



Good turnout at Annual Meeting - Members re-elect directors

Chugach members elected Bettina Chastain and Harold Hollis to the utility's Board of Directors. Election results were announced at Chugach's Annual Meeting, held May 21 at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center. Bettina Chastain, Harold Hollis, Mitchell Roth, and Ron Stafford ran for the two seats that were open this year. Both Directors Chastain and Hollis will serve four-year terms.



Chastain Hollis

Director Chastain was first elected to the Board in 2015. Director Hollis was appointed to the Board in July, 2018 after former Director Sisi Cooper resigned.

This was the third year electronic voting was utilized as the default method for the member-owned cooperative. Of Chugach's 69,320 members

of record, 6,719 (9.7 percent) cast ballots in the 2019 election. That was a slight decrease from 2018, when the turnout was 9.9 percent. A total of 244 members registered at the meeting, with total attendance estimated between 450-500 people.

Board elects officers

The Board of Directors elected officers at the May 22 regular board meeting.

Bettina Chastain, Chair
Susan Reeves, Vice Chair
Rachel Morse, Treasurer
Stuart Parks, Secretary

2019 Election summary

Members of record	69,320
Members that registered at the annual meeting	244
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	74
Total valid ballots cast	6,719
Percent of members of record with a valid vote	9.7%

Director's election

Bettina Chastain	4,673
Harold Hollis	3,402
Mitchell Roth	2,200
Ron Stafford	1,244

Proposed bylaw changes

	Yes	/	No
Board Qualifications	5,857		766
Director Compensation	4,398		2,221



Solar installations in Chugach territory

The Solarize Anchorage initiative is very active in the Chugach Electric neighborhoods of Turnagain and Spenard. The initiative brings together the residents of specified neighborhoods to purchase and install solar panels in volume to gain economies of scale. The selected installers in Turnagain and Spenard—Arctic Solar Ventures and Anchorage Solar, respectively—expect to install over 260 kilowatts (kW) of solar panels, which is about 850 solar panels, this summer.

Chugach has 158 members who generate solar power connected to the grid; 80 percent of those are residential. The total capacity of the solar

installations is about 630 kW, up from 275 kW at the end of 2017. While this distributed generation solar is growing fast, the energy (kilowatt hours) generated by these panels represents about five hundredth of one percent of Chugach's annual retail energy sales. When measured by installed capacity (kilowatts), the panels represent about half a percent of Chugach's average retail demand.

The deadline to sign up for Solarize Anchorage is July 15 for Turnagain and June 28 for Spenard. For more information, visit The Alaska Center's website at akcenter.org.

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Power Pick Up Crew

Chugach was one of dozens of teams participating in the annual Citywide Cleanup Week. Sponsored each May by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, volunteers fan out over Anchorage picking up trash uncovered by the melting snow. Chugach employees always clean up the area around the headquarters building. Overall, more than 4,100 volunteers participated citywide in this year's cleanup week.



Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.



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