



## Elect GLE's Board of Directors— Your Vote Counts!



**Shaun Lamp**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Each year, three seats on the Great Lakes Energy board of directors open for election. If you are a GLE member in district 6, 8, or 9, please consider voting for your candidate using the mail-in ballot attached to the July/August edition of Michigan Country Lines. For all other members, your opportunity to vote will come in 2023 or 2024.

We are in an environment where change is our new normal. Our ability to remain nimble, react intelligently and efficiently, and maintain trajectory throughout the challenges thrown our way, is in many parts attributed to the responsibility of our board of directors. As we navigate reliability challenges, work through inflation and supply chain shortages, assess our cost-of-service sustainability, and every other hurdle in our path, the GLE board of directors serve to keep our members' best interest at the heart of every decision we make.

Part of the value of being a cooperative member is that you, not Great Lakes Energy staff or other board members, determine who serves on your board to make decisions for your cooperative. As a member of a democratically controlled cooperative, you play a vital role in shaping the way your co-op is run. Qualified members can run for a board seat in your district, you can sign another candidate's nominating petition, or you can simply vote. And your vote truly counts. Every member's vote carries equal weight.

Whether it's a business with several owners or a small home with a single owner, each has one membership and one vote. In the case of a husband and wife, their joint membership entitles them to a single vote.

We believe in the power of human connections and encourage your participation in the board election. If you live in districts 6, 8, or 9, please exercise your right to vote. It's the cooperative difference.

### 2022: Districts By County

- District 6** – Lake and Mason counties
- District 8** – Clare, Mecosta, Newaygo, and Osceola counties
- District 9** – Allegan, Barry, Kent, Montcalm, and Ottawa counties



# Get Connected, Stay Connected

We all know how important it is to stay in touch with our friends and family, and with today's technology, there are many ways we can stay connected to one another.

The same is true for our family of Great Lakes Energy members. It's important that we are able to keep in touch with you, especially at certain times, such as during a power outage—or to warn you that one is coming.

The latter of those two above scenarios could happen this summer, and that's why it's important to make sure that all of your contact information is up-to-date with GLE.

Notifications may come in the form of emails, text messages, push notifications on GLE's mobile app, or automated phone calls.

To make sure we have the best chance of getting these, and other notifications out effectively,

we encourage members to make sure their contact information, such as phone numbers and email address are all up to date in GLE's system.

Also, if you haven't done so already, it's a good time to consider signing up for online account access and/or download the GLE app for your mobile device. You can confirm your contact information on file through both the app and the website. Also, setting up an online account and/or using the mobile app is currently the only way GLE can send you notifications via text message. If you wish to confirm or update your contact information by phone, please call **(888) 485-2537**.

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