

CALL FOR DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

EastGen members in **Zones 3, 6, 9 and 12** are invited to submit nominations for a **Director** in their respective Zone for a **three**-year term.

**** Please note that the current director in Zone 3 (Joe Krol) and Zone 6 (David Larmer) are not eligible to re-run as they have completed the maximum term a director can represent the membership on the EastGen Board of Directors.**

ZONE	SUB-ZONES
3 **	City of Ottawa Dundas Stormont
6 **	City of Kawartha Lakes Durham Region A (Ontario County and Ramara Township) Durham Region B (Durham County excluding Cavan Township) Peterborough County (including Cavan Township) York Halton Peel
9	Wellington Waterloo
12	Huron Middlesex Elgin Essex-Kent Lambton

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Any member seeking election as a director or any current director seeking re-election must file a signed, written nomination (early nomination form attached), co-signed by another member within the same zone. The nomination may be forwarded by mail, facsimile, or email to the Secretary of the Board (Brian O'Connor) and must be received by **5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in October (October 30, 2020)**. Fax number is 519-821-1268 and email address is brian.oconnor@eastgen.ca.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A DIRECTOR

Each director shall have attained the age of majority (18 years) and at the time of election shall personally be a member, or a member of a partnership which is a member, or a shareholder of a corporation which is a member and shall not be in arrears in respect of any call for fees, assessments or charges. An employee of EastGen or his/her spouse cannot be a director.

A director may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms, not including any partial term served as a result of a vacancy on the board. The maximum term for any director of a predecessor corporation is 14 consecutive years (including any immediate previous consecutive years on the Boards of Directors of Eastern Breeders Inc. or Gencor, The Genetic Corporation).

ROLE OF A DIRECTOR AND EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT

The board (consisting of twelve directors) is a governing board, focusing on leadership by planning and policy setting, and delegating the implementation to the staff through the general manager. Directors are elected to hold office for a three-year term; **the term begins immediately following the General Annual Meeting**. Throughout a year, directors will convene a minimum of six times, participate in a number of conference calls and be responsible to attend the Annual Meeting, Delegate Meeting(s) and Zone/County Barn and/or Hall Meeting(s).

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic EastGen will be unable to conduct the director and delegate elections in the usual manner as outlined below. We have been informed by our legal counsel that a “Special Rules During Emergency” was added to the Corporations Act to allow for more flexible meeting rules and alternate means of elections during the pandemic. Accordingly, the EastGen Board of Directors have passed a resolution approving that both director and delegate elections be held via mail-in ballot. Virtual Zone meetings will be held for EastGen’s entire service area (except for the Wellington and Waterloo area) as we won’t be able to conduct our typical annual county zone hall & barn meetings during the pandemic. These virtual meetings will not allow us to conduct proper director and delegate elections therefore as stated above they will be held by mail-in ballot.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – (When local Zone Meetings can be held)

When only one early nomination for a director is received in a zone, that nominee is acclaimed as director.

When two or more early nominations for a director are received in a zone, the nominations will be closed, and an election held during the zone meeting. Where two or more early nominations for a director are received where election meetings will be conducted in more than one location in a zone, a single ballot box in the custody of a designated person shall be transported to each meeting and will be opened and votes counted when all meetings are completed.

When no early nomination is received from any of the zones the deadline for nominations shall be extended by the Secretary of the Board to a date no more than 28 days from the date specified in the original notice. If no nominations are received in the extended period, a meeting of members in that zone will be held. Nominations for director may be received from the floor at this meeting and an election held. If no director is elected at the meeting, the Secretary of the Board shall declare that vacancy on the board, which shall be filled by the directors.

ELECTIONS FOR DELEGATES – (When local Zone Meetings can be held)

Elections for delegates will also take place for each of the counties in the four Zones as outlined below. These elections will take place at the individual Zone/County Barn and/or Hall meetings which will be held sometime between December 2020 and March 2021.

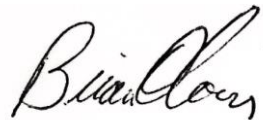
ZONE 3	# of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 6	# of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 9	# of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 12	# of Delegates to be Elected
City of Ottawa	2 plus 1 Alternate	City of Kawartha Lakes	2 plus 1 Alternate	Wellington	5 plus 2 Alternates	Huron	2 plus 1 Alternate
Dundas	2 plus 1 Alternate	Durham Region A (Ontario County & Ramara Twp.)	2 plus 1 Alternate	Waterloo	3 plus 1 Alternate	Middlesex	2 plus 1 Alternate
Stormont	1 plus 1 Alternate	Durham Region B (Durham County excluding Cavan Twp.)	1 plus 1 Alternate			Elgin	1 plus 1 Alternate
		Peterborough County (including Cavan Twp.)	2 plus 1 Alternate			Essex-Kent	1 plus 1 Alternate
		York	1 plus 1 Alternate			Lambton	2 plus 1 Alternate
		Halton	1 plus 1 Alternate				
		Peel	1 plus 1 Alternate				

Delegates are an important part of the governance of EastGen. Their legal election and role are embedded in the Constitution (By-Law Number One-C). More importantly perhaps is the more informal role they have in advising the board of directors on policy issues, provide a two-way communication link between members and the board, and an opportunity to positively influence the company's future and that of their neighbors in the local livestock farming community.

Information on Being a Delegate

- Delegates are elected by members at the annual County Zone meetings for a three-year term; the **term starts immediately following the General Annual Meeting** (usually held in March/April of each year).
- Only delegates elected by members can vote on by-law changes and/or issues at meetings of members.
- Delegates are kept up to date on industry trends and EastGen business throughout the year.
- Delegates listen to members concerns, and relay these issues to board members (policy issues) or to senior staff (operational issues) for action.
- Delegates are expected to attend the Annual Meeting / Delegates Day Meeting (usually March/April) and their County Annual Zone Hall/Barn meeting (usually December to March).
- Delegates receive a per diem and mileage expense for attending the Annual Meeting / Delegates Day Meeting.

If you have any questions on becoming a director or delegate, please call the EastGen office at 1-888-821-2150 or speak with one of the current directors.



Brian O'Connor, Secretary
EastGen Board of Directors

“EARLY NOMINATION FORM” FOR A DIRECTOR

Date: _____

I nominate _____ **as a candidate in the 2020 election for**
(Please print name)

a Director for EastGen from Zone _____.

Candidate’s Signature

Member from the same Zone *(Please print name)*

Member Signature