

Chugach members elect new director

Chugach members elected a new director to the utility's seven-member board of directors. Election results were announced May 18 at the electric cooperative's virtual annual meeting. Due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols, and restrictions on large gatherings, Chugach held its annual meeting virtually for the second year in a row.

Erin Whitney, faculty member at the Alaska Center for Energy & Power at the University of Alaska, was elected to serve a four-year term on the board. Whitney will replace engineer Stuart Parks who has served on the board since January 2017. Retired engineer Leslie "Fritz" Krusen also ran for the open board seat.

Of Chugach's members of record—10,453 or 11.4%—cast ballots in the 2021 election. Of the members who voted, 10,236 voted electronically and 217 used paper ballots. There was no in-person voting this year.

Members win year of electricity



Congratulations to members Valerie Evans and Rev. Gwuana R. Thomas Sr. representing Shiloh Baptist Church who each won a free year of electricity (up to 10,000 kWh). All Chugach members who voted in our 2021 annual election were entered into the drawing.

2021 election summary

Members of record	91,556
Total valid ballots cast	10,453
Percent of members of record with a valid vote	11.4%

Director's election

Leslie Krusen	2,040
Stuart Parks	3,075
Erin Whitney	5,234

Board elects officers

The Board of Directors elected officers at the May 26 board meeting.

Rachel Morse	Chair
Bettina Chastain	Vice Chair
Harold Hollis	Treasurer
Jim Henderson	Secretary

In this year's election, Chugach members also approved four bylaw amendments dealing with board and committee eligibility, the manner of holding meetings, executive sessions, and capital credits.

Right: Erin Whitney sworn in as newly-elected board member



Below: Virtual annual meeting



Safe campfires help prevent wildfires



With the winter snowpack finally melting off and warmer temperatures, Alaskans are heading to the woods and waterways to go camping.

As we all know, camping isn't really camping if you don't have a campfire. Whether you're cooking smores, singing songs, telling stories, or just relaxing around a crackling fire, enjoying a quiet moment in the company of friends and family, a campfire provides comfort and security. {1209564}

But campfires can also lead to wildfires if they are not handled with care. Each year in Alaska, dozens

of wildfires are started by abandoned or unattended campfires.

Here are some tips on how to have a safe campfire:

- **Check to make sure campfires are allowed where you are. Consider using a fire pan for your fire.**
- **Situate your fire in a safe spot.**
- **Don't use accelerants like gasoline. Keep your fire small and manageable.**
- **Have tools and water on hand. Never leave a campfire unattended.**
- **Watch the wind direction.**
- **Don't keep flammable objects close to a campfire.**
- **Make sure your fire is completely extinguished.**

For more fire safety information visit www.alaskafireinfo.com or www.smokeybear.com.

EV charging program expands

Chugach is seeking applications from commercial members in its North District (formerly Municipal Light and Power service area) interested in hosting a public electric vehicle charging station. In exchange for the host owning, operating, and sharing usage information, Chugach will reimburse up to \$7,500 of the installed costs of Level 2 chargers at two locations. A similar program is already in place in

the South District.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on June 30, 2021. The application form and additional information is on the Chugach website chugachelectric.com/energy-solutions/electric-vehicles, where six active electric vehicle incentive programs are listed to support the development of electric vehicles in the region.

In the community

Spring cleaning

Chugach employees spread out across three of our work sites picking up trash as part of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Citywide Cleanup program. We enjoy taking part in this annual tradition of sprucing up the city for summer.



South District crew



Sullivan Plant

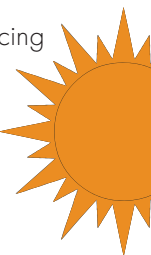


North District crew



Keeping it cool this summer

- Delay heat-producing chores like running the dishwasher or doing laundry until the evening hours.
- Keep blinds and curtains closed during the day – especially for east- and west-facing windows.
- Use ceiling fans to make rooms feel a few degrees cooler.



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