

## Members elect two directors

Chugach members elected two directors to the utility’s seven-member board of directors. Election results were announced Friday, May 29, at the cooperative’s Annual Meeting held at ChangePoint Alaska.



Penny Gage

Rachel Morse

Members re-elected Rachel Morse and elected Penny Gage to the Chugach Board of Directors. In the 2026 election, 9,951 members cast ballots, a voter turnout of 11.14%.

One bylaw amendment on the

ballot passed and one failed. The approved amendment corrects grammar, removes sections previously repealed, and makes other nonsubstantive revisions in the Bylaws. The failed bylaw amendment required a 2/3 majority and would

### 2026 Election summary

Eligible voting members	89,310
Total valid ballots cast	9,951
Voting percentage	11.14%

have amended both the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, authorizing the board of directors to set the one-time membership fee charged to new members.

## Planning for Public Safety Power Shutoffs

As wildfire risk continues to grow across the western United States and in Alaska, utilities are developing new tools to help protect communities during extreme fire weather conditions. One of those tools is called Public Safety Power Shutoff, or PSPS.

PSPS is the proactive, temporary shutoff of power in specific areas when conditions such as strong winds, dry vegetation, and low humidity create an extreme wildfire risk. It is considered a last-resort safety measure intended to reduce the chance that electrical equipment could spark a wildfire.

PSPS is commonly used at utilities in the Lower 48 and Chugach is developing plans in case conditions warrant it here. Planning does not mean shutoffs are expected or imminent, but we are preparing for a changing risk environment and ensuring we have options available to protect public safety.

Decisions about a potential PSPS would involve careful monitoring of weather forecasts, vegetation conditions, and real-time system operations in coordination with emergency management and fire officials. If a PSPS were ever necessary, Chugach would use multiple communication channels to alert members and the public, including outage notifications, social media, the website, media outreach, and other emergency communications.

A PSPS would only be considered during extreme conditions when the risk of wildfire ignition outweighs the impacts of a temporary outage. Like other emergency preparedness efforts, planning ahead helps ensure we are ready to respond safely. {141013778}



The Swan Lake fire on the Kenai Peninsula in 2019

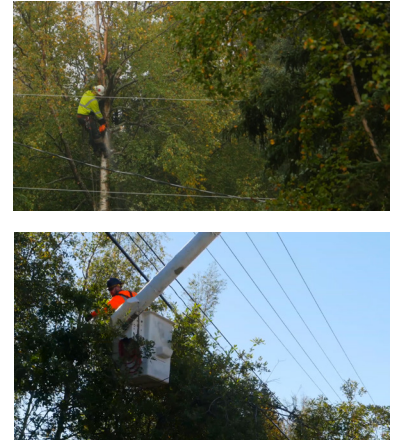
## Appreciating our members

Chugach wrapped up another successful season of member engagement on May 29. An estimated 1,500 Chugach members and families attended Member Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. With bucket truck rides, power plant tours, EV displays, and more, attendees of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of exciting activities and experiences. {162257}



## Leave tree clearing to the professionals

Chugach has a year-round vegetation management program clearing trees and other vegetation from our utility easements. Clear easements make it safer and faster for crews to respond to power outages, for routine maintenance, and to reduce the risk of wildfires.



Only line-clearance trained arborists are permitted to work within 10 feet of energized lines. Untrained workers or homeowners should never attempt to cut down trees or remove branches near power lines. Please contact a professional tree removal company or contact Chugach's Danger Tree hotline (907) 762-7227 if you have any questions about trees in or out of the utility easement.

For more information, visit: [www.chugachelectric.com/vegetation-management](http://www.chugachelectric.com/vegetation-management)

## In the community: Citywide Cleanup

Team Chugach grabbed vests and orange trash bags and participated in the 2026 Anchorage Citywide Cleanup, picking up trash from the areas around Chugach facilities.



## 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.*

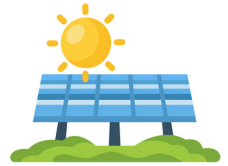


**Name:** Jena McCotter  
**Position:** Sr. Designer  
**Time at Chugach:** 26 years

Jena says her proudest accomplishments at work are fostering positive relationships with both co-workers and contractors on projects, and achieving a key milestone by passing the Engineering Assessment.

## Green Corner Reducing our carbon footprint

Community solar lets you receive the benefits of solar energy without having to install panels yourself.



Since starting last August, Chugach Community Solar has more than 270 members subscribed to receive solar energy from the project. Learn more: [www.chugachelectric.com/community-solar](http://www.chugachelectric.com/community-solar)



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