



2023 Director Election

Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director election is fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 30, 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 25, 2023.

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 \$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, 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



***Jeff Saxe**
Valdez District

Question 1

I was raised in a family directly involved in the hydroelectric industry and have always been interested in it. Serving on the Board of Directors these past 12-plus years, I have learned much and strive to help the Co-op with my knowledge.

Question 2

Reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and maintaining rates. Always researching and looking for alternative sources to produce power. I try to keep myself up-to-date on all new regulations that impact the Cooperative and the Membership

Question 3

I will work to balance out major projects through rates, plus borrowing funds for larger projects. Borrowing funds for big projects would not put all the burden on the current membership, but spread costs out over multiple years, so future members are paying for it as well.



Jan Maslen
Copper Basin District

Question 1

I have established lasting personal and professional relationships throughout the Copper River Valley through my position with the National Park Service and my service on local boards. I am trustworthy, enthusiastic, enjoy learning new things, work collaboratively with others, and am willing to share ideas and ask tough questions. I can provide direction for management to make substantive, good quality decisions, ensure fiscal responsibility and develop policies that enable an organization to work consistently toward its mission.

Question 2

Challenges that face CVEA during the next 5 years include finding ways to keep rates affordable for members, increasing overall system reliability, reducing dependency on fossil fuel, finding alternative energy sources, obtaining funding for expansion projects, and succession planning for staff retirements. To overcome

these challenges, I will represent the shareholders, evaluate and provide direction for management, monitor business functions, assess financial health, acquire and preserve assets, and strengthen the co-op through workforce development and advocacy.

Question 3

This is definitely a balancing act which necessitates transparency, education and communication with the Membership; amplifying their concerns, while promoting the Cooperative Business Model and benefits of membership when rates need to increase.

It requires ongoing review and evaluation of the organization's budget and infrastructure to make informed decisions. It also involves assessing upcoming maintenance projects, researching alternative sources of energy, working with elected officials and developing partnerships to secure alternative funding for expensive maintenance projects.

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 make sure those changes are reflected on your signature card. If you have a joint account, please make sure both members on the account have signed the card. Finally, if your signature has simply changed substantially over the years, an update is recommended for you as well.

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, Executive Officer, or authorized signers have changed in the past year, then

it is time to update your CVEA membership card.

Please update your information as soon as possible; the deadline to update your signature for participation in the upcoming Director election is March 20, 2023. Fillable signature cards are easy to access under Member Services at cvea.org. Simply fill it out, sign it, and email to customerservice@cvea.org or drop it off at your local office by the deadline.

If you have questions or are unsure what is on your residential or business signature card, please stop by either office or call 907-822-3211 in Glennallen or 907-835-4301 in Valdez. ■

