



2012 CVEA Board of Director Elections Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 21, along with candidate biographies and your official annual meeting notice.

To be counted, return ballots must be received in the designated post office box by 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

There is one seat up for election in the Copper Basin District and two seats in the Valdez District.

Three candidates have been nominated to fill these seats via the petition process.

You, as a CVEA member, will soon have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote. Please exercise this right.

Per CVEA Bylaws, a minimum of ten percent of the District Membership must return their ballots to constitute a valid election.

To help you learn about the candidates, they were asked to respond to two important questions.

The questions are listed here and the candidate responses follow.

Candidates were asked to limit their responses to 75 words per question.

Question 1

What knowledge, skills, and experience will you bring to CVEA's Board of Directors?

Question 2

It is the vision of CVEA to reduce or eliminate our dependence on fossil fuel and stabilize the Cooperative's cost of generation with regional, sustainable resources. What ideas do you have to help the Cooperative reach this goal?



Valdez District
Will Stark *Incumbent

Will is a resident of Valdez and is Vice President of First National Bank Alaska. He has been a member of CVEA for 12 years.

Question 1

I have 18 years in commercial banking, as well as experience in property management and commercial fishing. This experience has given me a strong grasp of not only financial management but also the importance of managing physical assets to ensure their continued viability.

Question 2

I do not believe CVEA will be able to entirely eliminate its use of fossil fuels in

the near future. That being said, CVEA has several opportunities to lower its dependence on diesel fuel:

- The Allison Lake Hydro Project
- Efficiency upgrades to Solomon Gulch Hydro Plant
- Wind power is also a possible source; CVEA is currently conducting a study to determine the wind resource at Mile 12 Richardson Highway



**Valdez District
Lon Rake**

Lon is a resident of Valdez and works as a Plant Superintendent for Copper Valley Telecom. He has been a member of CVEA for 1.5 years.

Question 1

I have a degree in Organizational Management and Telecommunications Technology. I am a tested IBEW Journeyman and have worked for electrical and telecommunication utility companies in Alaska since 1993.

Having worked in the utility industry for over 19 years, I fully realize the challenges of providing reliable utility service 24/7/365. Alaska has some of the most challenging extremes in the world for day-to-day operations, but we make it happen and will continue to do so. My

agenda brings a no-nonsense approach to the Board of Directors position. Decisions will be made with the good of the membership always in mind. I also bring an open mind to new and emerging technologies and solutions that will benefit the entire membership for years.

Question 2

We have the luxury of rivers, lakes, wind and an ocean to harness natural, sustainable power. CVEA is headed in the right direction and should further pursue and develop key regional locations.

Key areas might include Allison Lake, Tsaina River, Stuart Creek and other potential water ways in both districts.

There are other ways to reduce electrical consumption on an individual basis. I would like to see CVEA further expand a home energy efficiency program to educate and aid members in reducing their electrical energy bills.

The MET tower project, tidal flow generation, and smaller scale biomass generation at both district landfills are other potential ideas that should continue to be explored.



**Copper Basin District
Paul Kildal *Incumbent**

Paul is a resident of Glennallen and works for Crowley Petroleum Distribution. He has been a member of CVEA for 35 years and has served for three terms on the CVEA Board of Directors.

Question 1

I am a credentialed member of the CVEA Board of Directors and have served three prior terms.

Question 2

I am willing to serve on committees pursuing alternatives to fossil fuels. I am also willing to do reserach on this.

Want Your Vote to Count?

When you vote on CVEA business, such as the Board of Directors election coming up in April, you are required to sign the ballot envelope. If the signature does not match the signature on the membership card on file with CVEA, the vote cannot be counted.

For residential customers, if you have changed marital status, or names, please contact CVEA to make sure those changes are reflected on your signature card. If you receive a card in the mail, please complete and bring to your local CVEA office or mail it in.

Organizations, businesses, and associations usually have board

members who are authorized to transact business for the group. The person who signs the election envelope must be an authorized signer on the account. If your Board of Directors or executive officer has changed in the past year, then it is time to update your CVEA membership card.

Please update your information as soon as possible. If you have questions or are unsure what is on your residential or business signature card, please stop by either office or call 822-3211 in Glennallen or 835-4301 in Valdez. ■