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**SIEA Members approve Bylaw Resolution on Seasonal Account Board Position**

The cooperative way was displayed in true democratic fashion this past June as San Isabel Electric Association members voted to eliminate the seasonal rate class board director position. By an overwhelming margin of 1,805 to 211, the membership approved the change to the Bylaws which allows seasonal members to be represented by the Director of the district where the seasonal member's meter is located.

The SIEA service area is comprised of seven districts, with each districts interests represented by an elected board member. The San Isabel Board Members have the overall responsibility for the policies, which provide guidelines for the management of the system. Districts are established by the Board giving due regard to members and community of interest with district areas reviewed periodically.

The proposed Bylaw change was recommended by the Board after the retirement of long time Seasonal Member Representative Eugene Aiello retired in December of 2010. It was at that time that the Board began reviewing a possible district re-alignment to better serve the changing needs of the seasonal member. Additionally, district boundaries needed to change in order to meet the Bylaw requirement of having a minimum of seven districts within the SIEA service territory.

“The passing of this resolution to our bylaws will allow our seasonal members to be served by the director who resides within the same district. This will better serve the member as the industry grows and changes with new technologies and services” said SIEA General Manager Reg Rudolph.

The Special Meeting Notice and Ballots were sent out by mail in early June by Survey and Ballot Systems, a firm contracted by SIEA to facilitate the Bylaw election. Members were asked to return their ballot by mail. Members also had the option of casting their vote on the Bylaw resolution during the special membership meeting held on the evening of June 29 at the Huerfano County Community Center.

If you have a seasonal account and would like to know more about the board representative in your district visit [www.seia.com](http://www.seia.com) or call 719-547-2160, pressing option 1 to speak with a member service representative.

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