

CALL FOR DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

EastGen members in **Zones 1, 4, 7, and 10** are invited to submit nominations for a **director** in their respective Zone for a **three**-year term.

ZONE	SUB-ZONES
1	Newfoundland - Labrador P.E.I. New Brunswick
4	Frontenac Grenville Lanark Leeds Renfrew
7	Simcoe Northern Ontario (Districts of Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Manitoulin, Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Temiskaming)
10	Oxford Niagara Brant Haldimand Norfolk Wentworth

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, 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 25, 2024)**. Email address is brian.oconnor@eastgen.ca.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR A DIRECTOR

Each director shall be an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; be a Member of the Corporation; not be an employee or the spouse of an employee of the Corporation; not have the status of bankrupt; not be a person who has been found under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992 or under the Mental Health Act to be incapable of managing property; not be a person who has been declared incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere; consent in writing to hold office as a Director before or within 10 days after their election or appointment, it shall not invalidate their office as a Director from the date he or she was so elected or appointed.

A director may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms, not including any partial term served as a result of filling a vacancy on the board.

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 the year, directors will convene a minimum of four times, participate in a number of conference calls and be responsible for attending the Annual Meeting, Delegate Meeting(s) and Zone Meetings (Virtual/County Barn and/or Hall Meetings).

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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 or mail in ballot. 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 is 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

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 November 2024 and March 2025 or by mail in ballot.

ZONE 1	# Of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 4	# Of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 7	# Of Delegates to be Elected	ZONE 10	# Of Delegates to be Elected
Newfoundland - Labrador	1 plus 1 Alternate	Frontenac	2 plus 1 Alternate	Simcoe	3 plus 1 Alternate	Oxford	4 plus 2 Alternates
P.E.I.	3 plus 1 Alternate	Grenville	1 plus 1 Alternate	Northern Ontario (Districts of Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Manitoulin, Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Temiskaming)	4 plus 2 Alternates	Niagara	2 plus 1 Alternate
New Brunswick	4 plus 2 Alternates	Lanark	2 plus 1 Alternate			Brant	1 plus 1 Alternate
		Leeds	2 plus 1 Alternate			Haldimand	2 plus 1 Alternate
		Renfrew	2 plus 1 Alternate			Norfolk	1 plus 1 Alternate
						Wentworth	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 2024-1). 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 by mail-in ballot or 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 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 (usually March/April), Delegates Day Meeting (usually November/December) and their County Annual Zone (Virtual/Hall/Barn) meeting (usually December to March).
- Delegates receive a per diem and mileage expense for attending the Annual Meeting and Delegates Day Meeting.

If you have any questions on becoming a director or delegate, please contact me directly at 519-766-2718 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 2024 election for**
(Please print name)

a Director for EastGen from Zone _____.

Candidate’s Signature

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

Member Signature