

Notice of the  
**2020**  
**Chugach Electric Association, Inc.**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**and**  
**Election**



**Monday, June 15, 2020**  
**Virtual Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.**

This pamphlet contains:  
voting information,  
candidate information,  
and a director attendance and voting record.



# 2020 Voting Information

## Introduction

Chugach is more than a utility – it is a member-owned cooperative. As a cooperative, Chugach is guided by a seven-member board of directors elected by and from the membership. Directors are elected to staggered 4-year terms in conjunction with the annual meeting each spring.

Four candidates are running for the two available seats on the board in the 2020 election. This pamphlet contains voting instructions, information on each candidate, and a director attendance and voting record.

You must be a member of Chugach by April 22, 2020 (date of record as set by the Board), to be eligible to vote in the 2020 election. Chugach has moved to a paperless election. Please update your email with Chugach to receive important election materials and voting instructions. Paper ballots and election materials are available upon request.

### **SPECIAL NOTE for 2020 Membership Meeting:**

In order to comply with safety and health concerns and the emergency orders due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the 2020 Chugach Annual Meeting will be conducted through a virtual platform on Monday, June 15 beginning at 5:30 pm. To participate, sign up for the meeting on the Chugach website beginning May 1, 2020.

Chugach's bylaws allow the annual election to take place without a formal meeting, and members will be offered the opportunity to participate in the election, voting online from May 15 to June 15 or via a paper ballot from May 15 to June 12. There will be no in-person voting for the 2020 Chugach election.

## Ways to vote

### **Electronic voting:**

- An email will be sent to you with your voting instructions on May 15. If you don't see it, check your spam filter before contacting the elections contractor. **Electronic voting will close at 4 p.m., Monday, June 15.**

### **Paper ballot voting:**

- **By US Mail** in the postage-paid return envelope. **Ballot envelopes must be received in the post office box by noon, Friday, June 12.**
- **In the secure drop box** at Chugach, 5601 Electron Drive or BDO USA, LLC at 3601 C Street, Suite 600. **Ballot envelopes must be in secure drop box by noon, Friday, June 12.**

A ballot envelope must contain a member number and the appropriate signature for that membership.

### **(No) In-person voting:**

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### **Need assistance?**

If you need assistance with the voting process, contact the election contractor below.

### **Election contractor contact information:**

BDO USA, LLC.  
3601 C. Street, Suite 600  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(907) 646-7394  
(888)729-4679

**Which ballot counts?** If more than one vote is cast by a member, the one that is received first will count.

**Voting is a membership right.** Chugach is organized as a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative. One of the rights of membership is the ability to vote for the board of directors that provides policy direction for your utility. Please report any evidence of improper voting by calling the election contractor.

## Reminders

- ◆ Please make sure we have your email on file. Contact us at [service@chugachelectric.com](mailto:service@chugachelectric.com) or call 563-7366.
- ◆ Add [noreply@chugachelection.com](mailto:noreply@chugachelection.com) to your approved sender list to make sure you receive important election communications.
- ◆ Only members may vote. Proxy and power of attorney voting is not allowed.
- ◆ If voting by mail or secure drop box, remember to sign the envelope.

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your cooperative,  
your voice,  
your choice...

*Vote*

## Vote early to win...

### Early bird voting prizes

Members who cast an electronic ballot by noon each Friday are eligible for early bird voting prizes. Drawings will be held May 22, 29, June 5 and 12. Cast your vote the first week and if you don't win, your name is carried over to the next week's drawing.

### Grand Prize – one year of electricity

All voters in the Chugach election will be entered to win one year of free electricity (up to 10,000 kWhs). When all ballots are in and tabulated, we will draw one lucky winner for this grand prize.

## 2020 Candidate Statements

The following refers to the candidate statements which start on page 4.

### Candidate Statements

The candidates are solely responsible for the content of their statements. Publication of the candidates' statements does not imply endorsement by Chugach Electric Association, Inc. of any candidate or specific group. For candidates referencing endorsements by a specific group, Chugach policy requires candidates to maintain on file in the Corporate Communications office, the name of the chairman or president, title, and the address and telephone number at which the group may be contacted.

