

**Proposed Amendment to Article III (Elections)
of the Sevananda Cooperative Bylaws**
(concerning nomcomm ballot control and election dates)

Proposal adding to section “E” to the Elections Article III

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E. 1. - Voting shall begin Sunday of the second week in May and end one week later on Saturday. Mail-in votes shall be mailed out during the first week of May and received by Wednesday of the third week. Ballots shall be counted on the third Saturday in May.

E. 2. - Board of Directors whose terms have expired shall end their service May 31; new Board of Directors begin their service June 1.

Why propose this amendment?

Changing the dates of the election has caused confusion. This bylaw will regularize the annual election. Voting information in *Co-options* can be planned with some predictability. It will also bring Sevananda in line with the practice of other coops.

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