



## 2010 CVEA Board of Director Elections Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 26, 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 13, 2010.

There are two seats up for election in the Copper Basin district and one seat in the Valdez district.

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

There are two candidates in each district.

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

### Question 2

What specific ideas do you have to make CVEA a better electric Cooperative?

### Question 3

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



**Copper Basin District**  
**Carl Crosman \*Incumbent**

1. I was raised in Alaska in the 40's & 50's. I went to Vietnam in the 60's, then back to Alaska where I joined the IBEW. I was lucky enough to work in remote areas all over Alaska. Most of this experience was on power houses. This gives me a history of having to look at what I had on hand – and making it do what needed to be done. I believe this same attitude can be used to bring

us into a renewable energy future. We are a small utility with only 3600 members, so we need to be innovative in our approach because of our limited finances.

2. Promoting and supporting any effective and financially viable renewable energy source of power. The current project is the Allison Lake Hydro Plant that is rapidly approaching the point where a decision will have to be made on its feasibility based on all the testing that has been done. I would like to be there to see the project through its next level.
3. This seems to me to be a 'part B' of the previous question. I will work, along with other board members, to investigate all areas of electrical generation that will help Copper Valley Electric Association reduce our dependence on fossil fuels to a minimum. The ideas will never all come from one person. It is just as important to listen to other board members and to YOU – the members.



**Copper Basin District**  
**Fred Williams \*Incumbent**

1. I have over 35 years of experience as a member and a director of CVEA. I have served as CVEA's representative on the Alaska Power Association (APA) Board of Directors for over 20 years and am presently Vice President of the organization. APA is the statewide organization that represents the majority of electric energy production in Alaska. My

residency of the Copper River area since 1963 and my tenure on the Board of CVEA has given me good insight as to what the members want and what the Cooperative needs and can provide.

2. CVEA should continue down the path that we are on. That is to examine and consider all reasonable technology in order to eventually become free of the use of fossil fuels for the production and distribution of electric energy to our members. The costs involved in this goal must not be intolerable for the members. We should continue and improve our policy of keeping the members aware of what the Staff and Board of Directors are doing to meet our goals.
3. Continue to examine new technology, as it is developed, to determine usefulness for our Cooperative. We cannot afford to ignore the possibilities presented in emerging electronic technology. We must also maintain our policy of our staff and Board of Directors attending various courses that will help us to do a better job for the members.



**Valdez District  
Tom Kuckertz**

1. In addition to six years of previous service on the CVEA Board of Directors, I have worked for many years as an engineer, scientist, and manager at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and likewise

at an instrumentation business using technology developed at the National Laboratory. This experience coupled with the perspective gained on the staff of the Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in Valdez is directly relevant to the duties and responsibilities of a Director at CVEA.

2. CVEA is already one of the finest and best professional organizations with which I have been associated. It is important that this good work continue. I believe that CVEA will be a better Cooperative if total rates for service are averaged over a year's time so that the benefit of the summer's lower hydropower rates are shared with the year-round residents of CVEA's service territory.
3. CVEA's acquisition of the Solomon Gulch project and its development of the Allison Lake hydro plant positions the Cooperative for the near and immediate future. With respect to the longer term, there is considerably more hydro power potential to be developed plus possibly renewable wind and geothermal resources. Gas, as it becomes available, needs to be integrated into the Cooperative's power supply. As the State of Alaska develops its transmission infrastructure (required to distribute renewable energy), the Co-op needs to integrate its operations in a fiscally responsible fashion into the Railbelt grid.



**Valdez District  
Dan Stowe**

1. I am a graduate engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological/Petroleum engineering. I have just recently retired after 43 years as a Project Engineer and Project Manager with various oil companies throughout the world. I am a past CVEA Director (2004-2007) as well as a certified Cooperative Director. Having lived and worked in Valdez for over 20 years, I believe I am well versed in what the community of Valdez needs from their electric cooperative and how to achieve some of those goals.
2. Currently, CVEA is working diligently to determine if the Allison Lake Hydroelectric Project is economically feasible. I will be behind this project all the way, but I also believe there are other possibilities out there that we should be looking at as well, such as: additional sites for hydropower generation, pushing for a natural gas line for a cheaper/cleaner power source, potential hydro-thermal sources in our area, a tie-line to another power system, and obtaining state and federal grants toward development of alternative sources of energy. There are certainly other possibilities out there and once elected, I am willing to listen to any and all suggestions from our CVEA members.
3. Above all, the CVEA must continue investigation into all potential sources for alternative energy to replace the high costs for liquid fuel. The Board must remain constantly aware of any new state and federal grants that may be available for development of alternative sources of energy. CVEA directors must be aware and knowledgeable of all new legislation being presented before the city, state, and federal houses and how that legislation will affect cooperatives.