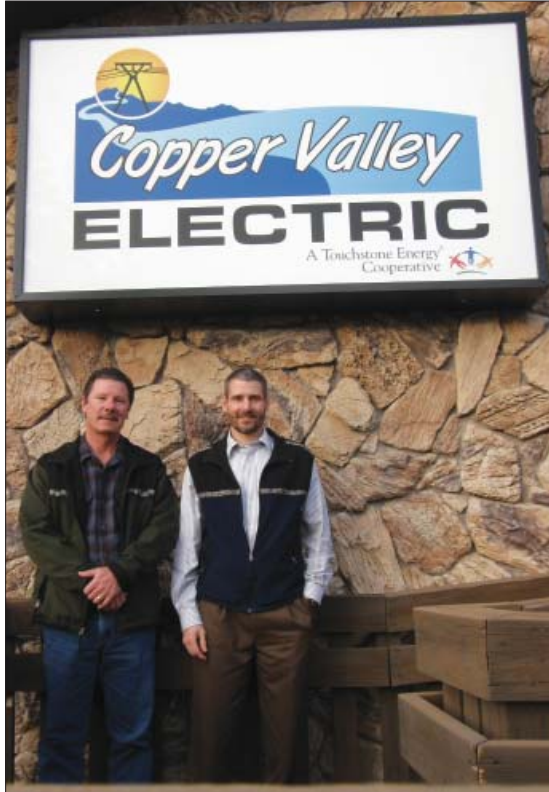


It's Your Cooperative... Get Involved!



CVEA Board President Will Stark (right) and Treasurer Lon Rake pose under the new CVEA sign in Glennallen after completing the Credentialed Cooperative Director course; a curriculum designed to provide basic knowledge and skills required of electric cooperative Directors.

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CVEA 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.

Two director seats will be up for election in 2014; these seats are currently held by Jim Manning in the Copper Basin and Jeff Saxe 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 14, 2014.

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 2014 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 10, 2014. 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.

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 counting the ballots for Director elections and Bylaws amendments.

The committee in each district, is comprised of interested members who are not employees, directors, candidates or relatives of these persons.



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

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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 2014, the annual meeting is scheduled for April 15 in the Valdez District and April 17 in the Copper Basin District.

Run For a Seat on the Community Foundation Board of Directors

The CVEA Community Foundation is doing great things in our communities. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes; providing scholarships for students and contributions to educational, scientific and charitable organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code.

Two director seats will be up for election in 2014; these seats are currently held by Suzanne Wilson in the Copper Basin and Paula Mountjoy in Valdez. Both of the available seats must be filled with CVEA members from their respective districts.

As a Foundation Director you will be responsible for:

- Promoting the CVEACF as a positive organization that provides contributions and support to help people in our communities
- Development, approval, and implementation of an annual Fundraising Plan
- Participation in fundraising activities
- Determining the amount of funding available for the contribution year
- Reviewing and scoring all Contribution Request Forms

- Conducting interviews with organizations as needed
 - Making final selection of award recipients
 - Appointing the Scholarship Selection Committees
- Meetings are required quarterly and additionally on an as-needed basis. They are typically in the evening and last for two hours.

To run for a seat, members must submit a Foundation Board of Director Application no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2014. Applications are available at cvea.org.

The Foundation 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 who will receive \$8,000 in scholarships.

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

If you have questions, or would like more information on CVEA or CVEA Community Foundation Director elections, Bylaws amendments, or you 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. ■