



# 2025 Director Election

## Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Directors election is fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 27, along with candidate biographies, and your official annual meeting notice.

To be counted, return ballot envelopes must have a valid signature and be received in the designated post office box by 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Candidates have been nominated via the petition process. You, as a CVEA member, will soon have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote. Please exercise this right.

Per CVEA Bylaws, a minimum of 10 percent of the district membership must return their ballots to constitute a valid election. For this reason, even though there may be only one candidate for the open seats, the Co-op still needs you to vote.

All valid ballots, with signed ballot envelopes, returned by the deadline will be entered to win a \$100 CVEA energy credit.

To learn about the candidates, they were asked to respond to three important questions. The questions are listed here and the candidate responses follow.

### Question 1

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

### Question 2

What do you feel are the Co-op's biggest challenges in the next five years, and what will you contribute to overcoming these challenges?

### Question 3

If elected as a CVEA Director, how will you balance the desire to keep rates low with the need to complete expensive maintenance projects necessary to ensure system reliability?

\*denotes incumbent



**\*Dan Stowe**  
**Valdez District**

### Question 1

Having been on the board since 2010, I am familiar with the needs and goals of our cooperative. With my engineering background, and 63 years experience working in design and construction, I know what is required to complete a project. Attending regional and national Co-op meetings I know where we should plan to be in the future.

### Question 2

We need to continue our search for environmentally friendly additional energy sources. With my financial background as a project engineer, I can determine if the proposed new energy source would be economically right for CVEA. In addition, I feel we need to continue to replace and upgrade aged equipment.

As I am familiar with the operations and with the CVEA management team, I will work with them to determine where our needs are.

### Question 3

With my financial background working as a project engineer for 63 years, I have the knowledge needed to evaluate our maintenance needs vs the capital required now and in the future to meet those needs.



**\*Yvette Delaquito**  
**Copper Basin District**

#### **Question 1**

I contribute meaningfully to CVEA's Board of Directors. I have developed an understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by electric cooperatives. My focus on safety and a strong organizational culture aligns with CVEA's commitment to its' employees and members. I am confident my dedication, experience, and vision will help strengthen CVEA's mission to provide affordable, reliable, and innovative energy solutions for all its' members.

#### **Question 2**

Managing rising costs of energy, particularly as fuel prices and operation expenses continue to fluctuate, and aging infrastructure. Members are already feeling the impact of high energy costs and finding ways to reduce these while maintaining reliable service will be crucial. I will

contribute by exploring innovative solutions such as supporting access to alternative energy sources, supporting federal and state grants and advocate for a safe workplace. By staying proactive, collaborative, and being innovative.

#### **Question 3**

I strongly advocate in maintaining open communication with members about financial realities of system maintenance. Transparency in decision-making helps members understand why certain projects are necessary and how they benefit the cooperative in the long run. Ultimately, my goal is to ensure that CVEA remains reliable and sustainable while keeping energy affordable for our members. Much value in forward-thinking approach, I am confident we can achieve this balance for our members.



**\*Andy Hess**  
**Copper Basin District**

#### **Question 1**

I have a working knowledge of CVEA's electric system. As a past employee, I know the maintenance that needs to be done and the efficient work standards that can be implemented. I will ask the hard questions pertaining to prioritizing maintenance and improvements to the system.

#### **Question 2**

Securing energy needs for a growing utility. Looking ahead for energy resources. Securing funding through grants and low-cost loans. Be an active participant in the Roadbelt infrastructure. Perhaps, partnering with other utilities to secure energy resources.

#### **Question 3**

Make sure we secure all energy grants we are eligible for. Perform maintenance regularly and wisely. Explore new energy ideas, like marine tidal power, wind, and solar, where available.

#### **Additional Comments**

Please feel free to express comments to me, good or bad. If I can't answer them, I will forward them to the appropriate department. It will be an honor to serve and represent you.