

Opportunities to Get Involved at Your Cooperative



Board of Directors Candidates Wanted

Join a dedicated group of community members who work on a volunteer basis for the benefit of all CVEA members.

Three director seats will be up for election in 2019. These seats are currently held by Brad Honerlaw and Fred Williams in the Copper Basin and Dan Stowe in Valdez.

As a CVEA director, you can help make decisions that impact your neighbors and friends, the folks up and down the t-line, and all cooperative members.

The Board meets once a month, normally on the third Thursday, for regular board meetings, and on occasion for special meetings or work sessions. Directors may also travel to participate in statewide and national meetings.

If you have been a member of CVEA for at least 12 continuous months, are a member in good standing, and are not an employee or close relative of an incumbent director or employee, you may be eligible to be a director. For a complete list of director qualifications, please refer to CVEA's Bylaws Section 4.02, Qualifications, found at cvea.org.

In order for a member to become a candidate, they must be nominated by petition. Candidates must complete a petition signed by at least 15 active CVEA members, whose signatures



Opposite top, CVEA CEO John Duhamel addressing the Board and staff during a tour of the Allison Creek Hydroelectric Project before completion in 2016

Opposite bottom, members of the Board of Directors touring the Valdez Diesel Plant in 2018

Left, members of the 2017 Valdez Credentials and Election Committee validating signatures on election ballot envelopes

must match the signatures on file, and submit the petition to the CVEA office in their district by 6 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019.

For more information on the election, please stop by CVEA for an application packet and petition.

The CVEA Community Foundation Scholarship Selection and Contributions Committees Need You

The CVEA Community Foundation is doing great things in our communities. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes; providing scholarships for students and contributions to educational, scientific and charitable organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code.

If you are interested in being a part of your local Cooperative, but don't have a lot of time to give throughout the year, the Foundation committees are for you.

The Scholarship Selection Committees review scholarship application packets, determine which students to interview, conduct interviews, and select who will be awarded scholarships. These committees will meet during the months of March and April in 2019.

The Foundation Contributions Committee reviews contribution requests from all local nonprofit organizations, scores them, and makes funding recommendations to the Foundation Board of Directors. If you are interested, plan on participation

in September and October.

Each of these committees requires attendance at three or four meetings, and are estimated to take up to a total of 15 hours. Feedback from committee members is that these committees are fun and rewarding.

Help Wanted for Credentials and Election Committees

A very important part of the annual meeting election process is the Credentials and Election Committees.

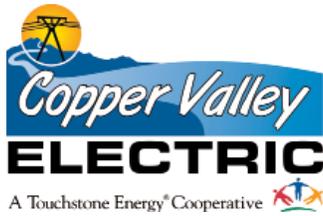
The people who serve are responsible for validating the signatures on the back of the envelopes and counting the ballots for director elections and bylaws amendments.

In each district, the Committee is comprised of interested members who are not employees, directors, candidates or relatives of these persons.

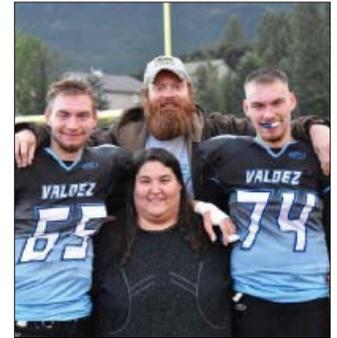
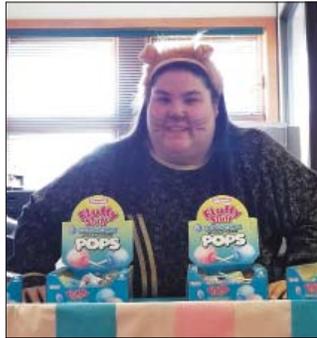
The Board will appoint committee members for each district in February. Service on the Credentials and Election Committees takes place during March and April, with most of the work performed the week prior to the meeting.

In 2019, the annual meeting is scheduled for April 30 in the Copper Basin District and May 2 in the Valdez District.

If you have questions or would like more information on Director elections, or you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact Sharon Scheidt at 822-5506, 835-7005, email scheidt@cvea.org. ■



Employee Spotlight-Zena Disney



Zena is currently the Power Generation Admin, but she came to CVEA as an Engineering Assistant 13 years ago.

Wayne McKinzey, CVEA's Production Manager, had this to say, "Zena is an important member of the team. She has an excellent eye for detail and gets things done right the first time. Her work ethic speaks for itself. I look forward to working with her for years to come."

In order to highlight Zena, we recently asked her a few questions:

Q. What do you do as the Power Generation Admin?

A. I provide administrative support for the power generation department, purchase ordering, data processing, air quality permit reports, and schedule safety training for operators and linemen. I am also the primary back up for customer service and janitorial.

Q. What are some of the big projects or changes you've been involved in since you began working at CVEA?

A. I have experienced the Four Dam Pool Divestiture, building the Allison Creek Hydroelectric Project, major diesel engine upgrades/overhauls, relocation of the transmission line, and a recent change in office hours.

Q. What are some little known facts about you?

A. It took me two years to like living in Valdez. I've now lived here 18 years and love it. I like the small town life, the active family friendly community, and the beauty of God's creation all around. I can't imagine living anywhere else.

Q. What do you like about your job at CVEA?

A. I enjoy the diversity of my job duties; it keeps the job interesting.

Q. What do you do in your spare time?

A. I spend family time with my husband, five kids, and our dog Axle, camping, berry picking, fishing, playing board games, geocaching, cooking, attending and supporting my kids at sporting and musical events, watching high school football and basketball, watching old re-runs of "Murder She Wrote", and photography. I am also an AWANA leader at Bayside Community Church.