Article III, Section 9 of the Chugach Bylaws calls for candidate statements to specify whether the candidate is:

- (i) A member, officer, director or employee of any union local currently acting as a bargaining agent for Association employees.
- (ii) A person who has within the last two years had a financial interest in a bid, proposal, project or contract with Chugach.
- (iii) A spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, stepparent, stepchild or stepsibling of: a) any person included in subparagraph (i) or (ii) above or b) an employee of the Association.
- (iv) A person running as an authorized representative of a non-natural entity in accordance with Article IV, Section 3(b).

Candidates' responses to these requirements are noted in the area marked "Declarations."

## 2020 Candidates

**Note: Candidate statements must comply with certain standards. See page 4 for more information.**

### 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.

### Samuel W. "Sam" Cason

Service area: Turnagain  
Member for: 28 years  
Occupation: Attorney  
Employer: Self employed  
Education: B.A. Chemistry, University of Arkansas; J.D. University of Arkansas; Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: No  
Declarations: None



#### Candidate Statement

We are facing new challenges. In times of uncertainty, we should not have to worry about our electric utility service remaining a stable and sustainable part of our life and our economy. As a lifelong Alaskan with extensive utility experience, I ask for your vote to protect that stability.

The acquisition of ML&P has been more complex than expected. The economic impact of the pandemic won't be fully understood for months or years to come. The Swan Lake fire last summer exposed vulnerability in the transmission line from Bradley Lake. In this rapidly changing landscape, Chugach must examine its policies and plans including those for efficiently integrating renewables and working with the other railbelt utilities.

I previously served on the Chugach Board from 2003-2005. For ten years after that I served as a Public Advocate before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. There I argued for fair, reasonable rates, and for reliable service, not only for electricity but for other utility services like water, sewer, and trash as well.

If elected, I promise to put consumers first. My family has four generations of Alaskans depending on Chugach. Chugach's purpose is to provide reliable, low cost power, and that is my priority.

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### Mitchell Roth

Service area: Girdwood  
Member for: 10 years  
Occupation: Professor Emeritus of  
Computer Science  
Employer: University of Alaska  
Fairbanks  
Education: Ph.D. Computer Science  
University of Illinois, M.S.  
Computer Science Mich-  
igan State University,  
B.S. Mathematics Michigan State University  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: No  
Declarations: None



#### Candidate Statement

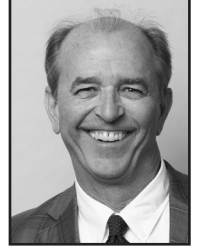
Reliable, affordable electricity is critical to our health, safety, and well-being in every aspect of life, so it's worth thinking about where it comes from and what it takes to make sure the lights come on when you flip the switch. The dedication and competence of the employees of Chugach Electric Association are the main reasons we can easily take our electricity for granted. CEA is a member-owned cooperative whose Board of Directors is elected to represent you in setting the policies for how your electricity is generated and priced.

Presently, Chugach relies on expensive natural gas for ~85% of its power, which is a big reason why Alaskans pay the 2nd highest electric rates in the nation. Electric utilities nationwide also account for about 30% of total greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. What can you do? Lower rates and lower emissions can both be achieved through 100% renewable energy sources.

Learn more about renewable energy and my plan for CEA at [chugachgreenenergy.org](http://chugachgreenenergy.org). If you support the transition to a sustainable clean energy future, please vote for me so your voice will be heard. My candidacy is endorsed by the Alaska Climate Action Network, [akclimateaction.org](http://akclimateaction.org).

### Mark Wiggin

Service area: Turnagain  
Member for: 37 years  
Occupation: Engineer/Consultant  
Employer: Wiggin & Company  
Education: B.S. Mechanical En-  
gineering, Louisiana  
State University; Master  
of Public Policy, Duke  
University  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: No  
Declarations: None



#### Candidate Statement

There have been few times in our community's history where the criticality of reliable electrical power has been brought into such sharp focus as it is now. Would any of us relish the thought of weathering this pandemic without the benefit of reliable, dependable, cost-effective power to our homes and businesses?

