



2009 CVEA Board of Director Elections

Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 23 along with candidate biographies and your official annual meeting notice.

To be counted return ballots must be received in the designated post office box by 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

There is one seat up for election in the Copper Basin district and two seats in the Valdez district.

Six candidates have been nominated to fill these seats via the petition process. There are two candidates in the

Copper Basin and four in Valdez.

You, as a CVEA member, will soon have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice.

To help you in your selection, candidates were asked to respond to three important questions. The questions are listed here and the candidate responses follow.

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Candidates were asked to limit their responses to 75 words per question.

Question 1

What knowledge, skills, and experience will you bring to the CVEA Board of Directors?

Question 2

What specific ideas do you have to make CVEA a better electric Cooperative?

Question 3

What ideas do you have to help the co-op position itself for the future?

Valdez District



John Bradshaw

Question 1

I've spent 35 years in the construction industry building roads, pipelines, homes and power lines. I have a good idea what works and doesn't in construction. This will serve well in feasibility studies for future projects and managing current projects.

Question 2

By continuing on with current positive attitudes and realizing the needs of the people who are the owners of this co-op. Trying to keep costs real and owners comfortable knowing they'll be able to afford to live here in the coming years.

Question 3

Get additional needed water to Solomon Gulch so power can be made and meet the needs of the community year round. Explore new alternatives to oil based power production.



Michael Congel

Question 1

With over 40 years in the construction industry as an operator, I have gained knowledge of proper business practices and operations. Working with Valdez Holding, LLC, I have gained experience in the proposal and bid process within the community of Valdez; the work involved in getting materials in the Valdez area; and when not available locally the process of procurement of supplies and labor.

Question 2

To become a better cooperative.

Question 3

CVEA can prepare for the future by exhausting all possibilities of alternative energy, working to reduce overhead and operating costs to, in turn, reduce cost to members.



Tom Kuckertz
***Incumbent**

Question 1

I have worked for many years as an engineer, scientist, and manager at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and likewise at an instrumentation business using technology developed at the National Laboratory. This experience coupled with the perspective gained on the staff of the Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in Valdez is directly relevant to the duties and responsibilities of a Director at CVEA.

Question 2

CVEA is already one of the finest and best professional organizations with which I have been associated. It is important that this good work continue and that all employees continue to receive training appropriate to their professional development.

Question 3

CVEA's acquisition of Solomon Gulch and its development of Allison Lake positions the co-op for the future. Longer term, there is considerably more hydro power potential to be developed plus possibly renewable wind and geothermal resources. Gas needs to be integrated into the CVEA power supply once available and the co-op should integrate into the Railbelt grid, in a fiscally responsible fashion, as the State of Alaska develops its transmission infrastructure.



Lyle Von Bargen
***Incumbent**

Question 1

During my 57-year residency in Alaska, the last 28 of which have been in Valdez, I have held positions of supervisor, area-wide manager, and state sales manager for major companies. Over this time frame, I have also served on many boards and commissions. From them I learned what the duties of a board consist of.

Question 2

1. To keep working on ways to produce electricity other than using fossil fuels, i.e. hydro, wind, geothermal, and methane gas.
2. To bear in mind that all forms of producing electricity are expensive.

Question 3

1. Get an intertie between the Railbelt through Sutton to Glennallen, then Glennallen to Delta, with funding from the state of Alaska.
2. An intertie could even allow CVEA to sell electricity if the occasion arose.
3. Encourage the local refinery to get back on stream ASAP. The loss of the refinery impacts CVEA's bottom line.