Q. What about your job are you most proud of?

A. I am proud of the quality of service we provide to our customers, and the willingness and determination that we have to continue to change and improve for the best of the company and our members. ■



Community Foundation Awards & Opportunities



Each year the CVEA Community Foundation (Foundation) contributes funding to local nonprofit organizations looking to fund new or expanding programs that meet the Foundation's contribution guidelines.

In 2018 a record \$13,800 was awarded to 15 local nonprofits. Contributions were awarded to the following groups in December:

- Valdez Imagination Library to fund a new book each month for a year for 10 preschool-age children and to support preschool events that foster the love of reading
- Valdez Adventure Alliance to support teen intro to ice climbing training
- Stepping Stones Learning Center to fund a reading corner and materials for a large motor center
- Valdez Food Bank to assist with painting supplies and new rolling shelving
- Valdez Senior Center to support the senior activity program
- Valdez Torpedos Swim Club to help with the cost of pool rental
- Junior Achievement of Alaska/Valdez for program materials on financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship
- Valdez Museum to help fund temporary fine art exhibitions
- Francis Kibble Kenny Lake Library to support their summer Literacy Camp
- Copper River Hockey Club to support roofs over player/coaching boxes at the hockey rinks
- Prince William Sound College Adult Basic Education program at the Copper Basin campus
- Copper River Watershed Project to fund aquatic ecology field trips for students in the Copper Basin
- Copper River EMS for ETT/EMT-1 courses
- Copper Valley Community Library for purchase of books for the K-12 Battle of the Books
- WISE for ongoing support of their In-Class Science Program

The Foundation's Board approved \$16,269 to fund the 2019 contribution season; the largest amount of available funds to date. Local organizations who meet Foundation guidelines are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be available in July 2019, due in August, and awards will be made in December.



Community Foundation 2019 Scholarship Opportunities



The Foundation will award roughly \$8,000 in scholarships in 2019.

CVEA will offer two \$500 and one \$1,000 General Scholarships, and one Youth Rally Leadership Camp Scholarship in each district.

The General Scholarships will be awarded to well rounded high school seniors who plan to pursue post-secondary education through a vocational or technical school, an apprenticeship training or a college degree program.

This scholarship continues to be merit based, with scores equally weighted among four categories: education, community involvement, future education/career goals, and need.

The Idaho Youth Rally Scholarship provides an opportunity for sophomores and juniors attending high schools in CVEA's

service area to attend a week-long electric industry leadership camp in Caldwell, Idaho in July, where students practice leadership, communication skills, and teamwork while learning about electric utility practices and issues. While at the camp, students have an opportunity to earn educational scholarships that will be available to use for their education when they graduate.

The Foundation scholarship programs are funded with unclaimed escheated capital credits, fundraisers, and voluntary donations from CVEA members, like you.

Scholarship recipients will be decided in April and announced at CVEA's annual meeting, and at 2019 graduation ceremonies.

Scholarship information and applications are available at either CVEA office and on cvea.org under Community Support in the Scholarship section.

The deadline for submitting completed scholarship application packets is 5 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2019.

If you have questions about the Community Foundation contribution or scholarship programs or need assistance, please contact Sharon Scheidt at 822-5506, 835-7005, or email scheidt@cvea.org. ■

Opposite, CVEA Accountant, Lindsay Malone, and CFO, Jaime Matthews, both members of the Community Foundation Contributions Committee, presenting a check to Robin Mayo, of WISE, to support the organization's In-Class Science Program

Above left, Dave Abbot collecting the contribution for Copper River EMS Above right, Sharon Scheidt, CVEA Director of Communications, presenting a check to Stepping Stones Learning Center in Valdez

Left, CVEA President, Lon Rake, Jared Bowden, and CEO John Duhamel pose for a picture at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Valdez; Jared was awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship



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Important Dates

January

CVEA Offices Closed:

The CVEA offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for the New Year's Holiday

CVEA Bylaws Amendment Petition

Deadline: Recommended Bylaws amendments must be submitted by petition no later than 6 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019

CVEA Board Meeting: The January meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Valdez

February

CVEA Board Meeting: The February meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2019, in Glennallen

CVEA Offices Closed:

The CVEA offices will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019, for President's Day

Scholarship Application Deadline:

Thursday, February 21, 2019, prior to 6 p.m.

Director Nomination Deadline: Thursday, February 14, 2019, prior to 6 p.m.

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CVEA would like to wish all of our members a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year!

Want Your Vote to Count? Update Your Signature Card!

When you vote on CVEA business, such as the Board of Director election coming up in April, you are required to sign the ballot envelope. If the signature does not match the signature on the membership card on file with CVEA, the vote cannot be counted.

For residential customers, if you have changed marital status, or names, please contact CVEA to ensure those changes are reflected on your signature card. If you receive a card in the mail, please complete and bring to your local CVEA office or mail it in.

Organizations, businesses, and associations usually have board members who are authorized to transact business. The person who signs the election envelope must be an authorized signer on the account. If your Board of Directors or executive officer has changed in the past year, then it is time to update your CVEA membership card.

Many times, we see envelopes signed by people in the household who are not listed on the signature card, or by current organization leaders whose names have never been added. It is very important that residential and business members ensure that the people they want to be able to transact business with CVEA or vote on CVEA issues, have signed the signature card kept on file.

If you have questions or are unsure what is on your residential or business signature card, please stop by the office in either district or call 822-3211 in Glennallen or 835-4301 in Valdez.