

2020 VOTERS GUIDE



Orcas Power & Light Cooperative

Dear OPALCO Member-Owner:

This is your 2020 Voter's Guide. Within, you will find:

- information on the candidates for election to the Board of Directors
- your official ballot (or a link to vote online)
- ballot secrecy envelope (if voting by mail)
- reply envelope (if voting by mail)

NOTE: If your membership is through a business partnership or corporation, please complete the relevant form as printed on your ballot. If your membership is not a partnership/corporation, you can ignore those forms.

Election results are announced at the April 24th, 2020 and published online at www.opalco.com.

**All ballots must be received by mail or online
no later than 10:00 AM PST on April 15, 2020.
Ballots will not be accepted at the annual meeting.**



NO VOTING ON THE BOAT.



VOTE ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- 1. VOTE ONLINE.** OPALCO offers secure electronic voting in partnership with Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS). This is the preferred method of voting.
- 2. VOTE BY US MAIL.** See the enclosed ballot for instructions. Be sure to SIGN THE FRONT OF YOUR REPLY ENVELOPE. Without your signature, your vote will not count.

WHO GETS TO VOTE?

Each *membership* gets one vote, no matter how many meters are attached to the membership, regardless of how many people are named on the membership.

HOW MANY CANDIDATES CAN WE VOTE FOR?

Each member may select TWO Board candidates for two open positions in District 1. Vote in every election regardless of your home district.

WHY VOTE?

OPALCO members are owners of their electric cooperative. You have the power to elect your Co-op Board of Directors who set the rates and make the policies.

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT?

Many of you have already opted out of paper ballots - thank you! For those who are still getting a paper ballot in the mail, there is a place on the ballot to opt out of paper for next year. This is a big cost savings for the Co-op and helps us to limit our carbon impact. A valid email address is essential for voting online. Please keep your email address current with OPALCO by calling 360-376-3500.



OPALCO'S VISION

ON THE 2020 BALLOT: DISTRICT 1

The 2020 candidates for District 1 are (pick 2):

- Vince Daucinas
- Mark Madsen

SWITCH IT UP!

This Electric Life.

Pay while you save!

Switch it Up offers on-bill financing for super efficient Ductless Heat Pumps, Heat Pump Water Heaters and Electric Vehicle Chargers for home or business. If you are heating with a high carbon fuel such as propane, wood or oil (or driving a gas-powered car), you will see significant savings (in \$\$ and carbon) on your overall energy bill.

Go to www.opalco.com/switchitup!

Cast your vote for OPALCO Board of Directors

Vote online or return your ballot by mail.

The OPALCO governing board consists of seven directors from four districts who are elected for three-year terms, with the elections staggered. Each director is elected by a vote of all OPALCO members, or appointed by the Board to fill out vacancies.

Deadline for ballot receipt is 10:00 AM (PST)
on **Wednesday, April 15, 2020.**

If you vote online, be sure to add the
OPALCO Election Coordinator noreply@directvote.net
to your approved senders list.

DISTRICT I CANDIDATES - TWO OPEN POSITIONS

VINCE DAUCIUNAS



Vince Dauciunas and his wife Vikky have been residents of San Juan Island since 2002.

I currently serve as the President of the OPALCO Board of Directors, and am seeking my fourth term. I served for 14 years on the Board of Directors of the Friday Harbor Animal Shelter.

My education includes Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Electrical Engineering from Notre

Dame and UC Berkeley. I am a member of the IEEE Power and Energy Group.

After working at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, I spent 26 years with Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies in Research and Development, General Management, and Business Development.

My experience includes development of systems for measurement, computation and communication in a wide variety of industries, including Power Generation, Telecommunications, Environmental Science, Water Quality, and Biotechnology. I was responsible for Strategic Planning in the Chemical and Life Sciences Group, which has grown to be a \$5 billion per year business today.

In my last position, I was Vice President at Symyx Technologies; a company focused on discovering new materials for use in many areas, including fuel cells, advanced batteries, and renewable fuels.

