

Questions and Answers for NOVEC Board of Directors Candidates

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Sean Bodkin

1. ***You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?***

Answer: I believe in our community and can use my extensive utility, legal, and finance background to assist in NOVEC's continued success.

2. ***What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?***

Answer: A Board member provides strategic direction to the organization and works with management to continue the success of the organization.

3. ***What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?***

Answer: I bring many years of energy regulatory experience, especially in electric reliability. As a practicing attorney with experience in utility regulation and land use law I can contribute to the success of NOVEC.

What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?

Answer: To continue to ensure low rates and dependable service to our members.

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Harry F. Harris

1. ***You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?***

Answer: With the privilege serving as elected official is an incredibly important position in our community to serve the cooperative members' best interest. A director's decisions will impact issues, such as service rates, rights of way and work plans. My community experience and interest holds a great responsibility and understanding the community's needs in encouraging the efficient use of electricity and promoting cost effective energy efficiency and development of clean and sources of energy.

2. ***What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?***

Answer: The primary responsibilities to excellence in business includes determining sources of system financing, financial audits, reviewing and approval of material and constructions contracts and power planning studies.

3. ***What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?***

Answer: With ongoing board commitment to excellence in all business aspects and strong business/financial skills with active in HOA and in community activities gives me an excellent background to analyze problem, communicate with diverse audiences and make thoughtful decisions. My fresh ideas and new perspectives help the Board to enact policies that could potentially keep our community competitive. I have witnessed the growth, both good and not so good.

4. ***What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?***

Answer: I am passionate about where WE live and have the desire and time to dedicate to the Board to keep NOVEC the BEST place in the community to provide safe and reliable electric service.

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Anthony “Tony” Howard

1. **You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC’s board interest you?**

Answer: As a Chamber of Commerce executive, I fully appreciate and respect the crucial role that NOVEC plays in our regional economy. It would be a privilege to work with my fellow Board members and NOVEC’s staff to help ensure the cooperative continues its stellar record of delivering reliable and affordable energy to our residents and businesses.

2. **What do you think is the board member’s chief responsibility?**

Answer: To provide the effective governance and strategic direction needed to ensure NOVEC fulfills its mission to serve the homeowners, businesses and nonprofit organizations in its service area. As the President of the Loudoun Chamber and a member of several nonprofit boards, I respect the amount of work needed to serve on NOVEC’s Board and am prepared to meet that commitment.

3. **What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC’s members?**

Answer: The greatest assets I bring are my deep knowledge, experience and contacts within Northern Virginia’s business, political and nonprofit communities. With a 16 year career as a Chamber Executive, I have the experience and relationship to ensure the Cooperative’s interests are well represented both locally and in Richmond.

4. **What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?**

Answer: To provide the leadership and strategic direction that will enable NOVEC to meet the needs of its current members and customers while meeting the growing demand presented by our region’s continued population and economic growth.

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Fawn Freeman

1. *You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?*

Answer: As a NOVEC customer, the integrity of the cooperative business model that makes customers the top priority appeals to me and aligns with my ability to manage both vision and purpose.

2. *What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?*

Answer: The chief responsibilities include being able to balance business and customers expectations. Serving as a public liaison that actively listens and engages the community served. Enhancing the customer experience while optimizing costs. Being raised in an entrepreneurial family gave me the unique opportunity to develop these roles from a young age.

3. *What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?*

Answer: As Vice Chair, NOVEC Board Evaluation Committee, I interview candidates for director elected positions to ensure they can support NOVEC's mission and vision. With over 20 years' experience managing portfolio investments; I consistently demonstrate an ability to significantly contribute to organizational growth and sustainability. I am a trusted advisor with exceptional relationship building, change management, and decision-making skills. This position offers me the right opportunity as an entrepreneurial, dynamic, customer centric, visionary professional.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?*

Answer: I will strive to significantly contribute to NOVEC's commitment to excellence through business strategies and practices. As a strategic thinker and agent for sensible, sustainable change, I will ensure NOVEC's business model retains a customer centric focus that fosters communicating early and often.

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Brent George

1. *You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?*

Answer: As my 25-year Naval career has come to a close, I feel strongly about continuing to serve my community in a public service role. Serving on the NOVEC board will allow me to assist the Cooperative, our members, and make impacts in our community as NOVEC grows.

2. *What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?*

Answer: The board members are charged with the responsibility to efficiently and collaboratively manage the business and affairs of the Cooperative on behalf of its members. The directors ensure there is a balance between growth of the organization and savings to our members.

3. *What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?*

Answer: I have over 20 years of experience in program management with the necessary program management certifications. I have led and managed diverse acquisition and technology development programs. I have advanced engineering and business degrees and the proven business experience to make informed decisions that will affect our Cooperative and ultimately our members.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?*

Answer: NOVEC is innovative and looking to the future as they introduce new products. Leveraging my business background and program management experience and focus on technology development, I aim to help the board strategically evaluate the cost efficient adoption of new technologies and products that will benefit our Cooperative, members, and community.

Chris Myers

2015 At-large candidate

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1. *You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?*

Answer: I believe that every organization has room for improvement, and I think that my unique technical knowledge and industry experience will provide a valuable perspective that will result in more beneficial decisions for NOVEC's employees and customers.

2. *What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?*

Answer: I believe that the Board Member is responsible for setting policy that results in a safe and reliable electric system, fair rates, financial responsibility, and superior member service.

3. *What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?*

Answer: I have a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology, and have worked in multiple field, engineering, and management roles in the electrical utility industry. I have served as a Regional Director for my current company for the last 5 years, where I manage 5 offices and an average of 50 employees. We serve a diverse mix of public utilities, municipalities, cooperatives, and generation facilities, as well as many clients in the commercial, industrial and government sectors. My experience working with so many different clients gives me a unique perspective that will allow me to make an immediate and positive impact on the NOVEC Board of Directors by sharing my knowledge of industry best practices related to Safety and performance initiatives.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?*

Answer: My objective would be to utilize my diverse utility industry experience to help NOVEC continue to improve on its Safety and Operational goals.

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William R. Zilliott

1. *You are a busy person. Why does a seat on NOVEC's board interest you?*

Answer: My home and business electricity has been provided by NOVEC for 10 years. I share my neighbors' concern that their electrical service is safe, responsible, reliable, with costs kept reasonable. Serving on the board is a form of community service for business and management minded people.

2. *What do you think is the board member's chief responsibility?*

Answer: For a cooperative organization, the chief responsibility of a board member is to represent the member/owners' interests in good governance, financial soundness, and safe/resilient electrical systems. Each board member has a duty to ensure that executive management has the right resources, policies, tools and talents to fulfil their many responsibilities.

3. *What knowledge, experience, or particular skills do you have that would be an asset to the board and to NOVEC's members?*

Answer: My experience includes eight years on the NOVEC board, power supply and audit committees. My business is management consulting. Formal education includes doctoral studies in Engineering Management, an MBA, and University of Pennsylvania Wharton Finance/Economics degrees. My US Air Force officer career included advanced leadership training, serving eight years at the Pentagon. I have taught management at University of Maryland.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish as a board director?*

Answer: My intention is to continue to work closely with the other board directors and executive management to enable NOVEC to be strongly positioned to meet the challenges of both the near and more distant future providing reliable, responsible electrical power.