

2023 MEA Election Results

This year's membership election saw an 11.5% voter turnout, slightly up from the previous year. Among members who voted, 42% voted online using their SmartHub account while 57% voted by mail-in ballot, and 1% of voters voted in-person at the Annual Meeting. There were two At-Large Board of Directors seats up for election. The candidate with the most votes was Dan Tucker (incumbent), and the candidate with the second most votes was Anastasia Buretta. Director Tucker will serve a four-year term and Director Buretta will serve a three-year term per MEA's board resolution regarding staggering board seats. All four proposed bylaw changes were passed by voters as well. The election results were certified at the May board meeting and can be reviewed on the website www.mea.coop

Next year's election will include the Susitna East and Susitna West Board of Director's seats. Candidate applications will be open in mid-December of this year.



Existing At-Large Director Dan Tucker and candidate Anastasia Buretta received the most votes in the Board of Directors election.

Members Fill the Palmer Train Depot for the 2023 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Palmer Train Depot on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 and was standing room only by the start of the meeting with over 190 members present. Additionally, over 200 members also joined and participated in the annual meeting on Zoom. Members were able to learn about future projects and priorities at their electric co-op, and provide comments and questions for the board. You can watch the recording of this year's Annual Meeting on MEA's YouTube Channel.

Director Peter Burchell Honored for his MEA Board Service

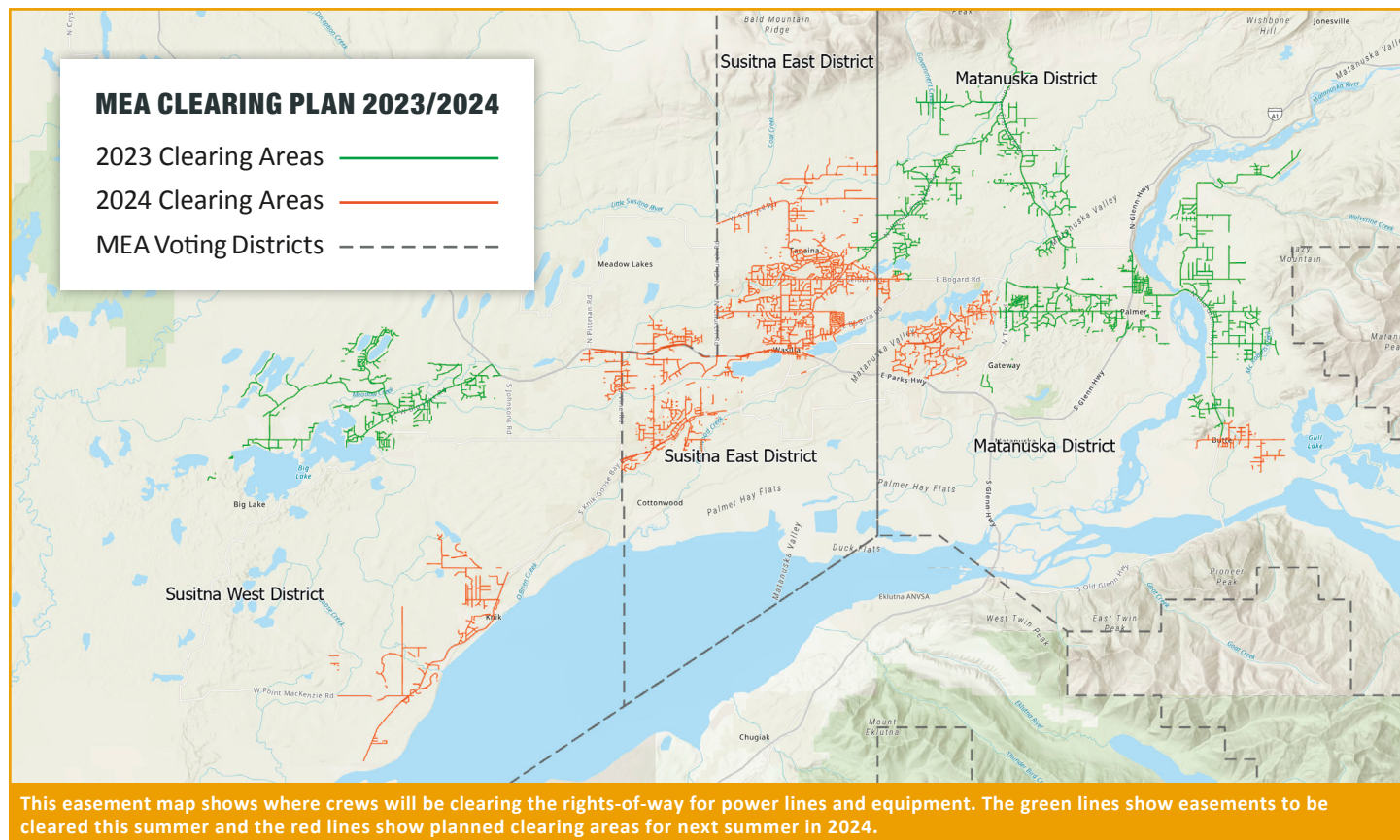
After serving over 18 years on the MEA Board of Directors, Peter Burchell was honored by members at the Annual Meeting and at the May Board meeting. Director Burchell served in the At-Large seat and was instrumental in many key decisions at the co-op including making MEA a generation utility by building the EGS power plant, and cultivating new leadership including the hiring of MEA's current CEO Tony Izzo. We thank Director Burchell for his years of dedication to our co-op members and wish him well in his board retirement.



2Q Rates: No Change in base rates, slight decrease in COPA rate

In the second quarter of 2023, MEA members saw no change to base rates (also known as the "energy charge") as approved by the MEA Board of Directors. Also in the 2Q, the COPA (cost of power adjustment) component of rates, which primarily recovers fuel and purchased power costs, decreased slightly by approximately 0.2%, and was reviewed and approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). This is the second decrease in the COPA rate this year. Members can review the current rates sheet on the website at www.mea.coop or request a copy at any MEA office. MEA's rates are evaluated quarterly, and rate changes must be submitted by our Board of Directors and approved by the RCA.

Summer Power Line Easement Clearing



MEA is committed to providing safe, reliable power to our members. Effective vegetation management is vital in the effort to reduce tree-related outages. This year MEA clearing and contract crews will be focusing easement clearing efforts in the communities of:

- Palmer to Trunk Rd. (North Palmer/Bailey Hill neighborhoods, Equestrian Acres, neighborhoods on south side of Palmer-Wasilla Hwy from tsunami center to Trunk, Trunk from Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. to Palmer Fishhook, E. Industrial Way, Arctic Ave/Old Glenn out to Smith Road)
- Butte (Smith Road, Old Glenn from Palmer to Knik River Road, Maud Road)
- Lazy Mountain
- Tanaina (Schrock Roads to Seldon)
- Wasilla-Fishhook and Palmer-Fishhook
- Big Lake (W. Big Lake Road and roads off of W. Big Lake Road, Northshore, W. Lakes Blvd. Horseshoe Lake, Little & Big Beaver Lakes, Rocky Lake)

Easement clearing will take place from May through October. Typical power line easements for distribution lines are 30 feet wide (or 15 feet from the center of the pole on each side). A 2023 easement clearing map is available to review online at: www.mea.coop/mapping/clearingcurrent

When crews are ready to start clearing the rights-of-way, members in the area will receive an auto-call at least four days prior to any clearing activity near their property. The easements will be marked with flagging tape in advance of any clearing as well. MEA's goal is to cause the least amount of disruption in your area and we appreciate you keeping easements safe for our workers and clear of debris, vehicles, fences, and animals.