



## Let your voice be heard: Volunteers needed for Member Advisory Council

The Chugach Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to serve on a Member Advisory Council (MAC). The MAC would advise the board as an ad hoc committee on issues impacting the member-owned electric cooperative.

MAC volunteers will assist in the overall effort to get more engagement from members, provide feedback on emerging issues within the electric utility, and connect members to the



governance structure of the member-owned cooperative.

Additionally, the MAC will help identify candidates for election committees and board seats.

Applications are available at [chugachelectric.com](http://chugachelectric.com) on the Board of Directors page and are due by the close of business on Sept. 24, 2021.

MAC members will be appointed in the fall and asked to serve a one-year term. Meetings will begin in January 2022.

## CEO Thibert announces retirement after more than 30 years with Chugach

Chugach CEO Lee Thibert has announced he will retire in April of 2022. Thibert, 66, has been with Chugach for over 30 years and has served as CEO for the past five years.

"Working for Chugach and our members has been an incredible opportunity," said Thibert. "I am very proud of the work we have done together, continuing to build a strong, vital utility, providing power to thousands of Alaska homes and businesses."

Thibert's career at Chugach began in 1987 and he held a variety of senior management positions before being named CEO in July 2016. As CEO, he has led Chugach through several major events including the acquisition of Municipal Light & Power, the purchase of an ownership interest in the



CEO Lee Thibert

Beluga River gas field and interest in Cook Inlet's first commercial gas storage facility, and successfully navigating the utility through the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

"Lee has been a steady and accomplished CEO, leading Chugach through many

significant changes over the years," said Chugach Board Chair Rachel Morse. "We will miss him, but his retirement is well-deserved, and he leaves Chugach a strong and resilient utility."

The Chugach board will conduct a search for Thibert's replacement.

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### In the community

Chugach employees continue to support local non-profits through our Employee Volunteer Program. Cortney Bramwell, a member services representative, has been volunteering with Alaska's Long Term Care Ombudsman program. Cortney helps by listening to residents and working with staff to solve problems. Chugach offers up to 16 hours a year for full-time employees to volunteer at a favorite non-profit during the normal workday.



*(L to R) Mikki Easley, Alaska's deputy long term care ombudsman, recognizes Chugach's Cortney Bramwell for her volunteer work.*



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