

Annual meeting and election May 14

Four Chugach members are running for three seats on the cooperative's board of directors in this year's election. Election results will be announced at the May 14 annual meeting.

Chugach is a utility organized as a member-owned cooperative. The organization is governed by a 7-member board elected by and from the membership. The candidates in the 2015 election are Bettina Chastain, Sisi Cooper, Bruce

Dougherty and Ron Stafford.

Chastain is a self-employed executive and engineering consultant. Cooper is a project engineer with Doyon Anvil, elected to the board in 2012. Dougherty is a health program manager with the State of Alaska, recently appointed to the board (see sidebar). Stafford is a self-employed consultant.

A recent resignation from the board (see sidebar) has

created a special 1-year term in this year's election. Accordingly, the two candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to 4-year terms, while the candidate with the third-highest votes will be elected to a 1-year term.

Members will also vote on one proposed bylaw amendment. It would assist the transition to electronic voting as the

primary means of voting in future Chugach elections by making edits to different sections of the bylaws. The proposed change is supported by the bylaws committee, board of directors, and election committee. Chugach began offering

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Dougherty appointed to the Chugach board

Bruce Dougherty has been appointed to the Chugach board of directors. Dougherty is a health program manager with the State of Alaska. He fills a vacancy created by the resignation of former director Dave Gillespie, who left the board in February. After interviewing volunteers for the director's seat, the Chugach board appointed Dougherty at a meeting on March 17. In accordance with the bylaws, a member will be elected in this year's election to serve the one year remaining on Gillespie's original term.



Bettina Chastain



Stanislava "Sisi" Cooper



Bruce Dougherty



Ron Stafford

Transmission foundations improved

Chugach crews recently completed a project to improve the foundations under three transmission line structures on the west side of Cook Inlet. The aluminum towers – each at least 60 feet tall – support 230-kilovolt transmission lines that carry energy from the Beluga Power Plant. The transmission lines were installed decades ago, and over time frost heaving had raised the pile foundations

of the structures. Working with a pile-driving contractor, crews detached each structure leg, added more H-pile to the original foundation and drove the new, longer piles at least 75 feet deep, then reset the structures on their new foundations. The project needed to be done in the winter when an ice road could be built to get equipment to the remote locations.

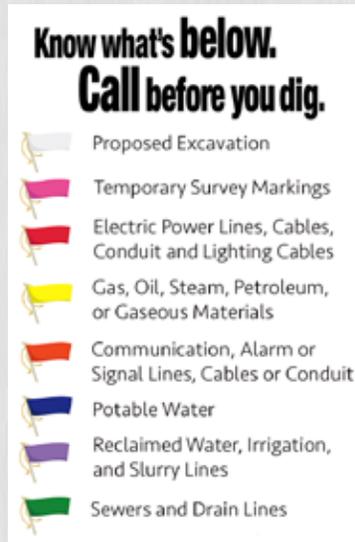


Call 811 before digging

April has been designated as National 811 Month. A single free call to 811 before digging will provide the location of buried utilities.

Knowing where lines are buried helps avoid the cost, disruption and potential danger of digging into utility lines. Calling 811 will connect a caller to the One Call Locate Center, which in turn will notify potentially affected utilities. Utilities will mark the ground with color-coded paint to show where their facilities are buried. Red is the color used to denote electric lines.

It's important to call at least two business days in advance, and to hand dig within 2 feet of locate marks.



Copper thieves strike again

In March a crew discovered that thieves had cut and removed copper from a Chugach substation in Anchorage. It was the third copper theft from Chugach facilities in the past two years. As with the prior incidents, Chugach reported the theft to law enforcement.

Metals theft has been an ongoing problem across the nation in recent years, and Alaska has seen its share of the problem. Alaska utilities, contractors, transportation companies and other organizations have been the victims of metals theft. Repairing the damage can be costly and time-consuming, and on a utility system can

lead to disruptions in service to customers. Thieves who steal copper from energized electrical facilities risk injury or death. {98062}

In 2014, Chugach and other organizations came together to support metals theft legislation passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor. As in other states, the law targets the transaction between sellers and scrap dealers (many of whom supported the legislation).

Persons with knowledge of metals theft can report it to Crime Stoppers by calling (907) 561-STOP, or online at www.anchoragerecrimestoppers.com.

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members the opportunity to vote electronically in 2011. In 2014, 12.5 percent of the membership voted in the election, with 37.5 percent of the votes cast electronically via the Internet or phone.

The board set April 1 as the record date for voting in this year's election. Members have five ways to vote: using the Internet, tele-

phone, mail service, secure drop box, or in person at the Annual Meeting. Election materials will be sent via mail or email by April 14. Members have until noon on Monday, May 11 to return a ballot by mail, or until noon on Thursday, May 14 to vote electronically.

In-person voting will be allowed at the cooperative's

CFL recycling program

Bring your burned out, unbroken compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) to the Chugach lobby and we'll properly recycle them for you. Chugach does not take

fluorescent tube lamps or broken CFLs.



annual meeting May 14 at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center for members who haven't yet cast a

ballot. Registration opens at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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Monthly residential service costs

(based on 650 kwh)

Customer charge/month	\$ 8.00
Energy charge \$0.09415 x kwh =	\$61.20
Fuel \$0.04992 x kwh =	\$32.45
Purchased power \$0.01172 x kwh =	\$7.62
FIW renewable energy adj. \$0.00156 x kwh =	\$1.01
<small>(Fuel, Purchased power and FIW renewable energy adjustment factors effective April 1, 2015, subject to Regulatory Commission of Alaska approval)</small>	
Subtotal	110.28
2% MOA Undergrounding Charge =	\$ 2.21
Regulatory Cost Charge \$0.000754 x kwh =	\$ 0.49
Total bill	\$112.98

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