

2022 Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Director Nominee Bios



Gene Mason
Union County, GA
INCUMBENT

Gene Mason has been a Union County resident since 1960. He has been married to his wife, Sheila, since 1996. A 1973 graduate of the Union County School System, he holds an associate degree in Art from Truett McConnell College. Gene worked in the structural steel industry until 1982, when he started Mason's Machine which is still in operation today in Union County. He has experience in steel fabricating, machining and welding, management, payroll and company finances. Gene would like to continue serving the membership as a board member of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC.



Cory Payne
Clay County, NC
INCUMBENT

Cory Payne, a Clay County native, resides in Union County, GA with his wife, McKenzie, and their 3 children. Cory is the Vice President of Advanced Digital Cable. ADC is a privately owned company with facilities in both Clay and Union Counties. Cory has held several key management positions with ADC during the past 25 years and currently serves on their Board of Directors.



Ray Cook
Cherokee County, NC
INCUMBENT

Ray Cook, is the Director from Cherokee County, NC, where he resides with his wife, Peggy, and their 3 daughters, Alana, Olivia and Jenna. He has spent the last 18 years running his own race team and promoting the Southern Nationals Dirt Late Model Series across the southeast and is a huge promoter for the Tri-County Racetrack in Brasstown, NC. He also owns American Racer South, a tire distribution company for the southeast. Ray and his family are active members of Old Fashioned Baptist Church in Martins Creek, NC.