

Brad Authier

Service area: Upper Hillside
Member for: 31 years
Occupation: Hydrogeologist/Small business owner
Employer: SAC, LLC
Education: B.S. Geological Engineering, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Nominated by: Nominating Committee
Incumbent: No
Declarations: None



Candidate Statement

I have been a Chugach Electric Association member for 31 years and would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors. Major challenges facing the association include the pending acquisition of ML&P, the movement to integrate the Railbelt utilities, increasing conversion to renewable power generation resources, and the desire to keep electrical rates as low as possible.

As an Anchorage small-business owner since 1995, I have the technical, business management, and practical problem-solving skills that would benefit my role as a Director on the Board. I am a practical private sector leader and have no personal agenda in seeking a Board seat. My background as an environmental consultant in Alaska since 1989, and track record of tangible accomplishments, enables me to bring a unique perspective to the Board. Now semi-retired, I would be excited to apply my energies to providing governance, supporting the CEA executive team, and meeting the challenges facing our utility.

As a CEA Board Director, I pledge the following if elected:

- Be accountable and listen to fellow members;
- Strive to minimize electrical rate increases, while maintaining reliability and infrastructure, and retaining quality employees;
- Support system-wide integration of Railbelt utilities;
- Support transition to renewable resources where economically practical.