I first joined the Board in 2011. In the past nine years, the OPALCO team has accomplished a number of significant achievements, including the implementation of a vastly improved broadband communications infrastructure through Rock Island, the county's first community solar project, and continuous improvement of our electrical grid. And, OPALCO is taking a leadership position with respect to meeting the challenges of a rapidly evolving energy future, including renewable generation and storage, energy conservation, de-carbonization of our transportation systems, and assuring a safe, reliable, sustainable, and affordable power supply.

Our Co-op has an exciting future, and I hope to continue contributing to it as one of your Board members! I respectfully ask for your vote!



Learn more about YOUR co-op!

Quick Facts

OPALCO

Topics include:

OPALCO's plan for our energy future, Ocean Health, Co-op Rates, Wireless Services, and more!

www.opalco.com/quickfacts

Power outages happen! Are you prepared?

During outages – please call 360.376.3500 to report an outage or check **www.opalco.com/outages** for the latest information on outages. Sign up on SmartHub for text or email outage alerts.

Because the most detailed information, photos and updates on outages are posted on Facebook, Twitter and on OPALCO's website, we encourage people who don't have a smart phone to find an "outage buddy" who does, so they can share information and check up on each other.

www.opalco.com/outages

DISTRICT I CANDIDATES

MARK MADSEN



Mark has been a resident of San Juan Island since 2006. Mark has served as a Director of OPALCO since 2014 and is seeking re-election.

Mark has served as a Trustee for the SJI Library District since 2009 and is currently board President. He also serves as a Director and past President of the SJC Economic Development Council and was co-chair of the SJI Agricultural Guild during the purchase of the Brickworks facility in

Friday Harbor.

Mark has worked with several nonprofit organizations and has been a Director and past President of Seattle Arts and Lectures, which places professional writers in public schools to teach the craft and joy of writing.

Mark's education includes Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Washington and the University of Wisconsin, and he is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington.

Mark has a strong career in technology, at companies such as Realnetworks, Microsoft, and Internap Network Services. Mark was a co-founder of AllRecipes.com and Network Clarity, and currently serves as CTO at Ibis Networks, a startup focused on using sensor technology to facilitate energy savings and asset management.

"I firmly believe that OPALCO is the community's strongest asset. The cooperative ownership of our electrical utility and broadband provider gives this community a way to control its own destiny."

We face huge challenges in the years ahead as the conversion to carbon-free electricity occurs in Washington. The uncertainties facing our electricity supply will put pressure on all utilities – economic, technical, and political. That pressure will require OPALCO to adapt and innovate in order to continue providing members with safe, reliable, sustainable and cost-effective service.

OPALCO has a strong plan to meet these challenges. I hope to continue helping our Cooperative execute on that plan as one of your board members."

Claim your rebates!



OPALCO offers rebates when available through the Energy Efficiency Program from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Rebates are good for the planet and save you money! Rebates are offered for appliances, weatherization measures, heat pumps and more!

Find out how to save at www.opalco.com/rebates

Current Board of Directors:

District 1:

Vince Dauciuas and Mark Madsen

District 2:

Rick Christmas and Jeff Struthers

District 3:

Peter Garlock and Brian Silverstein

District 4:

Dr. Jerry Whitfield

TRAVEL SCHEDULE - ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2020



SAN JUAN ISLAND

Register at ferry landing 7:00am
Ferry Departs 8:30 am
Return to Friday Harbor 1:15pm

ANACORTES

Ferry Departs to Orcas 7:30am
Interisland Ferry Departs 9:15am
Register on Interisland Ferry
Embark @ Lopez 1:00pm
Ferry Departs from Lopez to
Anacortes at 1:35pm

ORCA ISLAND

Register at ferry landing 7:30am
Ferry Departs 9:15 am
Return to Orcas 12:40pm

SHAW ISLAND

Register on ferry
Ferry departs 9:30 am
Return to Shaw 12:20pm

LOPEZ ISLAND

Register at ferry landing 8:45am
Ferry departs 9:50 am
Return to Lopez 1:00pm



A bag lunch will be served to OPALCO members registered for the Annual Meeting at the Friday Harbor, Orcas and Lopez ferry landings. Shaw and Anacortes registrants will get their bag lunch on the ferry.

If you are disabled or need special accommodations to participate in the Annual Meeting on the ferry, please call Krista Bouchey at (360) 376-3560.