

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS:

## A Look at Member Participation

At Southeastern Indiana REMC, being a member means more than receiving electric and fiber services—it means having a voice in how your cooperative is governed.

One of the most important ways members can participate is by voting in the Board of Directors election. Each year, your vote helps shape the leadership and direction of the cooperative.

Let's take a look at member participation over the past three years:

- **2025:** 2,596 ballots cast out of 24,068 eligible members (10.79% participation)
- **2024:** 2,710 ballots cast out of 23,834 eligible members (11.37% participation)
- **2023:** 2,993 ballots cast out of 23,689 eligible members (12.63% participation)

While these numbers show consistent participation from our membership, they also highlight an opportunity. Participation has gradually declined over the past three years, and even small increases in voter turnout can make a meaningful difference.

To put this into perspective, SEI REMC's Bylaws require just 2% of eligible members to meet quorum for the election. While that threshold is consistently met, our cooperative is strongest when participation goes beyond the minimum.

This is where Cooperative Principle #2: Democratic Member Control comes into focus.

As a member-owner, you have a direct role in the governance of your cooperative. The Board of Directors represents you—making decisions that guide policies, priorities, and the future of SEI REMC. Voting is your opportunity to be part of that process.

Your participation helps ensure that the cooperative continues to reflect the needs, values, and priorities of the communities we serve.

As this year's election approaches, we encourage you to take a few minutes to make your voice heard.

You can learn more about the election, view candidate information, and access important resources by visiting the [Annual Meeting](#) and [Director Election](#) pages on our website.

While you're there, you can also review:

- The minutes from last year's Annual Meeting
- The SEI REMC Annual Report, which highlights key updates and performance over the past year

These resources are available to help you stay informed and engaged as a member.

Voting is quick.  
The impact is lasting.

Be part of your cooperative.  
Cast your vote—and make your  
voice count.