BYLAW SECTION 3.03
Qualifications of Trustees

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the Cooperative who:

(a) while serving on the Board or during the five (5) years preceding his/her election thereto has been adjudged to be guilty of a felony; or

(b) is a close relative (as defined in Section 8.06.1*) of an incumbent trustee or of an employee of the Cooperative; and

(c) has been employed by the Cooperative in the past three (3) years; or

(d) has not been, for at least forty-five (45) days before his/her election, or who ceases after his/her election to be, a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving service there from at his/her primary residential abode in the Trustee District from which he/she is elected.
"Good standing" means that a person has not consistently been, more than forty five (45) days, delinquent in paying his/her undisputed obligations during the twelve (12) months preceding his/her election, whether at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. or a previous utility company; and, does not at that time or during his/her incumbency become so delinquent or refuse or decline to fulfill any of his/her membership obligations; or

(e) has been receiving service less than one (1) year.

(f) is not, a natural person, at least twenty-one (21) years of age; or

(g) is not employed by or has a fiduciary relationship in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or merchandise to the Cooperative.

*Section 8.06.1 As used in these by-laws, "Close Relative" means a person who, by blood or marriage, including half, foster, step and adoptive kin, is either a spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of the trustee or employee. The term "spouse" shall also mean persons who are living together in a conjugal relationship, even though not legally married.