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| Brevig Mission | Nulato |
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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 |
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It's Annual Meeting Season!

In between the holidays, village chairmen are busy setting up village Annual Meetings, which are primarily to elect delegates to attend the cooperative Annual Meeting in Anchorage next March.

At the upcoming meeting next year, delegates will elect three board members to three-year terms. They will also be voting on several bylaw changes:

- Doing away with "Membership Certificates." We no longer collect a membership fee, so issuing membership certificates is no longer necessary.
- Extending the period when village annual meetings can be held to March 1. At present, meetings must be held between November 1 and February 15. This change will extend that period by two weeks.
- Changing delegate terms from two years to three years. This was requested by the delegates at the last Annual Meeting.
- Allowing the cooperative Annual Meeting to be held either in March or in April. Currently the meeting must be held in March, which often creates travel challenges for delegates—especially when it conflicts with the end of Iditarod.
- Requiring board meeting minutes to be posted on the AVEC website 10 days after their approval by the board.
- Allowing board members to participate in board meetings telephonically when extraordinary circumstances (like erupting volcanoes) occur.
- General clarification of language in four sections of the bylaws.

In other news, you will be pleased to hear we are collaborating with school districts, ANICA, the Alaska Energy Authority, the Denali Commission and others to begin cutting up derelict fuel tanks and disposing of them at the local landfill. We have retained Rural Alaska Fuel Services to do this work, and they will hire local labor to complete the tasks.

By the end of this month, many of our communities will receive power monitors called TEDs (The Energy Detective) in their homes, allowing residents to keep track of their electricity consumption. These devices are installed inside the home and provide instantaneous information on electric load and kilowatt-hours (and dollars) consumed. Knowing what is using how much power allows the homeowner to exercise better control over how that power is used. Information provided through TED is only available to the resident. It does not transmit information outside the home.

I hope all of you fared well during the recent "40-year storm" in Western Alaska. It was a particularly fierce storm that brought winds of up to 100 mph and higher to many of our communities. Thankfully, the electric system was not severely impacted in our communities, although many residents saw their services damaged and a handful of lines and poles were broken. Most of the damage was repaired within a few days, although the new tieline between Brevig Mission and Teller may have to wait a few more weeks to be energized.

All of us here at AVEC wish all of you a safe and blessed holiday season.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler, President and CEO