



# Chugach Consumers

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RE: Credential check on college degree for board candidate Tony Izzo

Dear Mr. Gimarc:

It appears that a candidate in the current elections, Tony Izzo, is claiming a college degree that is not verified. If true, such resume enhancement may seriously mislead Chugach Electric voters.

Chugach Electric is a major economic entity in our community. The resumes of board candidates are of great importance in evaluating the fitness and suitability of such candidates to serve on this important board and the veracity of what Chugach sends out to its voters is crucial. The degree claimed in the header of his candidate statement printed in the election brochure needs to be verified immediately.

I am writing to you because the board secretary appears to have the primary responsibility for the records of the cooperative and especially the records and communications of the board, particularly what is sent out to the membership during elections.

Several weeks after Mr. Izzo was approved by the Chugach Nominating Committee we received an anonymous tip that he had serious unspecified "resume problems". This was on the surface not credible to us as applied to a former CEO of Enstar and we ignored it.

More communications have come in with increasingly pointed questions since the voter pamphlet has been available (page 6 attached) with his statement header which indicates he has a "B.S. Business Administration" degree but does not list where it was obtained. This is different than for all other candidates which show the university where they got their degrees.

Mr. Izzo has submitted the attached resume to a government agency and it does not list any degree under the education section at the bottom of page three.

Last week I telephoned Mr. Izzo and asked about his degree. He said that Patti Bogan<sup>1</sup> had called him and he didn't want to talk about it and I didn't press further.

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<sup>1</sup> Chugach Electric Manager, Public Relations

I then called Ms. Bogan and she confirmed that she did call Mr. Izzo and asked about where he got his degree. She said it was at LaSalle University in Philadelphia but he did not state the year.

I was left with the impression that Chugach was not going to confirm whether he had a degree or not.

We then telephoned the registrar of LaSalle University in Philadelphia and filed a confirmation request with their official service the National Student Clearinghouse and paid \$5 for their fee.

Their "Degree Verify Certificate"<sup>2</sup> returned a finding of "Unable to confirm by the information you provided." Please see attached.

#### IMMEDIATE VERIFICATION NEEDED

The evidence and events described above trouble us. It seems unlikely that there is a benign explanation for the inconsistencies. We wonder why Mr. Izzo didn't just tell us when and where he got his degree and why it was not listed in the pamphlet.

We are highly concerned that Chugach members are now voting over a thousand ballots per day and that there is a credential error in the election materials provided by Chugach to the members.

We ask that Mr. Izzo's degree be verified and that if the incorrect information has been disseminated in the election brochure, that appropriate curative notification be undertaken right away. There is no reason that he can't resolve this in 30 minutes or less.

Sincerely,

CHUGACH CONSUMERS



[SIGNED AND TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY]

Ray Kreig, Chairman  
Chugach Electric Member #107412

cc: Tony Izzo - by email  
Chugach Board of Directors - by email  
Brad Evans, Chugach CEO - by email  
Stacy Horn, Chair, Nominating Committee - by email  
James Magowan, Master Election Judge - by email  
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<sup>2</sup> National Student Clearinghouse, [www.studentclearinghouse.org](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org) Case ID: 269Izzo