



Be a Part of Your Cooperative..... Be a part of CVEA

Board of Director Candidates Wanted

Join a dedicated group of community members who work on a volunteer basis for the benefit of all members.

Three director seats will be up for election in 2008; two seats are held by Jeff Saxe in Valdez and James Manning in the Copper Basin. These seats will be filled for three year terms. In addition, the seat recently vacated by Laura Meadors will be up for election for the remaining two years of her three year term. Joe Freitag has been appointed to fill this seat until the election.

As a director, you can help make

decisions that impact your neighbors and friends, the folks up and down the T-line, and all cooperative members.

The Board meets once a month, normally on the third Thursday. Members also travel to participate in statewide and national meetings. Directors serve three-year terms.

If you have been a member of CVEA for at least 12 continuous months, are a member in good standing, and are not an employee or close relative of an incumbent director or employee, you may be eligible to be a director. For a complete list of director qualifications, please refer to CVEA's

Bylaws Section 4.02, Qualifications. A copy of CVEA Bylaws can be picked up at either office or referenced on www.cvea.org.

In order for a member to become a candidate, they must participate in a petition process. Candidates must complete a petition signed by at least 15 active CVEA members and submit the petition to the CVEA office in their district by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2008.

For more information on the election, please stop by CVEA for an application packet and petition, or call Sharon Crisp at 822-3211 or 835-7005 to have a packet mailed to you.

Message from Board President Jim Manning

Dear Members,

As a consumer of energy from Copper Valley Electric Association you are a member/owner of the Cooperative.

Would you like to be a member of the team who directs the



strategic plan and mission of CVEA?

This is done by the CVEA Board of Directors.

Soon the Cooperative will begin accepting applications from members to run for election to the Board.

If you would like to make a difference, please consider

joining the team and becoming a candidate for the Board.

Please call me or any member of the Board if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

***Sincerely,
James Manning***

CVEA Bylaws Amendment Deadline

CVEA members may propose Bylaw amendments for placement on the 2008 ballot by filing a petition with the Board of Directors that has been signed by at least 10 percent of the membership at least 90 days before the Annual Meeting.

Please submit any amendments by petition prior to 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 15, 2008. Petitions may be submitted to either the Glennallen or Valdez office.

A copy of CVEA Bylaws can be picked up at either office or referenced on www.cvea.org.

If you have any questions regarding the Bylaws or the petition process, please contact Sharon Crisp at 822-3211 or 835-7005 or email crisp@cvea.org.

Help Wanted for Credentials and Election Committee

A very important part of the annual meeting election process is the Credentials and Election Committee.

The people who serve are responsible for validating the signatures on the backside of the envelopes and then counting the ballots.

The committees, one for each district, are comprised of interested members who are not employees, directors, candidates or close relatives of these persons.

The Board will appoint committee members for each district in February. Service on the Credentials and Election Committee takes place during the month prior to the annual meeting, with most of the work performed the week prior to the meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, contact either office.

The Scholarship Selection Committee Needs You

If you are interested in being a part of your local cooperative, but don't have a lot of time to give throughout the year, the Scholarship Selection Committee is for you.

The Scholarship Selection Committees review scholarship application packets, determine which students to interview, conduct the interviews and select who will receive the \$9,500 in scholarships being offered this year.

Participation on the committees will require attending three meetings, and is estimated to take up to 12 hours.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Sharon Crisp at 822-3211 or 835-7005 or email crisp@cvea.org.

\$9,500 in CVEA Scholarships Available in 2008

This year, \$9,500 is available for CVEA scholarship programs. These scholarship programs are funded with unclaimed capital credits that have escheated back to the Cooperative.

For high school seniors, the Board has authorized offering four \$500 general scholarships. Half of the scholarships will be awarded in each district. The scholarships are awarded for vocational, technical, apprenticeship training or a college degree program.

Students interested in the electrical industry are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. High school seniors who intend to pursue a field of study that contributes to the development and improvement of the electrical industry have the opportunity to be awarded this scholarship. One will be awarded in each district.

CVEA is excited to announce two new scholarship opportunities for the upcoming year. In 2008, CVEA will award two Community College Scholarships, one in each district, to a member planning to attend Prince William Sound Community College for the 2008-2009 school year. These new \$1,500 community college scholarships are designed to assist students with the costs to attend PWSCC.

In addition, the Board has authorized two Idaho Youth Rally scholarships. The Idaho Youth Rally scholarship provides an opportunity for sophomores and juniors attending high schools in our service area and allows students to practice leadership, teamwork, and communication skills while learning about electric utility issues.

Scholarship recipients will be decided in April and announced at CVEA's Annual Meeting and at 2008 graduation ceremonies.

Scholarship information and applications will be available at the high school counselors' offices, at either CVEA office and on www.cvea.org under Community Support in the Scholarship section. Applications will be available after December 15, 2007.

The deadline for submitting scholarship application packets is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2008. For additional information regarding the CVEA scholarship programs, please contact Sharon Crisp at 835-7005 or crisp@cvea.org.

