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Committee chairs are encouraged to seek out members of the NREDA membership to serve on NREDA committees. This is a great leadership development opportunity and a change to broaden the number of those involved for the betterment of the Association.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Annual Conference Committee is responsible for the planning of the Annual Conference held in November. This planning function includes: Developing the program schedule; Developing the program content; Selecting and securing speakers; In conjunction with Executive Director, establishing a conference budget; In conjunction with Executive Director, developing conference registration materials; Soliciting and securing conference sponsors and exhibitors; In conjunction with the Editor, write two brief Rural Developer newsletter articles as a reminder to NREDA members of the grand prize drawings opportunities and free registration drawing at the Annual Conference.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee is responsible for the administration of NREDA's various awards that will be presented at the Annual Conference. Currently there is one awards competition with the potential for multiple deserving recipients. Rural Economic Development Leadership Award - In recognition of outstanding leadership in the field of rural economic development, the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) seeks to honor deserving individuals across America. Nominees may be economic development professionals or rural electric cooperative/rural telephone staff or board members. Nominees are those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in an economic development project resulting in the improvement of the quality of life, creation of new jobs, and opportunity for growth and development in rural America. This Committee will solicit nominations for the Rural Economic Development Leadership Award. They will make a selection regarding a recipient or recipients for this award. Awards will be presented at the NREDA Annual Business meeting held during the Annual Conference. NREDA also has a President's Award that is optional for presentation each year. This award is selected and presented by the President to recognize an individual or individuals within NREDA that President feels deserves special recognition for their efforts and leadership within NREDA. This Committee will also work with the President to determine if this award will be given each year.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE & PARLIMENTARIAN

The Bylaws Committee and Parliamentarian is responsible for working with the Board and Executive Director to enact any bylaw changes that are deemed necessary during the course of the year. This Committee will also advise the Board on matters of parliamentary procedure and serve as the final authority on parliamentary procedure and the interpretation of bylaws.

DEVELOPMENT & SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Development & Sponsorship Committee is responsible for researching potential NREDA revenue generating ideas other than membership dues income. The Committee will receive proposals from potential vendors, partners or alliances that offer programs, review opportunities, and present options to the NREDA Board of Directors. This Committee will develop and cultivate sponsorship relationships and opportunities.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Finance and Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) Individual Members who shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of the Annual Meeting to review the Treasurer reports and prepare a report to be presented to the membership at the business session prior to election of Officers. The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing a year end review or audit of NREDA's finances and making a report to the membership regarding the outcome of the annual audit or financial review during the Annual Business Meeting that is held during the Annual Conference. The Finance Committee also develops the annual budget. Traditionally this Committee has included the Secretary/Treasurer as Chair.

LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Legislative and Government Affairs Committee is responsible for monitoring federal legislation that may have an impact on economic development in rural America. The Committee will keep the Board apprised of this legislation. This monitoring will include developing and maintaining relationships with the legislative staffs of affiliated organizations such as NTCA, NRTC, NRECA, NADO and CFC.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is responsible for leading NREDA's efforts to attract new members and retain existing members. This may include coordinating follow up on prospective members and non-renewals. This may also include coordinating the use of the NREDA display at other conferences and events where there is a potential to recruit new members.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a slate of officers that will be presented to the membership for ratification at the Annual Business Meeting during the NREDA Annual Conference. The Committee will also work with the President to fill in Board and Officer vacancies that may occur during the year. Traditionally, members of this Committee have included the first vice president as chair, immediate past-president, and sometimes include members of the general membership.

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

The Past Presidents' Council will consist of all Past Presidents of NREDA. The direction of this council is determined by the Board of Directors and tasks will be assigned as necessary.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Professional Development Committee is responsible for determining the professional development needs of the membership of NREDA and recommending appropriate programs to address those needs. This will include surveying the membership through the Web site, emails,

mailings, etc. to determine what types of topical educational programs would be of interest. This Committee would then make recommendations to the Board on specific programs that NREDA should initiate. If it is determined by the Committee and Board that a topical program should be presented each year, the Committee would be responsible for developing the program. This Committee will also screen opportunities that are presented to NREDA for co-sponsorships of outside educational/training programs. They will then make a recommendation to the Board for any programs that they feel NREDA should co-sponsor.

PUBLICATIONS/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The PWC Committee is responsible for the editorial content of the NREDA *Rural Developer* e-bulletin and the monitoring updates and maintenance of the Web site. The Publications Committee chair will contact all NREDA committee chairs periodically to encourage activities updates for the *Rural Developer*.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES COMMITTEE

The Strategic Alliances Committee is responsible for identifying organizations that NREDA should consider for strategic partnerships. These may be any organizations that have a similar mission to promote rural economic development or that have research, training programs or other services that could be of benefit to NREDA members, etc. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board on organizations that they feel would be good strategic fits for NREDA. Upon Board approval, the Committee will work to negotiate reciprocal memberships with the approved organization.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is made up of the officers and immediate past president and is responsible for working with the President and Board of Directors to update and monitor the affairs of the association between regular board meetings.