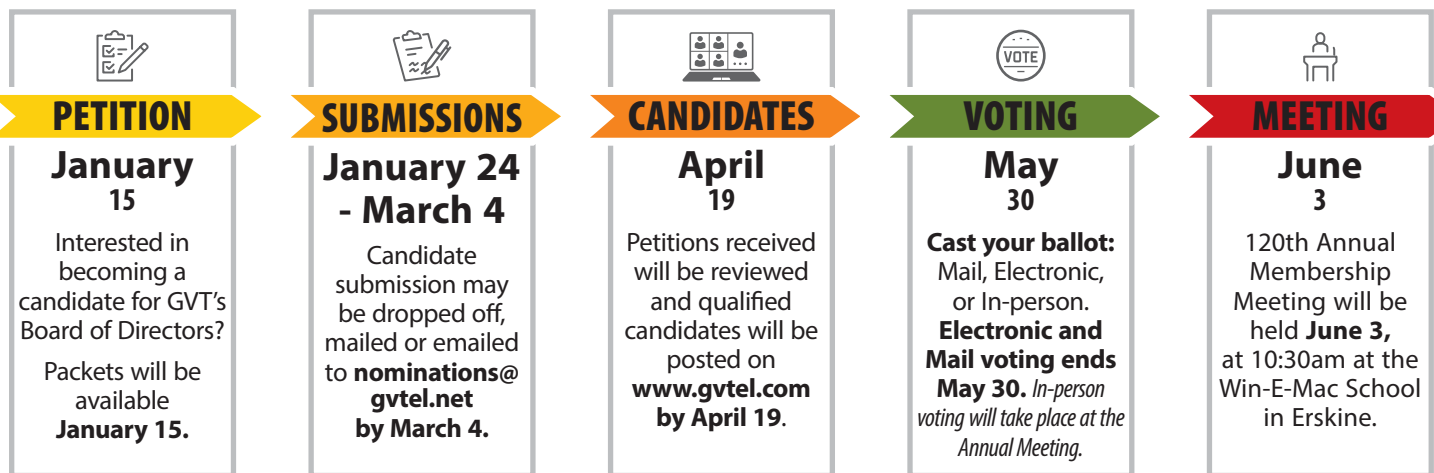


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Garden Valley Technologies (GVT) will hold its **120th Annual Membership Meeting in-person at the Win-E-Mac School in Erskine, MN and viewable to members through GVT Local Channels, on June 3, 2025**, beginning at 10:30am.

This will be the second year of the Board of Director nomination process that replaced the former caucus nomination process. A person who is interested in becoming a candidate for GVT's Board of Directors must be nominated through a petition process. **Petition packets will be available to interested persons beginning January 15, 2025**, at each of GVT's three retail stores (*Erskine, Bagley, Thief River Falls*), and on our website. The petition to nominate a candidate for the Board of Directors must be signed by fifteen (15) GVT members with voting rights from the same District as the candidate they are nominating. The petition packet will require certain biographical information about the candidate and director qualification questions for the proposed candidate to answer. **The candidate submission window is January 24, 2025 through March 4, 2025**, by in-person delivery at one of GVT's retail stores, by U.S. Mail, or by email. The Director seats up for election are District 1 (*Fertile, Beltrami, Maple Bay*), District 4 (*McIntosh, Winger, Oklee*) and District 7 (*Bagley, Minerva, Shevlin*). Director qualifications are set forth in Article III and Article IV (*Section 2*) of GVT's By-Laws, printed on pages A51 to A56 in the 2025 Directory, and summarized on our website: [www.gvtel.com/about-us](http://www.gvtel.com/about-us).

Petitions received during the submission window (*January 24, 2025 through March 4, 2025*) will be reviewed and **a list of all properly nominated and qualified candidates will be posted on GVT's website by April 19, 2025**. The election process for Director seats that are contested will consist of three voting methods: by U.S. Mail, by electronic means, or in-person. Members may vote by one of these three voting methods for each District up for election. All members will be mailed election materials for the purpose of voting by mail. Members who prefer to vote by electronic means will be able to do so via an election website. **Voting by mail or by electronic means will end May 30, 2025**, so that ballots cast by those two methods are tabulated prior to the 120th Annual Membership Meeting. **Members who prefer to vote in-person may do so at the 120th Annual Membership Meeting on June 3, 2025.**



Thank you for participating in this fundamental part of being a cooperative.

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