

Be a Part of Your Cooperative.... Be a Part of CVEA



CVEA Board members John Bradshaw, Jeff Saxe, and Fred Williams touring the Glennallen Diesel Plant and learning the status of the plant upgrade.

Board of Director Candidates Wanted

Join a dedicated group of community members who work on a volunteer basis for the benefit of all CVEA members.

Three director seats will be up for election in 2010; these seats are currently held by Carl Crosman and Fred Williams in the Copper Basin and Joe Freitag in Valdez. Each seat will be filled for three year terms.

As a CVEA director, you can help make decisions that impact your neighbors and friends, the folks up and down the T-line, and all cooperative members.

The Board meets once a month, normally on the third Thursday, for regular board meetings, and on occasion for special meetings or work sessions. Members may also travel to participate in statewide and national meetings.

If you have been a member of CVEA for at least 12 continuous months, are a member in good standing, and are not an employee or close relative of an incumbent director or employee, you may be eligible to be a director. For a complete list of director qualifications, please refer to CVEA's Bylaws Section 4.02, Qualifications.

In order for a member to become a candidate, they must participate in a petition process. Candidates must complete a petition signed by at

least 15 active CVEA members and submit the petition to the CVEA office in their district by 5 p.m., Friday, February 19, 2010.

For more information on the election, please stop by CVEA for an application packet and petition.

CVEA Bylaw Amendment Deadline

CVEA members may propose Bylaw amendments for placement on the 2010 ballot by filing a petition with the Board of Directors that has been signed by at least 10 percent of the membership at least 90 days before the annual meeting.

Please submit any amendments by petition prior to 5 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2010. Petitions may be submitted to either the Glennallen or Valdez office.

A copy of CVEA Bylaws can be picked up at either office or referenced online at www.cvea.org.

2010 Educational Scholarships

Looking for educational scholarships? The CVEA Community Foundation (CVEACF) will be awarding \$13,500 in educational scholarships in 2010. The CVEACF scholarship programs are funded with unclaimed, escheated capital credits and voluntary donations from CVEA members, like you.

For high school seniors, CVEA is offering eight \$500 general scholarships. Half of these scholarships will be awarded in each district. General scholarships are awarded for vocational, technical, or apprenticeship training or college degree programs.

Students interested in the electrical industry are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. High school seniors who intend to pursue a field of study that contributes to the development and improvement of the electrical industry have the opportunity to receive this scholarship. One will be awarded in each district.

In 2010, CVEA will award two community college scholarships, one in each district, to a returning PWSCC student or PWSCC students seeking continuing education and other opportunities for career advancement. This scholarship is not available to graduating seniors.

In addition, the CVEA Community Foundation will award one Idaho Youth Rally scholarship in



2009 CVEA Copper Basin Scholarship Committee members. From Left: Eric Lutz, Betty Boznak, Shannon Saavedra, Mary Kriner, Elaine Manning (Chair), and Suzanne Wilson. Not pictured: Ron Langseth

each district. The Idaho Youth Rally scholarship provides an opportunity for sophomores and juniors attending high schools in our service area to attend a week-long electric industry leadership camp where students practice leadership and communication skills and teamwork, while learning about electric utility issues.

Scholarship recipients will be decided in April and announced at CVEA's Annual Meeting and at 2010 graduation ceremonies. Scholarship information and applications will be available at the high school counselors' offices, PWSCC, at either CVEA office and on www.cvea.org under Community Support in the Scholarship section. Applications will be available after December 15, 2009.

The deadline for submitting scholarship application packets is 5 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2010.

Help Wanted for Credentials and Election Committees

A very important part of the annual meeting election process is the Credentials and Election Committee.

The people who serve are responsible for validating the signatures on the backside of the envelopes and then counting the ballots for Director elections and Bylaw amendments.

The committees, one for each district, are comprised of interested members who are not employees, directors, candidates or close relatives of these persons.

The Board will appoint committee members for each district in February. Service on the Credentials

and Election Committees takes place during March and April, with most of the work performed the week prior to the meeting. In 2010, the annual meeting is scheduled for the week of April 19.

The Scholarship Selection Committee Needs You

If you are interested in being a part of your local Cooperative, but don't have a lot of time to give throughout the year, the Scholarship Selection Committee is for you.

The Scholarship Selection Committees review scholarship application packets, determine which students to interview, conduct interviews and select who will receive the \$13,500 in scholarships.

Participation on the committees require attending three or four meetings, and is estimated to take up to 15 hours.

If you have questions, or would like more information on Director elections, Bylaw amendments, educational scholarships, or would like to volunteer for the C&E or Scholarship Committees, please contact Sharon Crisp at 822-5506, 835-7005, or email crisp@cvea.org. ■

