



Report to the Membership Alaska Power Association

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NRECA

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

NRECA's Mission

To promote, support and protect the community and business interests of electric cooperatives.

To power communities and empower members to improve the quality of their lives.

Alaska Delegates who Voted at the 2019 NRECA Annual Meeting

- Roy Champagne, Alaska Electric & Energy Cooperative
- Crystal Enkvist, Alaska Power Association
- Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
- Price Brower, Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative
- Susan Reeves, Chugach Electric Association
- Travis Million, Copper Valley Electric Association
- Stosh Anderson, Kodiak Electric Association
- Wally Carter, Kotzebue Electric Association
- David Glines, Matanuska Electric Association

NRECA Board Meetings

- February/March – Sunday before the Annual Meeting
- Late April – Spring meeting in Arlington – 3 days
- Late June – Summer meeting in Arlington – 5 days
- September/October – Regional meetings, board presence but no meetings other than a dinner
- December – Winter budget meeting in Arlington – 5 days

In Sept. 2020, a fourth meeting in Arlington is being added. June and December meetings will be shortened by a day

Committees Assignments

- Business and Technology Strategies
 - Chair
- International Committee
- Coordinating Committee
 - Chairs/vice chairs of all committees
 - Meet telephonically prior to regular NRECA board meetings

BTS in Alaska

- Alaska Emerging Technology Conference 11/1/19
- Cybersecurity work session 10/31/19
- Cordova RADIANCE Project
- AVEC Grid Optimization Project
- Railbelt Grid optimization project
- Alaska DOE Proposals – solar, small head hydro

1 in 3 co-ops is involved in a BTS project

1 in 10 is involved in more than one BTS projects

Region 9 Standing Committee Members

- Legislative
 - Mark Hayden, Montana
 - Jessica Nelson, California
- Regulatory
 - Dave Schneider, Oregon
 - Clay MacArthur, Utah
- Management, Employment, Community
 - Cory Borgeson, Alaska
 - Dan Brooks, Washington
- 2019 Alaska Region 9 Committee Members
 - Resolutions: Ben Frantz, BUECI
 - Nominations: Crystal Enkvist, APA

National Resolutions Committee

Chair and Vice Chair of the three Standing Committees + Appointees to represent all regions. Met June 21, 2019 in Arlington VA

Forwarded resolutions to the Regional Meetings (Region 9 meets with Region 7 in Spokane WA 9/25-26)

- Two new resolutions
 - Supporting necessary Flood Risk Management Measures
 - Assistance to Puerto Rico

Amendments Proposed

- Amendments to five resolutions
 - Broadband for Rural America
 - Support for Electric Vehicle Policies
 - Bankruptcy Protection
 - Stranded assets and economic impacts
 - Takeover Threats (Merging 2 resolutions)

2020 Retirement Security Plan

- RS Base Rate to increase 2.0% (individual co-ops may see higher or lower rate if their average age changes)
- 2020 billing rates distributed this month
- 8 month billing will continue in 2020
- PIRC – Personal Investment and Retirement Consulting – heavily used and highly recommended
- Erik Hayes is our Alaska Regional Representative

2020 Group Insurance Plans

- Less than 75 employees: premiums for medical and Rx renewals will increase 3% to 9%
- 75+ employees: premiums for medical and Rx renewals will change based on each co-op's experience; Range: 2% to 10%
- Dental and vision premiums increase 2%
- Individual co-op renewal rates distributed last week

Alaska Travel Benefit Improved

- \$5,000 annual benefit per covered individual
 - No limit to the number of trips
- Subject to deductible and co-pay requirements
- Must be accompanied by legitimate medical claim
 - In or out of network
- Covers all forms of transportation
 - Air, air taxi, ferry, automobile, train
 - Includes baggage charges and change fees
- Travel within Alaska or Outside
- Parent or guardian with minor child covered

Thank You!

**I am honored to represent Alaska on the
NRECA National Board**

You can be assured your voice is heard

**If you ever have any issues, needs or
concerns with NRECA, I am here to assist**