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## Voting open in Chugach election – Cast your ballot by May 30







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Chugach members are encouraged to vote in the 2025 Annual Election. Members will choose from three candidates running for one seat on the Chugach Board of Directors. There is also one proposed bylaw amendment on the ballot. It extends by one month the timeframe during which the annual meeting can be held.

Information on candidates and the bylaw proposal is available on Chugach's Annual Meeting and Election page at <a href="www.chugachelectric.com">www.chugachelectric.com</a>. Voting runs from April 30 to May 30.

Watch for weekly voting emails until May 28 and add <u>noreply@directvote.net</u> to your approved sender list to make sure you receive important election communications. You can also vote via the Chugach website using the unique voting credentials you'll receive in the mail. Electronic voting closes at 1 p.m. on May 30. Paper ballots are due by noon on May 29.

Chugach's election contractor, Survey & Ballot, can assist members who have not received the voting email or wish to receive a paper ballot. Call (866) 909-3549 or email <a href="mailto:support@directvote.net">support@directvote.net</a>. Voting results will be announced at the annual meeting on May 30 at ChangePoint Alaska, beginning at 4 p.m.

Members who vote in the Chugach election will be entered to win one free year of electricity (up to 10,000 kWh valued at the residential rate). Two winners will be announced at the annual meeting. {141016774}

## **Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event**

Chugach is hosting its Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Event on the same day at ChangePoint Alaska (6689 Changepoint Drive). On May 30, the member event runs from 1-4 p.m. in the ChangePoint parking lot with bucket truck rides, educational booths, electric vehicles, and more. Sign up for power plant tours: tinyurl.com/h2uskxuw

Registration for the Annual Meeting gets underway inside the ChangePoint Commons area at 3 p.m. The meeting starts at 4 p.m. and will include updates from the board of directors, the CEO, in-person voting, election results, and other Chugach business. Door prizes will be drawn for members in attendance.







## Apply to join the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees



Small change can create a big impact. That's the idea behind Cents of Community, Chugach's new bill rounding program launching in Fall 2025. Participating members will round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar, with the extra cents pooled to support local 501 (c) (3) non-profit organizations within Chugach service area.

We're seeking seven dedicated

Chugach members to serve on the Chugach Electric Association Charitable Foundation (Chugach Foundation) Board of Trustees.
As a trustee, you'll review grant applications, distribute grant funds, and ensure grants support meaningful community programs. This is an exciting opportunity for members passionate about community service and community impact.

#### What You Need to Know:

- Application Period: May 1 June 30, 2025
- Who Can Apply? Chugach members, at least 18 years old, in good standing. We value diverse perspectives and are especially interested in candidates who

- bring a passion for our mission, professional or lived experience in relevant fields, and a willingness to learn. No prior board experience is required.
- Commitment? Trustees will serve a volunteer role, meeting at least quarterly to review grant applications and guide foundation decisions.

### **Apply Today!**

Ready to shape the future of Cents of Community through the Chugach Foundation? Submit your application May 1 - June 30, 2025.

Learn more at <u>www.chugachelectric.</u> <u>com/CentsofCommunity</u> {48937}

## Thank you for a decade of service

This month we say thank you to outgoing Director Bettina Chastain, who has reached the term limits after serving on the Chugach Board of Directors since 2015. Bettina has helped the cooperative navigate many complicated decisions including the acquisition of a 10% working interest in the Beluga River Unit gas field in 2016; acquisition of Municipal Light & Power in 2020; and the COVID pandemic from 2020-2022. She served multiple board roles including as chair and secretary. Thank you for your service, Bettina. We wish you the very best.



Director Bettina Chastain and CEO Arthur Miller



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: Trish Baker
Position: Sr Mgr, Govt. Affairs
Time at Chugach: 2 years

Trish says her proudest accomplishment at work is speaking up for Chugach Electric and our members before federal, state, and local governments.



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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.





Of the 89,474 members eligible to vote in the Chugach election, 80,298 have an email on file and received their election materials electronically – saving hundreds of trees.