

Chugach members elect directors

Elizabeth "Pat" Kennedy and Jim Nordlund were elected to 3-year terms on the Chugach board of directors. Election results were announced at the annual meeting April 30 at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. About 16 percent of the 66,034 Chugach members of record voted in the election, down from 24 percent in 2008.

Kennedy is a self-employed state-licensed private guardian and conservator.

Jim Nordlund is a self-employed homebuilder and general contractor.

As a cooperative, Chugach is governed by a 7-member board elected by and from its membership. Directors are elected to 3-year, staggered terms.

A total of 231 Chugach members registered for the annual meeting at the Egan Civic & Convention Center.

An estimated 320 people attended the meeting.

Three proposed bylaw changes were also on the ballot. Members approved all three of the changes. They covered housekeeping, the number of election committee members and director meeting attendance.

Board elects officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. The following officers were elected:

Rebecca Logan, Chairman

Jim Nordlund, Vice-Chair

Alex Gimarc, Secretary

P.J. Hill, Treasurer

New federal mandates may impact rates

Actions in Washington D.C. can affect the electric bills of Alaskans. Chugach tracks federal issues and discusses the potential impacts on members with our Congressional contingent, their staff and administrators. Here is a short summary of some current topics.

Stimulus bill projects

Chugach is investigating what opportunities for system improvement or customer benefit might be available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Renewable Energy Standard

An RES would mandate that a portion of the electricity sold by certain utilities must come from specified renewable technologies. Utilities that fail to meet the standard would have to pay a compliance penalty.

Energy Efficiency Resource Standard

An EERS would mandate annual reductions in usage by a utility's customers, ostensibly to promote conservation and efficiency. Utilities that fail to meet the standard would have to pay a compliance penalty.

Emissions penalties

Different proposals have been made to attempt to reduce greenhouse gasses through taxes or cap-and-trade systems.

Cook Inlet gas

Natural gas is vitally important to the economy of Southcentral and the Alaskans who live and work in the region, and federal policies and decisions should acknowledge that fact.



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Election summary

Members of record for the 2009 election	66,034
Returned mail ballot envelopes	10,446
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	10,343
Members that registered at the annual meeting	231
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	98
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	96
Total ballots cast in the 2009 election	10,439
Percentage of members of record that voted	16%

Director election

(two seats on the board to be filled by the two candidates receiving the most votes)

1. Elizabeth "Pat" Kennedy	5,157
2. Jim Nordlund	5,015
3. Steve Pratt	4,864
4. Uwe Kalenka	4,784

Bylaw Amendments

	Yes/No
1. Housekeeping	7,395/1,658
2. Number of Election Committee members	7,122/1,888
3. Director meeting attendance	7,547/1,525

The Chugach board



Rebecca Logan
Chairman

Jim Nordlund
Vice Chairman

Alex Gimarc
Secretary

P. J. Hill
Treasurer



Pat Kennedy
Director



Janet Reiser
Director



Elizabeth Vazquez
Director

Chugach recognized for work with apprentices



(from left) Labor Commissioner Click Bishop, IBEW State Training Director Dave McAllen and Chugach Electric CEO Bradley Evans. Photo courtesy of Dept. of Labor.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development recently named Chugach an "Apprenticeship Employer of the Year." Chugach was one of three Alaska employers to receive the honor, presented by Commissioner Click Bishop at a ceremony April 30.

As noted by the Department, "registered apprenticeship is a national training system that combines paid learning on-the-job and related technical

theoretical instruction in a skilled occupation enabling employers to develop and apply industry standards to training that can increase productivity and improve the quality of the workforce."

Chugach usually employs 8-10 apprentices in the course of a year. Most work with the utility for six months at a time. The apprentices that work at Chugach are usually in training to become electrical linemen, through a statewide program run by the Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Training Trust. The program requires a combination of 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and 24 weeks of classroom work (taught in three 8-week blocks) to become a journeyman lineman. It takes most apprentices about 4 years to complete the requirements and achieve certification.

For any apprenticeship program to succeed, employers must be willing to hire apprentices and provide the opportunity to

learn the trade through real world experience. Chugach has been committed to the program for many years. In its most recent labor contracts, Chugach and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers agreed to provide additional training opportunities by modifying the journeyman-to-apprentice ratios for some crews to open additional spots to trainees.

In the course of achieving their 8,000 hours of OJT, apprentices in the program work for a variety of Alaska employers – including utilities and construction firms – which provide a range of situations, skills and experiences by the time they graduate. Over the years, many former apprentices have returned to work at Chugach as journeyman linemen.

A study by the Alaska Department of Labor found that graduates of in-state apprenticeship programs not only earn twice as much as those who cancel out of an apprenticeship, they also tend to remain here. The study found that since 1996, 90 percent of those who completed an apprenticeship are still working in Alaska.



Deborah Kelly was honored as the Apprentice of the Year. She is currently working a rotation at Chugach – and more than three-fourths of the way through her training to become a lineman.

Lipscomb recognized for service

Chugach CEO (left) and Chairman of the Board Rebecca Logan presented former Director Jeff Lipscomb with an award for his nine years of service to Chugach. Lipscomb was first elected to the board in 2000. He served as Chair for two years and as Treasurer for four years, in addition to serving on other committees of the board.



Right tree, right place



Chugach is certified by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Line USA utility. There is a certified arborist on staff to help customers determine what type of plants and trees should be planted near utility rights of way. Call Chugach at 762-7660, or log on to our Web site at www.chugachelectric.com for more planting tips and information for recommended trees and shrubs.

Arbor Day is a day designated to encourage Americans to plant trees. Arbor Day is observed in Alaska on the third Monday in May.

Coming soon - member number hide-n-seek

Starting with the June Outlet your member number could be worth a \$100 credit on your Chugach electric bill.

Each month Chugach will put a random member number into the Outlet copy in brackets like this {_____}. Your member number is the root of the account number printed on your bill. It's the set of numbers preceding the dash and three sub-account numbers. If you find your member number, call the service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize. You may win for either the current or immediate past month's issue of the Outlet.

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Monthly residential service costs (based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.06848 x kwh =	\$47.94
Fuel \$0.07709 x kwh =	\$53.96
Purchased power \$0.00515 x kwh =	\$ 3.61
(Fuel adjustment effective 4/1/09 – 6/30/09)	
Sub-total	\$113.51
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 2.27
RCC charge \$0.000362 x kwh =	\$ 0.25
Total bill	\$116.03

Personnel policy

"It is a policy of Chugach Electric Association, Inc., to recruit, hire, train, compensate and promote persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, veterans status, age or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law." Chugach is also an affirmative action employer."

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