

# Burnell "Bernie" Smith

Member for: 5 years  
Occupation: Retired  
Employer: Formerly RCA, AEA,  
Tesoro Alaska  
Education: B.S. Engineering  
Technology, Texas A&M  
University  
Nominated by: Nominating Committee  
Incumbent: No  
Declarations: None



## Candidate Statement

I am running for the Chugach Electric Association Board of Directors to bring my decades of experience in Alaska's electric utility sector. I have served as a Commissioner and Manager of Engineering at the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) and as a Project Manager with the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). My background in regulatory oversight, engineering, and project management makes me a strong and fair candidate for the Board.

I have a proven commitment to Chugach, having served as an Interim Board Member, Bylaws Committee Member, and past Member Advisory Committee participant. I remain actively engaged by attending nearly all public meetings concerning Chugach Electric.

As a Board member, I will act in the best interest of Members, ensuring reliable service at the lowest possible rates. I will listen to Members' concerns and advocate for solutions that serve them best. If elected, I will focus on:

- Upgrading the transmission grid to enhance reliability and efficiency.
- Ensuring a stable and affordable fuel supply, managing short-term and long-term natural gas needs.
- Integrating renewable energy sources in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

I respectfully ask for your vote for the Chugach Board of Directors.

Thank you for your support!