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| Grayling | St. Michael |
| Holy Cross | Savoonga |
| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kotlik | Stebbins |
| Koyuk | Teller |
| Lower Kalskag | Togiak |
| Marshall | Toksook Bay |
| Mekoryuk | Tununak |
| Minto | Upper Kalskag |
| Mt. Village | Wales |
| New Stuyahok | |



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Welcome, Spring!

In just a couple of weeks it will be March 20, which is officially the first day of spring. While the temperatures here in Alaska still will be well below freezing, the days will start being longer than the nights, and soon the first flocks of geese will arrive.

Another big spring event for us here at AVEC is the Annual Meeting in Anchorage. Delegates from our 53 villages will arrive March 21 to attend our meeting the next day. At this meeting, two board seats will be filled—those of Charlie Curtis (Kiana) and Robert Beans (Mt. Village).

Any member in good standing may run for a board seat. You do not have to be a delegate or even be present to win. If you would like to run for the board, please let one of us know by March 21, and we will notify the nominating committee immediately. Give us a call at (800) 478-1818.

One of the more important events of late winter and early spring is the convening of the Alaska Legislature. It convened January 18 and will adjourn April 17. Our top priority every year is to ensure the Legislature provides full funding for PCE, which currently costs the state about \$32 million. Full funding is included in the governor's budget. We do not anticipate any legislative challenges to this appropriation.

As you all know, PCE is only available to homes for the first 500 kilowatt-hours consumed and to community facilities such as streetlights, water plants and public buildings. It is not available to businesses, schools, and state or federal buildings. We continue to make the case for increasing the participation levels in PCE in the hope of achieving rate relief for winter consumption and, particularly, for small businesses.

This year there is renewed hope. The Legislature is considering support to build the Susitna hydroelectric project to serve Anchorage and other Railbelt communities. This could require a multibillion dollar investment by the state, in which case we will encourage consideration of long-term solutions to the high cost of power in the rest of the state as well. This is expected to be a very lively discussion. You can be assured AVEC will be an active participant and leader in the debate.

Until next time

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