2026 Director Election

Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Directors election is approaching fast. Ballots will be mailed by March 26, 2026, 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 28, 2026.

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 questions. The questions are listed below, and the candidate responses follow on the corresponding pages.

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:

Served on CVEA board for 21 years. Business owner in Valdez.

Question 2:

Looking ahead I believe that the most significant challenge facing CVEA in the next five years will be navigating increasing regulations and reducing our dependency on fossil fuels. I will be committed to working closely with staff and fellow board members to address these and other future challenges, ensuring that the Co-op remains resilient, adaptable, and focused on serving the best interests of its members and the community.

Question 3:

Continue to work on 5-year plan to ensure system reliability. Continue to research viable energy options and grants.

*Janice Maslen – Copper Basin District

Question 1:

Through my work with the National Park Service and local boards, I have built lasting relationships throughout the Copper River Valley and gained experience in regulated, infrastructure-dependent organizations. I bring a collaborative, analytical approach, reviewing complex operational, financial, and policy issues, asking critical questions, and supporting informed decision-making. I am committed to representing member interests, promoting reliable locally managed utilities, and helping ensure CVEA's long-term financial and operational stability through thoughtful, solutions-oriented leadership.

Question 2:

Over the next five years, CVEA will face challenges including rising costs, maintaining system reliability, balancing infrastructure investments with affordable rates, workforce retention and succession planning, regulatory compliance, and adapting to changing energy technologies and fuel markets. As a director, I will represent shareholders by providing governance oversight, guiding management, monitoring performance, and supporting sound financial and long-range planning. My goal is to ensure CVEA remains reliable, fiscally responsible, and well prepared for the future.

Question 3:

Balancing affordable rates with the need for essential maintenance and system reliability requires a long-term, disciplined approach. As a director, I would support decisions that prioritize safety, reliability, and asset integrity while carefully evaluating costs, timing, and funding options to minimize impacts on members' rates. By promoting phased project planning, using reserves and outside funding when available, and relying on data-driven decision-making, I will help ensure CVEA invests wisely in critical infrastructure while remaining fiscally responsible.