# **Chugach Electric Association, Inc.**

Anchorage, Alaska

## **Instructions for 2026 Petition Candidates**

Article IV, Section 4(b) of the bylaws of Chugach Electric Association allows a member to petition to have his or her name added to the ballot for the directors' election. Some general guidelines for petition candidates follow.

## Qualifications

Bylaws Article IV, Section 3 addresses the qualifications required to be a candidate for the Chugach Electric Association, Inc., Board of Directors.

### Point of contact

Chugach's Corporate Communications serves as the point of contact for candidates, located at Chugach headquarters at 5601 Electron Drive. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact us at (907) 762-4489 should you have any questions.

#### **Petition form**

Please use only the official petition form to gather signatures. Feel free to reproduce the form or ask for additional copies if you need more.

## Member signatures

A petition must contain the signatures of <u>at least 50</u> valid Chugach members to be approved. Please review Article I of the bylaws dealing with membership. Paying a Chugach bill does not automatically make you a member. Chugach will verify the membership status of petition signers with the records on file. Individuals may check their member status by calling Chugach's Member Services office at (907) 563-7366 during business hours.

## Candidates must also submit: (available at chugachelectric.com)

- A candidate information form
- A signed Attestation of Candidate Qualifications form
- A Criminal Records Check report (available from Alaska State Troopers https://dps.alaska.gov/statewide/r-i/background/home)

## **Candidate information**

An election brochure will be made available to each Chugach member along with other voting materials. The brochure includes general information about the candidates and each candidate may provide a 200-word statement to be included in the brochure. Petition candidates should complete the candidate information form mentioned above and prepare a written statement (not to exceed 200 words) for the brochure.

#### **Photos**

Along with the candidate statement, a "head and shoulders" photo of each candidate is used in the election brochure and on the Chugach website. You may provide a photo or have one taken by Chugach staff if you are successful in petitioning to be on the ballot. Please call Julie Hasquet at (907) 762-4489 to schedule a photo.

### Petition deadline

Petitions and supporting documents must be submitted to the Corporate Communications office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026. You may turn petitions in early if all signatures are gathered.

The member status of signers will be checked as soon as possible after petitions are submitted. Submitting petitions ahead of the deadline may allow you to get extra signatures in the event you have less than 50 valid signers. The names of successful petitioners will be added to the posted list of board candidates.

### **Candidate information deadline**

You must submit the candidate information form, signed Attestation, and Criminal Records Check to the Corporate Communications office when you turn in your petition.

The candidate will be contacted by the Corporate Communications office for their 200-word statement and photo to be included in the election brochure. The information will be published in the election brochure only if a candidate meets the requirements for petition candidacy.