



### **How to run for the Board:**

We encourage our members who have the interest and the time to dedicate to serving on the Valley Telephone Cooperative Board to consider being a candidate.

Valley Telephone Cooperative conducts an election every year in which a board member is elected from each of our three districts.

The current Board appoints a Nomination Committee in November. The Nomination Committee's role is to recruit candidates, review candidate applications and interview candidates. The Nomination Committee approves the final slate of candidates to be presented on the ballot to the membership.

If you are not nominated by the committee, you can still run for the Board by obtaining a Nomination Petition and gathering the signatures of 15 members residing in your district and submitting the Petition to Valley Telephone Cooperative by the Nomination Petition Deadline (usually mid-March).

All candidates, whether nominated by committee or petition, appear on the ballot, which is mailed to the entire membership. Membership is eligible to cast votes for candidates in all Districts.

### **How to vote in Cooperative Elections:**

The Valley Telephone Cooperative is comprised of 9 board members, three from each of our three districts. A board member serves a three-year term. Valley holds an election every year to elect one board member from each of our three districts.

Membership will be notified of an upcoming election in the mailing of the Annual Meeting Notice. A ballot, candidate biographies and voting instructions are included in each notice. Each member is entitled to vote for one candidate in each of the three districts.

Votes can either be returned by mail or placed in the ballot box located in the lobby at the Valley's Headquarters in Willcox. A proctor then tabulates the votes and announces the outcome of the election at Valley Telephone Cooperative's Annual Meeting held in May.