

Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BOARD POLICY: A-36

SUBJECT: Director Election and Campaigning Rules

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish and define the rules governing campaigning by candidates for the Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc. (GCEA) Board of Directors (Board) in order to preserve the Board's obligation to conduct a fair and open member election for a Director of GCEA.

II. POLICY

A. Election and Campaign Rules. Neither a candidate for the Board, nor an incumbent Director, whether a candidate or not, shall engage in any of the activities below, nor shall any such candidate or Director conspire, solicit, or arrange for any person or business entity to engage in the following activities without limitation:

1. Disseminate, publish, or circulate any campaign materials, printed or electronic, without a disclaimer stating the name and address of the candidate or the candidate's committee responsible for such action. The disclaimer shall read:

“Prepared and paid for by (name and address of candidate or candidate's committee);

2. Disseminate, publish, or circulate any materials or information, whether printed or electronic, that are not factually true and accurate;
3. Use the GCEA logo or letterhead on any campaign materials;
4. Place campaign posters or signs on the property or the building where GCEA's annual meeting is held, or upon any GCEA property; or
5. Campaign directly, or indirectly, anywhere upon any GCEA property.

B. Rule Enforcement Process: Any member who believes that a candidate or Director has violated any requirement of this policy or Board Policy A-39 (Complainant) may file a written complaint (Complaint) with the Board at the corporate offices of GCEA together with any documents in support of the Complaint. The Board shall promptly notify the candidate or Director of the allegation and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to investigate the Complaint and report to the Board as soon as possible. The candidate or Director may file with the Board a written response to the Complaint.

If the Board determines that the candidate or Director violated the requirements of this policy or Board Policy A-39, it shall prescribe the penalty to be imposed for the violation, considering the nature and severity of the violation committed. Any Director subject to

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the complaint shall not participate in the decision-making process. Penalties may range from no action to a disqualification of the candidacy or initiation of the process for removal of the Director.

C. Membership List: For election purposes only, and at the sole expense of the candidate, the membership list containing member names and addresses will be made available to candidates upon written request. The candidate must complete and submit to GCEA Form A-36.2 Membership List Use and Non-Disclosure Agreement as required by Board Policy A-19, Member Requests for Association Information, before GCEA shall have any obligation to provide the membership list to the candidate.

D. Acknowledgement of Rules:
All candidates seeking a position on GCEA's Board shall sign an acknowledgement of receipt of these rules as provided on Form A-36.1.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The Board and CEO are responsible for the administration of this policy and may seek the advice of General Counsel regarding compliance.

Related Forms:

A-36.1, Acknowledgment of Receipt of Election & Campaigning Rules

A-36.2, Membership List Use and Non-Disclosure Agreement

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