

# Blue Ridge Mountain EMC

## Board of Directors Candidates

Each Member shall be entitled to only one vote per county. Joint Memberships are allowed only one vote. Only persons who are Members of the Cooperative are allowed to vote. A spouse or family member cannot vote in the place of the Member.

The following candidates have been nominated and qualified to serve on the Board of Directors and will be voted on:



**JOHN BATTIS**

*Union County, GA*

John received a BBA in Accounting from the University of Georgia in 1977. For 40 years, he worked in various accounting and finance roles at Southern Company: 18 years at Georgia Power and 22 years at Southern Linc (a telecommunications subsidiary).

Some of John's individual and managerial work experience included: preparing the Company financial statements; billing bulk power sale revenues; preparing rate cases for additional revenues; developing and monitoring the Company's current and longterm business plan; managing Company facilities and leases; preparing quarterly Board meeting presentations and helping to grow non-affiliate telecommunications revenues to reduce costs to the electric rate payers.

John grew up in Valdosta, GA. He served in the Army as an infantryman. He has been married to Penelope for 36 years and they have 6 children and 15 grandchildren. He enjoys golfing, biking, kayaking, fishing, swimming and gardening. He attends Providence Methodist Church.



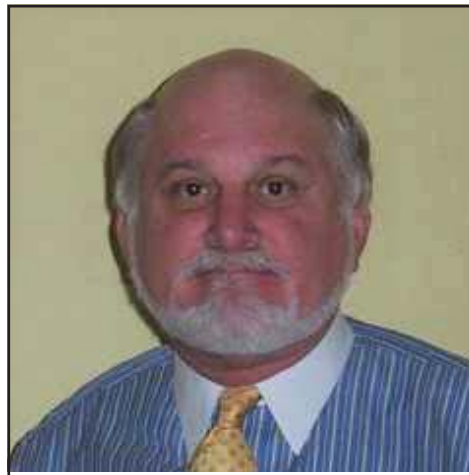
**LARRY FLEGLE**

*Union County, GA*

Dr. Larry Flegle has been a resident of Union County since 2005. Larry and his wife, Jan, moved to Union County from Canton, GA in 2005. He is a retired college professor of management. (American Military University). He is currently volunteer General Manager of WUCG-FM Community Radio in Blairsville.

Larry is a graduate of the University of South Florida, Pepperdine University and Nova Southeastern University. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate of Business Administration in Management.

He is a U.S. Navy Vietnam Era veteran. Larry has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Humane Society Mountain Shelter for five years. He spent 9 years overseeing an organization with a 22 million dollar annual budget and 185 employees. He is a deacon at First Baptist Church, Blairsville.



**RICHARD HYER**

*Union County, GA*

A native of Jacksonville, FL, Richard attended Mercer University in 1962 in Macon, GA, and lived there until 2013. He received a Doctorate in Education from UGA in 1978. He taught at Mercer in the Dept. of Education from 1970 - 1976. Richard served until his retirement as Superintendent of a Residential School for Disabled Students from 1976 - 2002. In addition, he was an Adjunct Professor at Tift College, Mercer University, Florida State and the University of Georgia from 1976 - 1998.

Richard and wife, Marsha have three children and four grandchildren. For 15 years, they were part-time residents of Union County and have been permanent residents the past 5 years. They are members of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Blairsville. His hobbies include antique cars, boating, traveling, spending time with his grandchildren and participating in the Lake Chatuge Rotary Club, previously serving as District Governor.



**JACK LANCE, JR.**

*Union County, GA*

Jack Lance Jr. is a lifelong resident of Union County and licensed real estate attorney in Georgia and North Carolina. He attended Young Harris College before obtaining a Bachelor's Degree from Georgia State University. Upon completion of his degree, Jack worked as a Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Zell Miller. Jack later obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from Mercer University and returned home to practice law. In addition to his law practice, he is an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at Young Harris College.

Jack graduated from the Georgia Academy for Economic Development and the Union County Chamber Leadership Union program. He has served on numerous community boards including as Chairman of the Union County High School Governance Team and as past chairman of the EMC Credentials Committee.

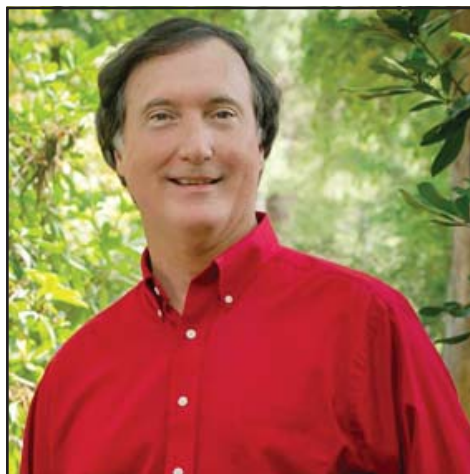
Jack is married to Carmen Smith Lance of Murphy, NC. Their first child, Jack Collins Lance III, is expected later this year.



**GAYLAND TRULL**

*Fannin County, GA*

My career has been in aviation and has offered many opportunities to serve the public. This has taught me how to work well with people. I retired from Southwest Airlines in 2014. I am currently a flight instructor working with kids that are interested in aviation. One of the schools where I teach is Hayesville High School, which has an excellent aviation curriculum. My other part-time job is with the Fannin County Sheriff's Office in court services as a bailiff. As you can see I enjoy being around people and working with others.



**ROY PERREN  
(Incumbent)**

*Towns County, GA*

Roy Perren, a resident of Towns County, seeks election to a second term on the BRMEMC Board of Directors having first been elected in 2015. Roy and his wife Kim are both educators. Roy served as principal of Towns County High School for 9 years and is currently in his 6th year as Federal Programs & Facilities Director of Towns County Schools. Kim is a counselor at Union County Middle School. Additionally, Roy is in his 6th year serving as a Site Administrator at the Union Site of Mountain Education Charter High School in Blairsville.

Perren attends Hiawassee United Methodist Church where he teaches Sunday School and is active in the adult music program.

Perren states, "I am excited, honored and humbled to have served the membership and employees of BRMEMC on the Board of Directors these past three years and seek to continue to serve."



**JASON WALDROUP**

*Towns County, GA*

Jason Waldroup, a native of Clay County, is the son of George Waldroup and Brenda Franklin. A 1995 graduate of Hayesville High School, he went on to attend Western Carolina University. Jason and Sonya, his wife, have two children, Alexis, their 18-year-old daughter and Tristan, their 7-year-old son. They attend Macedonia Baptist Church and have called Towns County home for the past 16 years.

In 2010, Jason started working for the Clay County Water & Sewer Department where he served as director for 6 years. Jason is currently the Director of the Public Works for the City of Clayton where he oversees all personnel and operations. He hopes his local knowledge and experience will be an asset to all those who are served by the BRMEMC.

### Voting by Mail

- \* Every BRMEMC Member will receive a ballot by mail.
- \* Ballots will be mailed to Members the week of August 6th.
- \* Follow carefully the voting instructions on your ballot.
- \* Make sure to use the return envelope provided in your Ballot Packet. DO NOT bring your ballot to the BRMEMC office.
- \* Mail-in ballots must be received no later than September 6, 2018.

### Voting Online

- \* Go to [www.directvote.net/brmemc/](http://www.directvote.net/brmemc/) to access the login page of the official BRMEMC Ballot.
- \* Use Member Number and Election Passcode found on your mailed ballot.
- \* Follow carefully the online voting instructions.
- \* Online voting ends on September 6, 2018.

### Voting in Person

- \* You can vote at the Annual Meeting on September 8th, beginning at 8 a.m.
- \* The Annual Meeting is at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center.