

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bill Nordmark welcomed members to Golden Valley Electric Association's 61st Annual Members' Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: GVEA Board Members Dan Osborne, District 1; John Sloan, District 6; Rick Schikora, District 3; Tom DeLong, District 2; Ron Bergh, District 5; and Bill Digan, District 4, introduced themselves. Chairman Nordmark introduced Attorney John Burns (Parliamentarian), and Susan Redlin (Recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, NATIONAL ANTHEM & ALASKA FLAG SONG: Katrina Nore led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. A DVD slideshow honoring the military was shown accompanied by the National Anthem. Katrina Nore then played the violin as the audience sang the Alaska State Flag Song.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS-AT-ARM/JUDGES: Chairman Nordmark appointed Member Advisory Committee (MAC) members Paul Bauer, Sara Burley, Jim Dixon, Just-Jeff, Jeff Jacobson, Clark Milne and Mitch Roth to serve as sergeants-at-arms/judges.

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROOF OF MAILING OR PUBLICATION: Secretary Digan reported that the Ruralite Magazine, which is mailed to all members of record, shall serve as the proof of mailing notifying members of the date, time, and place for the annual members' meeting.

REPORT OF QUORUM: Secretary Digan reported that 1,379 of 32,483 members of record registered, which exceeds the three percent quorum required by the bylaws. (Final registration count was 1,663 members.)

APPROVAL OF 2007 MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of the 2007 Annual Members' Meeting as presented was duly made and seconded. The motion carried.

CEO INTRODUCTION AND REPORT: Brian Newton, GVEA's new President & CEO, introduced himself. He said that in keeping with the theme "At Your Service", the meeting would be divided into four-course meal. Each course, he said, represents some of the ways Golden Valley is "at your service."

THE STATE OF OUR CO-OP (Appetizer)

- The average amount of time of consumer power outages was 2 hours and 15 minutes, GVEA's best performance in six years.
- The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) continues to prevent outages. The 27-megawatt battery was recently featured on the History Channel. A video on the BESS was shown.
- GVEA had 26 more new connects in 2007 than in 2006.
- A new record peak load of 223 megawatts was set on December 19 when the temperature fell to -33.

- Member Advisory Committee (MAC) members were recognized and thanked for their interest in the co-op.
- A MAC Task Force was formed to review the current Board Nomination Process and make recommendations to the Board this summer.
- District 1 candidate Dan Osborne; District 2 candidates Frank Abegg, Tom DeLong, and Lee Santoro; and District 3 candidates Ken Rydberg and Rick Schikora were announced.
- Scholarship recipients included:
 - Jenny Bell-Jones, Shaun Sowell and Lucille Moore - \$1000 – Continuing Education
 - Crystal Baker - \$1,000 - Academic
 - Janan Hunt - \$2,000 - Vocational
 - Katelyn McDonald and Aunna Wilson - \$2,000 - Academic
 - Katrina Nore- \$10,000 – Academic

NEWS FROM YOUR CO-OP (Soup and Salad)

- GVEA employees turned in the safest year on record with no lost time related injuries; the co-op saved nearly \$200,000 in insurance premiums.
- GVEA refurbished and expanded the F. E. Building on Illinois street that now houses the computing and network division employees, as well as AlasConnect, GVEA's telecommunications subsidiary. AlasConnect began offering wireless internet service in February.
- GVEA's Healy Power Plant celebrated its 40th birthday in November and continues to earn one of the highest rankings in the nation for its capacity factor.
- GVEA is in mediation talks with the Healy Clean Coal Power Plant's owner, Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA).

ENERGY OPTIONS (Entrée)

- GVEA met its first Green Power Pledge in 2007, which was 10 percent of system peak load supplied from renewable sources.
- Twenty SNAP producers will receive a total of nearly \$47,000. 560 members have signed up to contribute to the SNAP program. A video was shown featuring members who contribute to the SNAP program. Members were highly encouraged to contribute to the program.
- Energy Crisis in the Interior - Why Costs are Skyrocketing:
 - All forms of energy are much more expensive than they were a decade ago. Natural gas increased 32 percent; coal is up 67 percent and oil has increased 315 percent.
 - While GVEA has the most diversified fuel mix in the Railbelt (oil, hydro, coal and natural gas), we rely heavily on oil-based power generation
 - Fuel cost is the major reason the average residential members' bill is up 80 percent in the past five years.
- Energy Crisis in the Interior – What GVEA is Doing About It:
 - GVEA continues to evaluate multiple energy options, including natural gas line piped from the North Slope, HCCP, Susitna or other hydroelectric options, liquefied natural gas, and a coal gasification plant in conjunction with the Fairbanks North Star Borough. In addition, we're evaluating renewable

sources such as wind, solar, biomass and fuel cells. None of these are overnight fixes and will take time and money to develop.

- GVEA is internally tightening its belt by: cutting the 2008 operations budget by 5 percent; refinancing capital project debt at rates less than 5 percent, and extending maintenance schedules at the Healy power plant.

SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY (Dessert)

- GVEA is working with legislators to make affordable energy a priority. Members were encouraged to write to their representatives in Juneau and Washington.
- In 1950, GVEA charged 15 cents per kilowatt-hour and today's cost is 17 cents per kilowatt-hour. Electricity continues to be a good value.
- Members can save energy and money through conversation efforts, signing up for a Home Sense Energy Audit, using a Kill-A-Watt Energy Usage Monitor to determine kilowatts usage for appliances in their home and using the Co-op Connections Card. Videos were shown on the HomeSense Program and Kill-A-Watt Monitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBER COMMENTS: Seventeen members (Bernie Karl; Jim Caswell; George Salmon; Frank DeLong; Tim Viavant; Randy Griffin; Christopher Tilley; Dan Kupiszewski; Frank Abegg; Steven McElreath; Debra DeLong; Sigvald Strandberg; Gary Newman; Andrew Reynolds; David vandenBerg; Wilson Callahan and Lorene Meek) offered comments and asked questions ranging from the status of HCCP, to affordable and renewable energy, and made requests for a better dialogue with the Board.

PRIZE DRAWINGS:

- Four \$250 prizes: Yujane Chen, District 2; Harold Hume Jr., District 2; Anne Mauer, District 6 and Carl Williams, District 4.
- Two \$500 prizes: Nancy Shafer, District 3 and Daniel Stosits, District 7
- One \$1,000: Milford Sweat, District 2

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Nordmark declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.