

## **Owen Electric Proposed Members' Bill of Rights**

**Nature of the Bill of Rights:** Because of their fundamental importance, the Members' Bill of Rights cannot be amended without the consent of the membership. Sections within this Article may not be amended or repealed except by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors and the approval of two thirds (2/3) of those Members of the Cooperative voting at a Member Meeting on their own behalf in person, by mail, electronically or by any other method authorized by the Board.

**Open, Fair, & Accessible Elections:** A Member has the right to fair and open Director elections, with nomination to the Director ballot by petition only. At least forty (40) members from the District in question may make nominations in writing over their signature. Voting for any Director position shall be by postage-free, mail-in ballot. Members in each District shall choose the Director who represents them and shall not vote in other District elections. All proxy voting shall be prohibited.

**Open Meetings:** A Member has the right to attend every regular, special, or called meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees, except for executive sessions as allowed by policy or law. All meetings shall be called with proper notice, and any final action, decision, or vote on a matter shall be made in an open meeting. Members shall have the ability to place issues for discussion on the agendas for Board and Member meetings.

**Open Records:** A Member has the right, on written request, to examine and copy at the Member's expense the records of OEC, except those records exempted from disclosure for reasons of: privacy, attorney-client privilege, real estate subject matter, personnel subject matter, or security. Minutes of all meetings, and all supporting materials related to the minutes, shall be posted promptly on OEC's website. OEC's website shall contain district maps, contact information for each Director, the most recent annual report, and a complete copy of OEC's bylaws and articles of incorporation.