# **M-RETS Board Industry Director Nomination Process**

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This process is provided as a guide for the Industry Director nomination process mentioned in the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System, Inc. (M-RETS) Bylaws Section 4.4.2<sup>1</sup> and the nomination policy adopted by the M-RETS Board November 9, 2009.<sup>2</sup>

#### Notification:

The Executive Director of M-RETS will initiate the nomination process by emailing the Subscriber Group Chair requesting nominations at least two months prior to the end of the term of an Industry Director.

## **Industry Nomination:**

The Subscriber Group Chair (or M-RETS Administrator on behalf of Chair) will solicit nominations from the applicable industry group (Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), Cooperative Electric Utilities (Coops), Municipal Utility or Municipal Power Agencies (Munis)). At a minimum, solicitations will be announced via email.<sup>3</sup> Only M-RETS Subscriber representatives participating in M-RETS States and Provinces that have a representative on the M-RETS Board for their state or province (Government Director) may participate in this nomination process. Qualified individuals may nominate themselves or another qualified individual. The nomination period should last approximately two weeks.

## **Industry Voting:**

When nominations are received, the Subscriber Group Chair (or M-RETS Administrator or M-RETS Executive Director on behalf of Chair) will initiate the voting process by emailing the applicable industry group participants the list of nominees, and requesting their vote. Industry voting is not necessary if there is only one Industry nominee. Only participants in M-RETS participating States and Provinces that have a Government Director for their state or province may participate in this voting process. Voting will occur in a reasonable manner that allows convenient participation, such as email response or on-line voting using openly available technology such as <a href="www.SurveyMonkey.com">www.SurveyMonkey.com</a>. The voting process should last approximately two weeks. The winner of the Industry vote will be communicated by the Subscribers Group Chair to the applicable industry group participants before submitting to the Board as the Industry nominee.

# **Board Nomination:**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "The Board of Directors shall institute a nomination process by which qualified individuals may be nominated to the Board of Directors from the specific groups (identified in Section 4.3) participating in the System with the final slate of candidates elected by vote of the M-RETS Board of Directors at its annual meeting."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Industry Directors shall be nominated by the Subscriber Group pursuant to the guidelines in Section 4.3.2 of the Bylaws."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subscribers will select a participant group (IOU, Co-op, Muni, or Generator Owner/Marketer) as part of the registration process. This list will be maintained by the M-RETS Executive Director, working as needed with the M-RETS Administrator.

Following the Industry vote, the Subscriber Group Chair will provide the M-RETS Executive Director the Industry candidate's name as the Industry nominee. The Executive Director will then present the candidate's name to the Board for a vote to accept or reject the candidate. If the candidate is rejected, the process begins again starting from Industry Nomination.

## Terms:

Terms are set by the M-RETS Board. The Subscriber Group recommends continuing to use three year staggered terms for Industry Directors. If an Industry Director resigns his or her term prior to its conclusion, this process will be used to fill the remainder of the term starting from Industry Nomination. The M-RETS Board at its discretion may choose to appoint temporary Industry Directors as it deems necessary.