

Nine candidates running for three Chugach board seats

Voting in the annual Chugach Electric election gets underway April 19, and there are nine candidates running for three seats on the Board of Directors.

Additionally, there is one proposed bylaw amendment on the 2023 election ballot regarding a bill round-up program.

On April 19, members with an email in our system will receive an email including a link to the election materials and instructions for voting, and paper ballots will be mailed to those who have requested them.

Paper ballots and election materials can be requested by emailing service@chugachelectric.com or calling (907) 563-7366.

Win free electricity

Names of members who vote in the annual election go into a drawing and two members will win one free year of electricity (up to 10,000 kWh valued at the residential rate). More information about the upcoming election is available on the annual meeting page of our website at www.chugachelectric.com.

2023 Candidate Forum

Thursday, April 13

4 pm

3600 Denali St.

Loussac Library

Wilda Marston Theatre

Hear the candidates answer questions about serving on the Chugach board



Brad Authier



Bettina Chastain



Susanne Fleek-Green



Harold Hollis



Shaina Kilcoyne



Steve Konkel



Jim Nordlund



Scott Von Gemmingen



James Wileman

Annual meeting & member appreciation planned

Chugach is holding its Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation event on May 19 at ChangePoint Alaska (6689 ChangePoint Dr). From 3 pm to 6 pm members can enjoy bucket truck rides, educational booths, lunch, and more. {191337665}

Tours will be offered at the Southcentral Power Project, one of the most fuel-efficient power plants in Alaska starting at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 pm. Registration is required. Sign up at www.chugachelectric.com.

(See Annual Meeting, page 2)



Available now: New payment system

Chugach's new online payment system is up and running. For many years, Chugach offered automatic payments by bank account internally. Earlier in March, this group received postcards letting them know their automatic payments were converted automatically to our new payment processing company, Invoice Cloud. Chugach was able to convert this group, as it was administered by Chugach.

However, many other Chugach members have used online and automatic payment through the My Account portal, and because this payment processing was done by a third party, these members will need to resubmit their payment

preferences with the new payment processing company. This group of members has received email messages from Chugach and Invoice Cloud, the new payment processor, and the system is now ready for members to update their payment preferences

My Account portal is updated and you can now re-enroll. The web address is: myaccount.chugachelectric.com. If you do not have My Account portal access, follow the directions provided. In order to help members transition to the new payment system, late fees will not be assessed for the month of April. For assistance, please call (907) 563-7366.

Annual Meeting *(continued from page 1)*

The annual meeting will get underway at 6 pm in the Commons area inside ChangePoint.

Members can register, vote in the election (if they haven't already), and get an update on Chugach

business, including reports from the board of directors and the CEO.

There will be door prizes for members registered at the annual meeting. Please bring photo ID.

Making progress on renewables

Chugach is studying two major renewable energy projects proposed in response to our call for proposals to add 100,000 MWh of renewable energy to our generation portfolio. This goal aligns with the decarbonation goals set by the Chugach Board of Directors in the recent Strategic Plan. Two companies, one wind and one solar, proposed projects at prices that might provide variable renewable energy without raising rates. The selected projects have the potential to exceed Chugach's goal by over four times, providing enough annual energy for about 50,000 homes. The offered prices include estimated interconnection costs but exclude integration costs.

Current studies are looking at the integration of these renewable resources which allows Chugach

to identify how much power the system can economically and operationally take without a significant negative impact on rates. An additional aspect of the studies is looking at how the new resources impact reliability, which is the #1 priority of Chugach members.

To answer these questions requires highly-complex studies that are used in production cost modeling to ensure successful operation of the system, while staying aware of affordability and reliability.



Investing in yard tools powered by electricity such as lawn



mowers, weed eaters, and leaf blowers is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint. Yard tools with a two-stroke engine can put out 20 to nearly 300 times the emissions of a car every hour they are running.

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Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number in (brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach at 907- 563-7366 to claim your prize.