



CVEA Board of Director Elections Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. There is one seat up for election in the Copper Basin district and two seats in the Valdez district.

Five candidates have been nominated to fill these seats via the petition process. There are two candidates in the Copper Basin and three in Valdez.

You, as a CVEA member, will soon have the opportunity to exercise your

right to vote for the candidates of your choice.

To help you in your selection, candidates were asked to respond to three 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 management, technical and financial skills and experiences will you bring to CVEA's Board of Directors?

Question 2

What do you think CVEA's long-term goals and objectives should be?

Question 3

What ideas do you have to help the co-op position itself for the future?

Copper Basin District



Jim Manning
***Incumbent**

Question 1

My professional career consists of 29 years in Education. During those three decades I moved from classroom instruction, to supervision, to administration. During my career I earned a total of four degrees. For my last employer, ITT Educational Services, I was responsible for quality control for a national chain of 26 post-secondary technical schools. Providing a quality education at the lowest possible cost was our goal. That mission parallels the mission of CVEA.

Question 2

CVEA is a stand alone, remote utility unable to rely on other sources for generation. For that reason, even when we can develop green power, we must maintain the capability to produce electricity in both districts in the event our primary source is out of operation or some catastrophic event presents our being able to transmit from one region to the other. Long-term goals should include development of AFFORDABLE and SUSTAINABLE alternatives to diesel fuel.

Question 3

We must continue to develop plans for how we will be generating electricity 20 years from now. We must make that generation as environmentally friendly as possible, and at the lowest possible price. As evidenced by media announcements our members are expressing very real changing views on energy as reflected in how co-op consumers use electricity. This is evidenced by the addition of energy saving devices in our homes.

Copper Basin District



Billy Williams

Question 1

I have served on seven boards since 1977 and received awards from four of them. I have 31 years business experience including retail, rentals, and management and maintenance. In 32 years of construction experience I was a foreman eight times. I supervised 1,532 Lions as District 49-A Governor in 2005/2006 and helped direct the \$14 million Glennallen School Project when I served on the CRSD Board in 1980-1989.

Question 2

1. To increase our hydro capacity
2. Study alternate ways of providing

- electricity that may be feasible as oil costs rise
3. To provide safe, reliable service to as many people as possible at the most affordable cost
 4. To have a long-term financial plan that provides for operations, maintenance, and growth

Question 3

1. When we have a goal that needs funding, let's have a proposal ready to present to the Legislature when they have an excess of funds, such as this year
2. Let's review all of our operations to make sure we are operating efficiently to keep costs down and are prepared in case of a major equipment failure
3. We need to protect the interest of our members as other utilities try to get out of the 4 Dam Pool

Valdez District



Guy Bergstrom

Question 1

My technical, financial, and management experience is all of a personal nature; that which we all gain by living our lives. The experience I would bring to the Board of Directors is the experience of a 19 year member and resident of Valdez who is familiar with the unique strengths and weaknesses and needs of CVEA's service area.

Question 2

I think CVEA's long-term goal should be to provide the community with the most economical power

possible with existing technology that leaves the smallest footprint on the environment. I want us to have the cheapest energy possible with long-term solutions rather than immediate patches that will be more costly down the road.

Question 3

A co-op, by definition, is owned by its users. Any position should reflect the welfare of the community. I would like to see CVEA dedicated to being in the forefront of environmentally friendly, economical power production that benefits members both as users and as residents of our service area; one of the most beautiful, unspoiled places on earth.

Valdez District



**Joe Freitag
*Incumbent**

Question 1

I have owned my own business in Anchorage that provided me with management and financial experiences. My current job requires high level research of maintenance and project practices and evaluations, followed with detailed analysis.

Question 2

Securing long-term energy sources that are environmentally and fiscally conservative that allow for growth opportunities and having a working environment for CVEA employees that contributes to long term employment with competitive pay and benefits.

Question 3

Continue analysis and act when the time is right to secure access to alternative energy sources. With limited expansion in the future, position CVEA to be the provider of choice for electrical power outside of our service area.

Valdez District



**Jeff Saxe
*Incumbent**

Question 1

I have been a member of CVEA since 1982. Since 1991, my wife and I have owned and operated Eagle's Rest RV Park and Capt'n Joe's Gas in Valdez. My experiences of running our businesses, plus serving on the CVEA Board of Directors for the past three years will be an asset to the Board and co-op in the future.

Question 2

CVEA needs to produce electricity at lower rates for its members. CVEA needs to keep exploring and push forward on hydro power so the co-op is not dependant on diesel generation.

Question 3

We, as a co-op, need to seriously take a look at hydro power to lower costs for its members. Also, with lower costs existing businesses and potential new businesses can expand and grow, which will be beneficial to the community and CVEA's economic growth.