or main residence of the person and where the person actually lives for the most substantial portion of the year;

(b) have voting rights within the district from which the director is to be elected;

(c) not be employed by, materially affiliated with or have a material financial interest in any director, individual or entity which either is:

(1) directly or substantially competing with the Cooperative; or

(2) selling goods and services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative; or

(3) possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative;

For purposes of this section, the terms "material" or "substantially" shall be inter-

preted as constituting a minimum of 5 percent of a member's total hours of employment sales or income on an annual basis:

(d) not be an employee or not have been an employee of the Cooperative within the last three (3) years;

(e) not be a close relative of an employee,

## **Nomination process for director election**

*As approved, with a Bylaw amendment by the membership, the Nominating Committees will not be used to identify candidates for director elections. Anyone interested in running for the North Star Electric Cooperative Board of Directors should review the following information from the North Star Electric Cooperative Bylaws Article IV, Board of Directors, Section 3, Qualifications, as well as the new nomination procedure, Article IV, Section 5, Nominations.*

where as found in these bylaws "close relative" means any individual who is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including step, half, foster and adoptive is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister.

(f) be only one, and not more than one, member of a joint membership; provided, however, that none shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless all shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth;

(g) if a representative or agent of a member is not a natural person, i.e. a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar, then the representative or agent designated as a nominee for director shall be an individual residing within the external boundaries of the district from which (s)he is nominated; and

(h) agree to regularly attend all board, annual and special members' meetings, and in no case have more than four (4) unexcused

absences within a twelve (12) month period of time.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

(i) Exceptions. In regard to the restrictive provisions of this section that are based upon close relative relationships, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected a director if, during a director's incumbency, a director becomes a first kindred relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage or an adoption to which the director was not a party.

(j) Disqualification. After the Board of Directors determines that a director or a nominee for director lacks eligibility under the provisions of this section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the board to promptly make a disqualification. After the Board of Directors determines that any person

being considered for or already holding a directorship lacks eligibility under this section it shall be the duty of the board of directors to withhold such position from such person or to cause a director to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

### **SECTION 5. NOMINATIONS.**

The procedures and methods of nominating candidates for election as a director of the cooperative are hereby established:

Nominations by Petition. Any twenty (20) or more members of a district of the cooperative may make nominations in writing over their signatures not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary of the board of directors shall post the petition at the principal office of the cooperative, Baudette, Minnesota; such listing of nominations by petition may be mailed to each member through the medium of the cooperative newsletter.