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As we enter the fall, the Chugach Board has its full complement of board members and is ready and eager to tackle the challenging items on its plate.

Ray Kreig appointed as director. At its July 27 meeting the Board appointed Ray Kreig to the seat vacated by Chris Birch who was elected to the Anchorage Assembly in April. Director Kreig is a professional civil engineer, geologist and land consultant who is President of R.A. Kreig & Associates. He served on the Chugach Board from 1994 to 2000 and was President in 1995 and 1996.

Bill Stewart appointed as Interim CEO. At a special meeting Aug. 11, the Board appointed Bill Stewart as the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Chugach. Stewart is a 36-year employee who has come up through the ranks, serving at the senior management level for the past 18 years. Stewart will take on the CEO responsibilities while continuing to oversee the Corporate Services Division where he is the General Manager. The Board has hired the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's executive recruitment arm to assist in the CEO search.

The Board sees three key policy areas to address immediately:

1. Ensuring that the Association provides safe, reliable power with good service at the lowest possible cost to the member.
2. Reviewing the labor contracts that will expire

in June 2006 and finding a balanced approach that will benefit the members, employees and the community. The process began with the hiring of two local attorneys who have been charged with reviewing each of the current agreements and making recommendations to the Board.

3. Working with wholesale members Matanuska Electric Association, Homer Electric Association and the City of Seward to improve relationships and find solutions which will benefit both retail and wholesale customers.

The Board feels a great responsibility to its cooperative members to work together and with other utilities to ensure safe, reliable, low-cost power. Board members will be spending long hours deliberating about and researching the major issues that impact Chugach and the Railbelt utilities and then taking appropriate action. The desire of the Board is to hear all concerns and listen so that they can act to meet the needs of Chugach members and the community. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. ☺



From left, Director Bruce Davison, Vice Chair Alan Christopherson, Secretary Dave Cottrell, Director Ray Kreig, Chair Jeff Lipscomb, Director Uwe Kalenka and Treasurer Elizabeth Vazquez and Interim CEO Bill Stewart



Safety First

Learning How to Be Safe Around Electricity

Electrical safety is everyone's business.

In working to raise awareness of electrical safety, Chugach has a live electricity demonstration called "Safety City" that is used to promote safety in the schools.

The program is targeted toward 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and displays ways to live around outdoor electricity. It's a fun and exciting presentation that includes segments on what to do when there are power lines near trees, a kite hangs up in an electrical line, a ball or toy goes into certain types of electrical facilities, or electric lines are laying on the ground.

The program is about an hour long and includes the demonstration, a time for questions and a goody bag with items to share about safety, and even some fun stuff.

Teachers should call the Anchorage School District's Community Resources Department to request an appointment for the presentation. Contractors and other organizations may call 762-4714 to arrange a demonstration.

Chugach normally provides presentations within its service territory, but it is possible that special arrangements may be made to accommodate other groups.



Efficiency at Work



Chugach's substation department rebuilt the Point Woronzof reactor that saved Chugach \$250,000 over the cost of buying and installing a new unit. This effort was made possible by the Chugach Technical Services Group comprised of substation linemen, technicians and engineers. Over the past 15 years, Chugach has developed a highly skilled substation group. As far as we know, this is the first time a high voltage device of this nature has been repaired in-state. The

manufacturer's representative that inspected the work was very impressed with the team's abilities and gave us high marks for technical achievement.

Superior service: Part of your Association's mission is to provide superior service. In that regard, I would like to hear from you with your compliments or complaints.



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Board activity

July meeting 2005

- Appointed Ray Kreig to the board
- Selected NRECA as the CEO search firm
- Approved directors' expenses

If you would like to review Board of Director meeting minutes or contact Board members, visit Chugach's web site at www.chugachelectric.com.

Corporate Mission

Through superior service, safely provide reliable and competitively priced energy.

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