



2018 CVEA Meet the Director Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by April 4, 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 24, 2018.

Candidates have been nominated to fill these seats 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 is only one candidate per open seat, the co-op still needs you to vote. All valid ballots returned by the deadline will be entered to win a \$50 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?

Question 3

How will your knowledge/skills and experience contribute to overcoming the co-op's biggest challenges?



Copper Basin District
Paul Kildal *Incumbent

Paul is a resident of Glennallen and is retired after a 42 year career with Crowley Petroleum Distribution. He has been a member of CVEA for 45 years.

Question 1

I was on the Board previously for nine years and was instrumental developing the Valdez Cogeneration Plant at Petro Star. I have a very mechanical inclination for solving problems. I think I use common sense in all issues of the Co-op.

On this Board, you have to take a 40,000 ft. view and look out into the future as much as possible to see what is best for the Co-op. I have been on the Board for almost 12 years. I think I have a very good feel for what is best for CVEA.

Question 2

To keep rates on an even keel. Some of the things we are doing now to help are more automation, including automated meter reading. We are also looking at the possibility of raising Solomon Gulch

dam; giving us more hydro and reducing our fossil fuel usage.

A looming problem is the piling on of regulations by the government. The cost of compliance is not reasonable. It is important to work with our Legislators to help mitigate these costs.

Question 3

As a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association credentialed board member, it is important to understand the business of running a Co-op. I have extensive schooling on the issues we face as a Co-op and relating to the electric industry as a whole.

As always, the biggest challenge we have is to reduce our fossil fuel usage and increase our use of renewable resources.



Valdez District Lon Rake *Incumbent

Lon is a resident of Valdez and is Plant Superintendent at Copper Valley Telecom. He has been a member of CVEA for 8 years.

Question 1

I have been on the Board for six years and have had the pleasure of serving in different capacities, and am the current President. We collectively have completed the Allison Creek Hydroelectric Project, hired a new CEO, and upgraded facilities, just to name a few of the many accomplishments of the organization.

As board members, we attend specialized training to become Board Certified Directors, as well as specialized training on budgeting, project specific work sessions, and legal matters. We all continue to grow as a team.

Question 2

There are many challenges looking into the future with CVEA and Eastern Alaska. The state's economy, pricing of fuel and people leaving the region are but a few. Performing maintenance and improving efficiencies are paramount. We are positioning the Co-op to sell Allison Creek's excess summer energy for the new demand at the fish processing facilities and any other new high demand customers.

Another challenge is to help develop and build an intertie connection with the

main Alaskan electric grid. This is a lofty goal, but is definitely worth discussing in further detail with our Legislators.

Question 3

Teamwork is the key to success! We have a great Board of Directors and an excellent staff of employees. I've been in the utility business for 24-plus years and have learned volumes concerning the utility industry. Providing the staff with clear directions and expectations is very important. I have and will continue to work towards making this Co-op the best it can be.



Valdez District Will Stark *Incumbent

Will is a resident of Valdez and is Vice President of First National Bank Alaska. He has been a member of CVEA for 19 years.

Question 1

In addition to six years of experience on the CVEA Board, I have 24 years of commercial banking experience. Additionally, I have a Master in Business Administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Question 2

The Co-op's biggest challenge in the next five years is to maintain reliability with minimal impact to the members. Many of CVEA's assets, especially the transmis-

sion line between Valdez and Glennallen, require substantial maintenance to maintain reliability.

Another challenge/opportunity is integrating new load to the system, including increased capacity on South Harbor Drive in Valdez for fish processing, as well as the new boat harbor. This new load is a great opportunity to sell additional hydropower produced by Allison Creek.

Question 3

I am excited to offer my experience in financial management and financing to help the Co-op meet these challenges and serve its members.

Want Your Vote to Count?

When you vote on CVEA business, such as the board 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 make sure 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 for the group. 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.

Please update your information as soon as possible. If you have questions or are unsure what is on your residential or business signature card, please stop by either office or call 822-3211 in Glennallen or 835-4301 in Valdez. ■