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## *VOTE HEA . . . Watch for your ballot March 31st*

**I, Donald P. Seelinger, arrived in Alaska in 1958 when opportunities were unlimited and still are. I lived in North Kenai and Homer for 18 years, and currently in Seldovia for 20.**

### *Work Experience:*

- Laborer
- Mail carrier
- Communications employee
- Assistant big game guide
- Communications representative - IBEW
- Commercial Fisherman
- Pilot - Homer Air: Chief Pilot, General Manager, Director of Operations
- Owner - Seldovia Air Cargo
- Volunteer - City of Seldovia: Senior Meals Program
- HEA Board of Directors - May 2006

### *HEA Board Experience:*

- May 2006, appointed to Finance Committee
- May 2007, elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Chairman to Finance Committee
- December 2008, elected Vice President
- Scholarship Committee
- Vice-President of AEEC (Alaska Electric and Energy Cooperative)
- Completed seven recommended courses for Directors by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

## *Support for Local HEA Candidate . . .*

Dear Editor,

When I first came to live in Seldovia from Anchorage, Homer Electric provided service that included hundreds of power outages a year. Someone said I needed a supplier of intermittent power source. I said I had one. It was Homer Electric, then the largest supplier of intermittent power in the West.

In the last year or so, that has changed. The power they provide is much more reliable. I don't spend half of every day resetting the clocks. Now it is only an "every once in awhile" event, not an almost endless seamless series of tasks taking up a good deal more time than was tolerable. I can leave the house without worrying unduly that the heat will fail and the cat freeze, etc.

In the last year or so, Don Seelinger of our fair hamlet has been on the board. I know him as a neighbor. He is partly responsible for these marvelous changes that have taken place. I can talk to him about Homer Electric, and he listens with an open mind, even if I rave a bit. He is concerned about the customers.

He's concerned about the future as well as the present. He's concerned about conservation and maintenance and power for development. He knows all of us are going to have to make reasonable compromises when our respective pet peeves compete, and he won't talk out of both sides of his mouth about it. He has worked long and hard and spent many hours to educate himself about the business of Homer Electric to the point where he brings the conversations about flying, hunting and such back to electricity. He has become, to some degree, an electric bore.

(NRECA)

- Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) from NRECA

**My Goals:**

- Ensure HEA provides its members with the least expensive, diversified, safest source of electricity.
- Reduce outages
- Reduce dependence on natural gas by supporting diversification and renewable energy sources
- Strengthen partnerships with rail belt utilities
- Support a program of conservation
- Consider the environmental impact of any choice

I believe in Duties of a Director: Loyalty, Obedience, Due Care.

The Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and open membership; Democratic member control; Member's economic participation; Autonomy and independence; Education, training, and information; Cooperation among cooperatives; Concern for Community.

I am a team player who will also be a leader for HEA.

Thank you for your support, and I appreciate your vote!


Sincerely,

Don Seelinger

Hey, for a meeting fee, expenses, no benes and all the bad coffee he can drink, he's a heck of a deal. I think we ought to reelect him.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Rowland

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