



## Chugach members elect two new directors

Chugach members elected Sam Cason and Mark Wiggin to the utility's board of directors. Election results were announced June 15 at the electric cooperative's annual meeting, held for the first time in a virtual platform in order to comply with health and safety concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brad Authier, Sam Cason, Mitchell Roth, and Mark Wiggin ran for the two open seats vacated by Harry Crawford and Susan Reeves who had both reached their term limits.

Of Chugach's 69,589 members of record, 8,249 — or 12 percent — cast ballots in the 2020 election. That is an increase of 23 percent over the 2019 election. More than 140 members signed up to view the virtual annual meeting via a livestream. A recording of the meeting and the 2019 Annual Report are posted on the Chugach website at [www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com).

### 2020 Election summary

Members of record	69,589
Total valid ballots cast	8,249
Percent of members of record with a valid vote	12.0%

### Director's election

Brad Authier	3,134
Sam Cason	3,947
Mitchell Roth	3,023
Mark Wiggin	3,411

### Board elects officers

The Board of Directors elected officers at the June 17 meeting, including re-electing Bettina Chastain as Board Chair.

The complete slate of officers includes:

Bettina Chastain, Chair  
Rachel Morse, Vice Chair  
Harold Hollis, Treasurer  
Jim Henderson, Secretary



L to R: Sam Cason and Mark Wiggin



Virtual annual meeting



*Congratulations to members Linda and Ben Mitchell who won the free year of electricity (up to 10,000 kWh). All Chugach members who voted in our 2020 annual election were entered into a drawing -- and the Mitchells are the lucky winners!*

## New EV charging station in South Anchorage

Due to a collaboration between Chugach Electric and JL Properties, you can now charge an electric vehicle (EV) while shopping or dining at a development in South Anchorage. The equipment became active recently at the complex that houses South Restaurant, Mountain View Sports and other businesses near Old Seward Highway and O'Malley Road.

The installation was completed with financial assistance from Chugach as part of a research project to gather information about the use of publicly available chargers. JL Properties manages the development with the new charging equipment. Initially there will be no charge to use the charging station, though that may change in the future.

This is the second such facility funded by the program, following Alyeska Resort's installation of charging equipment last fall. Two additional



businesses in the Anchorage Bowl are planning to complete their charging sites later this year. The installations are for Level 2 charging equipment with universal connectors. An hour of charging can add 25-30 miles of driving range to the batteries of electric vehicles. {210677}

On the app and website for PlugShare, one of the common ways electric vehicle drivers find places to recharge, the new site is listed as "South Anchorage Mall."

## Members urged to complete COVID-19 hardship forms

Chugach members facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic are urged to fill out a financial hardship form along with a deferred payment plan. In mid-March, Chugach temporarily suspended service disconnects due to non-payment of bills and stopped assessing late payment fees due to the financial impacts of the pandemic. A bill passed by the legislature temporarily prohibits utilities from disconnecting residential service for those facing financial hardship during this time.

In order to not be subject to disconnect, residential and commercial members must fill out the forms, which are available on the Chugach website or by calling 563-7366. Members are still responsible

for payment of their electric bills. The residential moratorium on disconnects is tied to the State of Alaska emergency order, currently in effect until Nov. 15. Commercial members with signed forms can defer payments to a future date when the health emergency is over or when Chugach ceases the temporary moratorium on disconnections.



**When it's warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.**



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### Member number hide-n-seek

Find your member number {in brackets} in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.