I am running for the Chugach Electric Association [CEA] Board because I have been engaged in Railbelt power issues for many years and now more than ever, I clearly understand the importance of dependable power to our community. I am running for the CEA Board because I want to bring my expertise and experience to the board's process of managing our cooperative such that it becomes a stronger, more resilient, and more efficient enterprise. And with my prior service as an MLP Advisory Commissioner, MLP Board Chair, and my previous participation with CEA and the other utilities on Railbelt power issues, I am running for the CEA Board because I have something uniquely valuable to offer. I already understand the issues confronting CEA on Railbelt power generation and transmission.

I appreciate your confidence and your vote.

## 2019 Board of Directors Voting and Attendance Record

Meeting Date	Meetings	Directors						
		C H A S T A I N	C R A W F O R D	H E N D E R S O N	H O L L I S	M O R S E	P A R K S	R E V E S
	<u>Attendance Codes:</u> a = absent p = present e = excused t = attended via telephone - = attendance not required	<u>Voting Codes:</u> y = yes n = no b = abstained m = not present at time of vote tb = telephone approved Association Business u = unanimous/all yes vote						
1/23/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda – as amended IV. Consent Agenda – as amended VIII.A. Appointment of 2019 CFC Voting Delegate and Alternate VIII.B. Board Policy 502 Contributions IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Alaska Power Association Membership X.B. Approve IBEW Labor Agreements – as amended X.C. Financial Matters XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u u u	p	t	t	p	p	t
2/6/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	t	p	p	p	t
2/6/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda VIII. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session IX.A. Electrical Pension Trust Special Agreement – as amended (5 yes & 2 no – Director Names Not Listed on the Minutes) IX.B. Appointment of APA Voting Delegate and Alternate (6 yes & 1 no – Director Names Not Listed on the Minutes) XI. Adjournment	p u u 5/2 6/1 u	p	t	p	p	p	t
2/27/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda VIII.A. Approval of 2019 Date of Record VIII.B. Approval of 2019 Master Election Judge VIII.C. 2019 Election Procedures VIII.D. Simplified Rate Filing (SRF): December 2018 Test Year IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Approve IBEW Labor Agreements X.B. Approve Bylaws Amendment for Placement on the Ballot to Bylaws, Article IV – Directors, Section 3 – Qualifications X.C. Approve Bylaws Amendment for Placement on the Ballot to Bylaws, Article IV – Directors, Section 9 – Compensation XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u y u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
3/25/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	p	p	p	p	t
3/26/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	p	p	p	p	t
3/26/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda VIII.A. Accept the 2018 Independent Audited Financial Statements VIII.B. December 31, 2018, SEC Form 10K Filing VIII.C. Pre-Approval for FY2019 Audit Services XI. Adjournment	p u u u u u	p	p	m	p	p	-
3/27/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda – as amended IV. Consent Agenda VIII.A. Bylaws Committee Ballot Proposal IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Capital Credit Retirement X.B. Commercial Paper Backstop Facility XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u	p	p	m	p	p	t

