



09 December 2020

**MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-058**

**TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES**

**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF DEFERRED AND REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2021; ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES**

This pertains to conduct of District Elections (DE) for the Board of Directors of Electric Cooperatives (ECs); Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) and other similar activities in Year 2021.

NEA Memorandum No. 2020-017 issued on 14 April 2020 deferred the conduct of the Year 2020 DE and cancelled the conduct of 2020 AGMA and other similar activities in line with Republic Act 11469, otherwise known as "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" which was enacted into law on 24 March 2020 and issuance of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, Office of the President dated 07 April 2020, on the extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon until 30 April 2020.

Further, prior to the enactment of the above-mentioned law and issuance of the Memorandum from the Office of the President, the NEA issued on 12 March 2020, Memorandum No. 2020-007 on the deferment of conduct of Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) and other similar activities of electric cooperatives (ECs) to immediately comply with Proclamation No. 922 issued by the President of the Republic of the Philippines dated 08 March 2020, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines" and the directives from the Department of Health that strongly urges the public to avoid attending, participating in, and organizing events that draw a huge number of attendees in order to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Moreover, in compliance with Proclamation No. 929 issued by the President of the Republic of the Philippines on 16 March 2020, "Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Disease 2019 for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant", the NEA issued Memorandum No. 2020-010 dated 18 March 2020 deferring the conduct of district elections of ECs until such time that the Declaration of the State of Calamity throughout the country is lifted.

RA 11469 was later amended by RA 11494 on 11 September 2020, and Section 2 thereof provided, among others that "in view of unabated spread of the COVID-19 virus and the ensuing economic disruption therefrom, the existence of a continuing national emergency is hereby affirmed."

Considering the foregoing background, ECs whose Year 2020 DE were affected by the issuance of NEA Memorandum No. 2020-017 may schedule the elections on the following period:

Deferred	2021 Schedule
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2020	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2021

Correspondingly, the ECs may conduct the above-mentioned activity for the said deferred DE and hold the regular DE originally scheduled in Year 2021; AGMA and other similar activities, provided that it shall ensure compliance to safety and health protocols issued by the Department of Health (DOH) and other authorities including securing of the required permits from local government units (LGUs) relative to the holding of the said activities.

In addition, the ECs are reminded that an EC Director in order to remain as such must continue to possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications throughout his/her term or tenure of office as required under RA 10531 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

All Directors elected in the deferred election shall immediately assume office upon taking their oath and shall serve only the remaining portion of the current three-year term.


Relatedly, ECs which will conduct virtual AGMA and other similar activities shall take into consideration the following:

- (1) Notice to all member-consumer-owners (MCOs) were given with proof thereof following the procedure in the EC By-Laws; and,
- (2) Attendance of participating MCOs to the virtual AGMA including voting of MCOs are duly recorded for future reference such as, for candidates in future district elections and other EC activities requiring submission of Certificate of Attendance to AGMA.

Finally, the ECs are hereby enjoined to submit to the NEA through the Institutional Development Department at email address: omdd\_idd@yahoo.com on or before 31 December 2020, an updated composition of the Board of Directors (BoD) and profile of elected or appointed members of the BoD including their tenure of office. The correctness of the BoD composition and members profile to be submitted to NEA shall be certified by the Secretary of the BoD and attested by the Board President.

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.

  
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