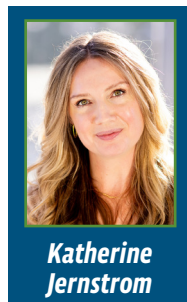


## Members elect new director

With all votes counted, Chugach members elected one new director to the utility's seven-member board of directors in the 2025 election. Results were announced Friday, May 30, at the cooperative's annual meeting held at ChangePoint Alaska.

Members elected Katherine Jernstrom to fill the one vacant seat on the board. Members also approved a bylaw amendment, extending by one month the timeframe during which the annual meeting can be held. In total, 10,715 members cast ballots for a voter turnout of 11.98%.



**Katherine Jernstrom**

### 2025 Election summary

Eligible voting members	89,473
Total valid ballots cast	10,715
Voting percentage	11.98%

### Election of officers

Mark Wiggin	Chair
Sisi Cooper	Vice Chair
Rachel Morse	Treasurer
Susanne Fleek-Green	Secretary

## Chugach call center and lobby closed June 27 to July 3, 2025

In order to implement a new customer information system that includes billing and payment systems, Chugach's call center and lobby will be closed from June 27 to July 3.



Members will still be able to have their service needs met via email: [service@chugachelectric.com](mailto:service@chugachelectric.com) and pay their bills through all payment methods, except in-person. Ways to pay include the payment kiosk outside the headquarters building, online via My Account or the Make a Payment button, or using the automated payment line, (907) 762-7803. We apologize for the inconvenience but want to ensure our new system is implemented seamlessly for our members.

## Cents of Community needs you!

Chugach is looking for members interested in serving on the Board of Trustees for our Cents of Community bill rounding program. In the 2023 annual election, members approved a Bylaw amendment allowing us to create the roundup program, where members' bills will be automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar. The amount is between \$0.01 and \$0.99 a month, which is roughly \$6.00 a year.

The money collected will be used to support 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations within the Chugach service area. Members who decide not to participate will be able to unenroll before the program is launched in the fall of this year.



We're seeking seven dedicated Chugach members to serve on the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees. As a trustee, you'll have the exciting job of reviewing grant applications, distributing grant funds, and ensuring grants support meaningful community programs.

The application period is open until June 30, 2025. Chugach members at least 18 years old and in good standing can apply. We value diverse perspectives and those passionate about community service and community impact. No prior board experience is required. Trustees will serve a volunteer role, meeting at least quarterly to review grant applications and guide foundation decisions.

Apply today at [www.chugachelectric.com/CentsofCommunity](http://www.chugachelectric.com/CentsofCommunity) {191322009}

## Focus on wildfire prevention

Chugach is actively involved in several initiatives aimed at reducing wildfire danger in Anchorage. Staff members have been participating with the Anchorage Fire Department and multiple other agencies in designing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Additionally, Chugach's vegetation management continues in earnest with clearing of our easements on the Anchorage Hillside, edge-to-edge and ground-to-sky.

Keeping our easements clear of structures, trees, and other vegetation supports our priority of providing safe and reliable power. Clear easements allow our crews

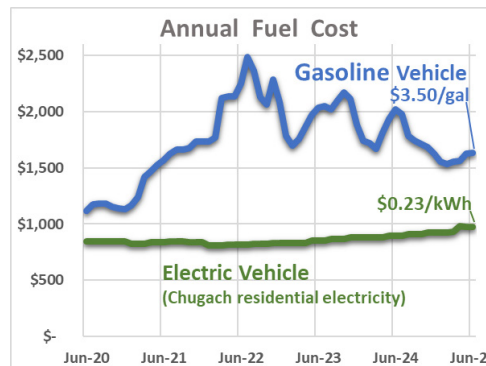
to safely access equipment for maintenance and for repairs during power outages. Fire officials have also expressed the importance of keeping the easements clear as fire breaks and possible evacuation routes. Chugach has other tools to use as well when the fire danger is high, including disabling automatic reclosing and, in extreme situations, preemptively shutting off power. {26835}



## The economics of EVs

Electric vehicles (EVs) are typically cheaper to drive and can provide long-term savings that make it easier to budget and plan for future transportation costs. Estimating future transportation costs for personal or fleet vehicles requires guessing the price of fuel, like gasoline, which can fluctuate daily.

Since the price of electricity changes much more gradually than gasoline, this makes the cost of driving an energy-efficient EV more predictable and reduces the impact that fuel price volatility can have on a budget.



For example, a small SUV like the Chevy Equinox costs about \$0.13 per mile for the gasoline version and about \$0.08 for the EV version. The gasoline version is rated at 26 miles per gallon (mpg), or 3.8 gallons per 100 miles of driving. The electric version is rated at 35 kWh per 100 miles, equal to 2.9 miles

per kWh. The cost per mile assumes \$3.50 per gallon gasoline and \$0.23 per kWh electricity, which are the approximate current prices for Anchorage residents.

In the past three years, the average price of gasoline in Anchorage has ranged between \$3.29 and \$5.59. Driving 12,000 miles per year with gasoline would have cost between \$1,518 and \$2,580. In the same period, electricity has changed by less than 18% and would have cost between \$819 and \$977 to drive the same distance. The next time you're considering a vehicle, think about whether an EV could help your budget.

### CHUGACH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

*From Engineering to Operations to Member Services, all of Chugach's roughly 450 employees live and work in Alaska.*

*Each month we introduce you to one of our employees who works every day to provide safe, reliable power to our members.*



**Name:** David Snyder  
**Position:** Mgr, CAD/GIS Services  
**Time at Chugach:** 9 years

David says his proudest accomplishment at work is overseeing the post-acquisition effort to synthesize Municipal Light & Power's GIS data with Chugach's.



*To spend more time outside this summer and reduce home energy use, use your grill instead of the oven. Cooking outdoors will eliminate the electricity used to power a stove and avoids raising the temperature inside your home. You can also skip the oven with tasty no-bake recipes.*



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