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4/18/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda XI. Adjournment	p u u	p	p	p	p m	p	-
4/22/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	t	p	p	p	p
4/23/19	<b>Governance Committee Meeting</b>	t	e	t	-	t	-	p
4/24/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Wholesale Capital Credit Payments X.B. IMO Professional Service Contract Extension for RGP XII. Adjournment	t u u u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
4/26/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda VIII. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session IX.A. 2018 Chief Executive Officer Evaluation and Compensation – as amended XI. Adjournment	p u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
5/8/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	e	p	t	p	p	-	t
5/21/19	<b>Annual Membership Meeting (meeting minutes have not been approved)</b>	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
5/21/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> III. Approval of the Agenda XI. Adjournment	p u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
5/22/19	<b>Governance Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	p	p	p	-	p
5/22/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda – as amended VIII.B. Election of Officers - Bettina Chastain – Chair (No other nominations were made) - Susan Reeves – Vice Chair (No other nominations were made) - Stuart Parks – Secretary (No other nominations were made) - Rachel Morse – Treasurer (No other nominations were made) VIII.C. Adoption of Calendar of Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors – as amended VIII.D. Appointment of ARCTEC Member, Management and Alternate Representatives After Agenda VIII.F., original motion was amended. VIII.E. Appointment of REAP Member and Alternate Representatives VIII.F. Appointment of APA Member and Alternate Representatives VIII.G. 2018 Capital Credit Allocations VIII.H. Simplified Rate Filing: March 2019 Test Year IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. 2019 (May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020) Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators X.B. Beluga Transformer Replacement Project X.C. Approve Stakeholder RRC/MOU XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
5/29/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	-	p	-	p	t/p
6/24/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	t	p	p	t	p

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6/26/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda VIII.A. CFC Credit Card One Pilot Program IX. Executive – to go into Executive Session X.A. Approve IMO Work Plan and Budget X.B. Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) MOU XII. Adjournment	t m m u u u u m	p u u u u u	t m m	p	p m m	p	p
7/10/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	p	p	t/p	p	t/p
7/17/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	p	p	t	p	p
7/24/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda VIII.A. First Amendment to Credit Agreement IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session XI. Adjournment	p u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
7/30/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda – as amended IV. Consent Agenda IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session XI. Adjournment	p u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
8/7/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	p	p	t	p	p	-	p
8/8/19	<b>Governance Committee Meeting (meeting minutes have not been approved)</b>	p	p	p	-	p	-	p
8/19/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.B. Simplified Rate Filing – June 2019 Test Year X.C. IMO Professional Service Contract Extension for RGP XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
9/3/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Approve Amendments to Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) X.B. Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. (MEA) Operations and Exchange Agreement XII. Adjournment	p u u u u	-	p	p	P	p	t m m m m
9/17/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda VII.A. 2019 Salary Table Market Revision IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Gas Supply X.B. Point Mackenzie Project Authorization XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u	p	p	p m m	p	p	p
10/7/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	t	p	t	p	p	p	t



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10/24/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda – as amended IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) X.B. Budget Revision – Project Funding for Eklutna Unit 2 Rebuild X.C. Gas Supply X.D. Stipulated Settlement of ML&P Acquisition and Amendments to Transaction X.E. IMO Program Budget XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u	p	t	p	t	p	t
11/5/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	t	p	e	p	p	p	p
11/6/19	<b>Audit and Finance Committee Meeting</b>	t	p	e	p	p	p	p
11/11/19 -11/12/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda III. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session XIII. Adjournment	p u u u	p m m	-	p	p	p	p
11/26/19	<b>Special Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda – no formal action taken IV. Adjournment	p u	p	p	p	p	p	p
11/26/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda IV. Consent Agenda VII.A. Legislative Goals VIII.A. Member Advisory Council VIII.B. Appointments to 2020 Bylaws Committee – as amended VIII.C. Appointments to 2020 Election Committee – as amended VIII.D. Appointments to 2020 Nominating Committee VIII.E. Project Authorization – Mobile Radio Replacement VIII.F. September 2019 Test Year Simplified Rate Filing IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. Adoption of Green Energy Program – deferred to future Operations meeting – no objections were made X.B. IMO Program Funding X.C. RRC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u	p	p	p	p	p	p
12/9/19	<b>Operations Committee Meeting</b>	e	p	-	p	p	p	t
12/18/19	<b>Regular Board Meeting</b> II. Approval of the Agenda – as amended IV. Consent Agenda VIII.A. Appointment of 2020 NRECA Voting Delegate and Alternate IX. Executive Session – to go into Executive Session X.A. 2020-2022 Strategic Plan – no action taken deferred to the next Committee and Board meetings in January 2020 X.B. Chugach Comments on Senate Bill No. 123 and House Bill No. 151 X.C. Helicopter Services XII. Adjournment	p u u u u u u u u u u u	p	p	t	p	p m m	t