

# Chugach Electric Association's

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## Chugach members elect directors

Incumbent Jeff Lipscomb and Jim Nordlund were elected to 3-year terms on the Chugach Board of Directors. Election results were announced at the annual meeting April 27. About 22 percent of the 63,639 Chugach members of record voted in the election.



Jeff Lipscomb

Lipscomb is a professional mechanical engineer and project management consultant. He is the principal and owner of JWL Engineering. He was elected to the board in 2000.

Nordlund is a homebuilder and general contractor who owns Nordlund Carpentry.



Jim Nordlund

In other voting, Chugach members passed a bylaw amendment to reinstate director term limits. As a result of the change, directors may not serve more than three consecutive 3-year terms.

As a cooperative, Chugach is governed by a 7-member board elected by and from its membership. Directors are elected to 3-year, staggered terms

A total of 282 Chugach members registered for the annual meeting at the Egan Civic & Convention Center. An estimated 450 people attended the meeting.

### Board meets to elect officers

Immediately following the annual meeting, the board met to elect officers to serve for the next year. Jeff Lipscomb was elected chairman of the board, Bruce Davison was elected vice-chair, Jim Nordlund was elected secretary and Dave Cottrell was elected treasurer.



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### Election Summary

Members of record for the 2006 election	63,639
Returned mail ballot envelopes	14,705
Validated returned mail ballot envelopes	14,109
Members that registered at the annual meeting	282
In-person ballots issued at the annual meeting	95
In-person ballots cast at the annual meeting	92
Total ballots cast in the 2006 election	14,201
Percentage of members of record that voted	22.3%

### Director Election

(two seats on the board to be filled by the two candidates receiving the most votes)

David Ausman	4,801
Jim Henderson	1,095
Michael Koy	1,119
Ray Kreig	4,937
Jeff Lipscomb	7,842
Jim Nordlund	7,797

### Proposed amendment to the bylaws

	Yes	No
Reinstate (put back) term limits for directors	9,846	3,273

# Med-Electric Alert program

Do you, or someone you know, have electrically powered medical equipment at home essential for the preservation of health or life? Such equipment may include a hemodialysis machine, a ventilator, an oxygen concentrator, a tracheal suction device, a heart or breathing monitor or some other equipment permitting people to care for themselves at home.

If you depend on electrically powered medical equipment, Chugach would like to know so we can give you special attention.

While Chugach strives to maintain reliable electric service for

all consumers at all times, outages will occur

If Chugach is aware a customer has electrically powered equipment in the home it may be able to flag your account for special consideration. This may include additional time to pay before shut-off, notice of scheduled outages or prioritized restoration when an outage does happen.

For more information or to have your account marked as Med-Electric, please contact Chugach at 563-7366 or 800-478-7494 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. weekdays.



## Plant the right tree



Planting trees and shrubs can provide energy savings in addition to enhancing the beauty and value of your home. Evergreens can create a winter windbreak for your home, and trees which lose their leaves in the fall can provide shade in the summer while allowing the sun to shine through on Alaskan winter days.

When planting a tree, remember to select the planting site carefully. Avoid planting trees beneath or adjacent to overhead utilities. Trees contacting overhead power lines are unsafe and can cause power outages. Locate trees away from underground utilities and call 278-3121 for utility locates before digging. It can be costly to remove or prune trees planted in conflict with utilities, but with a little planning these costs can be eliminated.

You can find tips on planting your new tree properly in a safe and

conflict-free location at Chugach's web site at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com).

Chugach has a certified arborist on staff who can help you determine the type of plants that are recommended for planting near utility rights of way. Call 762-7660 to contact him or to obtain a list of recommended trees and shrubs.

Arbor Day is a day designated to encourage Americans to plant trees. Arbor Day is observed in Alaska on the third Monday in May.

### Before you start your spring projects ...



### Call for locates



Call **278-3121** for the location of buried utilities before digging.



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## Contact us

Main number	563-7494
Toll free	(800) 478-7494
Customer service	563-7366
Customer service fax	762-4678
Business and commercial	762-7876
Credit	563-5060
Power theft hotline	762-4731
Danger tree hotline	762-7227
Underground locates	278-3121
Regulatory Commission of Alaska	
(800) 390-2782 or	276-6222
To report a power outage	
In Anchorage	762-7888
Outside Anchorage	(800) 478-7494

## Residential service costs

(based on 700 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.42
Energy charge \$0.09282 x kwh =	\$64.97
Fuel adjustment \$0.02868 x kwh =	<u>\$20.08</u>
Sub-total	<u>\$93.47</u>
2% MOA Underground Charge =	\$ 1.87
RCC charge \$0.000433 x kwh =	<u>\$ 0.30</u>
Total bill	<u>\$95.64</u>

## Corporate Mission

Through superior service, safely provide reliable and competitively priced energy.

## Hours

### Member Service lobby:

5601 Electron Drive  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Member Service phone:

Monday - Friday  
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### Main office:

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