



It's Your Cooperative... Get Involved!



CVEA Board Members Carl Crosman, Lyle Von Borgen, and Fred Williams having a discussion before the 2012 Annual Meeting in Valdez.

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Board of Directors Candidates Wanted

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

Three director seats will be up for election in 2013; these seats are currently held by Carl Crosman and Fred Williams in the Copper Basin and Dan Stowe in Valdez.

As a CVEA 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, for regular board meetings, and often for special meetings or work sessions. Directors may also travel to participate in statewide and national meetings.

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.

In order for a member to become a candidate, they must be nominated by petition. 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 p.m., Friday,

February 15, 2013.

For more information on the election, please stop by CVEA for an application packet and petition.

CVEA Bylaws Amendment Deadline

CVEA members may propose Bylaw amendments for placement on the 2013 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 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2013. 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 online at www.cvea.org.

2013 Educational Scholarships

Looking for educational scholarships? The CVEA Community Foundation (CVEACF) will award \$8,000 in educational scholarships in 2013. The CVEACF scholarship programs are funded with unclaimed, escheated capital credits and voluntary donations from CVEA members, like you.

For high school seniors, CVEA is offering eight \$500 general scholarships. Half of these scholarships will be awarded in each district. General scholarships are awarded for vocational, technical, or apprenticeship training or college degree programs.

In addition, the CVEACF will award one Idaho Youth Rally scholarship in each district. The Idaho Youth Rally scholarship provides an opportunity for sophomores and juniors attending high schools in our service area to attend a week-long electric industry leadership camp where students practice leadership and communication skills and teamwork, while learning about electric utility issues.

Scholarship recipients will be decided in April and announced at CVEA's Annual Meeting and at 2013 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 20, 2012.

The deadline for submitting scholarship application packets is 5 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2013.

Help Wanted for Credentials and Election Committees

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 back of the envelopes and then counting the ballots for Director elections and Bylaws amendments.

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 Committees takes place during March and April, with most of the work performed the week prior to the meeting.

In 2013, the annual meeting is scheduled for April 16 in the Copper Basin District and April 18 in the Valdez District.

The Scholarship Selection Committees Need 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 interviews and select



Above: Past CVEACF Valdez Scholarship Committee members. Left to Right: Aurora Meller, Diana Crisp, Dolores Gard, Dan Schally, Colleen Stephens, and Deanna Parsons.

Left: Bob Frisbie, member of the Copper Basin Credentials and Election Committee, helps CVEA employees Toni Daniels and Jeanie Willford with registration at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Glennallen.

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who will receive the \$8,000 in scholarships.

Participation on the committees require attending three or four meetings, and is estimated to take up to 15 hours.

If you have questions, or would like more information on Director elections, Bylaws amendments, educational scholarships, or would like to volunteer for the C&E or Scholarship Committees, please contact Sharon Crisp at 822-5506, 835-7005, or email crisp@cvea.org. ■