



2013 CVEA Board of Director Elections Meet the Candidates

The CVEA Board of Director elections are fast approaching. Ballots will be mailed by March 22, 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 9, 2013.

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

To help you learn about the candi-

dates, they 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

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?

Question 3

Keeping energy rates affordable is a primary concern for CVEA, yet it is a difficult task as the majority of the power bill is the cost of fuel. What ideas do you have to lower the cost of energy.

Copper Basin District



Carl Crosman *Incumbent

Carl is a retired IBEW electrician of 40 years. He has been a CVEA Director since 2004.

Question 1

I bring 40 years of industrial electrical experience. All of this experience has been in Alaska; from Nome, to

Pt. Barrow, Prudhoe Bay to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Juneau, and the Copper River Valley.

Question 2

Hydro Electric Power! Not a new concept, and I didn't invent it, but I am a firm believer in it. Pressure needs to be kept on every entity that is slowing CVEA's efforts to build the next two hydro plants.

Question 3

Hydro Electric Power! Excuses are not solutions, nor are they results. Water flowing down hill is a proven theory. Hydro does not cause nuclear winter, a fuel spill at a hydro plant means you wipe off your boots and change your socks. The fish like our Solomon Gulch Hydro Plant so well they come back every year just to raise their kids. Hydro is a flat rate

fuel. We need 100 percent hydro power.



Russell Jindra

Russell worked for Copper Valley Telecom for 14 years and is now an electronics technician at AT&T Alascom.

Question 1

I have been working for utilities for over

20 years, and two of these 20 years were with electric companies. I understand the workings of customer owned utilities and the need to provide the owner/customer with quality service. I was also a member of the KCHU Board of Directors for two terms, so I understand the working relationship between the Board and Management.

Question 2

I believe that CVEA should investigate the possibility of deploying wind generation in the Copper Valley. CVEA would also benefit from the development of another hydroelectric plant to supplement what they are currently getting from Solomon Gulch. One other option might also be to re-visit the possibility of an intertie between CVEA and the state inter-tie system. Diesel generation should be our last option for generating power as it is cost prohibitive.

Question 3

CVEA should develop alternative sources of generating power and investigate alliances with the other power generating entities in the state. Diesel generation needs to become a back-up option for providing power instead of one of the primary options.



Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson has worked for the Copper River School District for over 15 years. He is currently the CRSD Superintendent.

Question 1

As a Dad of young Copper Valley citizens, I believe CVEA must have Directors that will focus on the needs of future generations. My wife and I have been privileged to live in the Copper Valley for over 15 years. I have gained an awareness and burden for sustainability in the Copper Valley. My personal experience and professional career has kept me in close proximity to current energy needs and the urgent necessity to prepare affordable energy for the future.

Question 2

Utilizing our natural resources to stabilize and reduce the cost of energy production is the foundation for future economic sustainability for the Copper River Valley. CVEA's Allison Creek project is an excellent example. Mitigating the cost of fossil fuels while looking for alternative sources of energy will take vision, courage, and the collective wisdom of the citizens of the Copper River Valley. Supporting, communicating and advocating for CVEA's vision to reduce or eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels will be my priority as a Director.

Question 3

As a Director, I will support the clear vision of "stabilizing the Cooperative's cost of generation with regional, sustainable resources." Our families, schools, businesses, organizations, and residential customers should all expect a tireless focus on affordable energy. I will work hard to meet those expectations as a Director.



Fred Williams *Incumbent

Fred is a retired employee of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, where he worked for 25 years. He has served on the CVEA Board of Directors for 42 years.

Question 1

I have over 40 years of experience as a director of CVEA and over 20 as CVEA's representative on the Alaska Power Association (APA) Board. APA is the statewide organization that represents the majority of electric energy production in Alaska. My residency in the Copper River since 1963 and my tenure on the Board has given me good insight as to what the members want and what the Cooperative can provide.

Question 2

It is my goal that CVEA has the facilities to generate all our own electricity with renewables such as hydro, wind, and solar. CVEA should continue down the path that we are on, considering 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.

Question 3

Development of renewable energy is expensive and time consuming and funds from federal, state, and private sources are difficult to come by. We will continue to investigate all sources of funding available to develop generation that reduces our dependence on diesel fuel.

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Valdez District



Louis Clark

Louis has worked for the City of Valdez for 10 years; he is currently the Baler Supervisor.

Question 1

I believe I can bring new, cutting edge ideas to the CVEA Board. I have a large family (eight children still living at home), and I understand the need to think outside the box to solve problems seemingly impossible to solve. I also believe I have the ability to stimulate conversations creating effecting brainstorming sessions.

Question 2

My goal is to have CVEA completely free of fossil fuel dependence within the next 15 years by CVEA being 100 percent powered by hydropower. I would also like to see us be a leader in innovative ways of producing electricity while continuing to lower cost for all members. I believe good is never good enough; we should always be looking for ways to improve the way we do things.

Question 3

I believe there are other alternative energy sources available to our area. I would propose we investigate a hydrogen gener-

ating plant; producing electricity as well as heat - potentially replacing the Cogen system we currently use. This alternative could potentially become a reality sooner than the Tielke Hydro Plant.



Dan Stowe *Incumbent

Dan is a retired Engineer and has served on the CVEA Board of Directors since 2010.

Question 1

I am an engineer with a BS Degree in Geological/Petroleum Engineering. I recently retired after 43 years as a Project Engineer and Project Manager with various oil companies throughout the world. I am a past and current CVEA Director as well as a Certified Cooperative Director. Having lived and worked in Valdez for over 23 years, I am well versed in what the community of Valdez needs from their Electric Co-op, and how to achieve some of those goals.

Question 2

I am behind CVEA's efforts on the Allison Creek and Tielke River Hydroelectric projects. I also believe there are other opportunities such as wind generation, natural gas, and potential hydrothermal resources. I also support working to obtain state and federal grants toward the development of these and other alternative sources of energy. Once elected, I am willing to listen to member suggestions.

Question 3

As a resident of Valdez for 20-plus years, I am vitally interested in the future of our community and making it more affordable. If elected I will work diligently to investigate all potential sources for alternative energy and new state and federal grants. I will work diligently to improve reliability while at the same time providing the lowest possible rates to our members.



Mark Swanson

Mark spent 25 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as an officer in Engineering and Management. Mark is currently the Executive Director of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC).

Question 1

With my position as Executive Director with PWSRCAC, I bring experience supervising a staff of 18, work for a 20 member Board of Directors, and manage a \$3.5 million budget. As a former USCG Commander in Valdez, I had responsibility for remote power generators, communications and navigation equipment throughout Prince William Sound.

Question 2

Renewable energy from wind, hydroelectric, geo-thermal, and tidal power are all astonishingly expensive to develop and extraordinarily geographically site-

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