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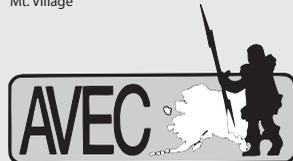
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Communities Served

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| Alakanuk | New Stuyahok |
| Ambler | Nightmute |
| Andreafsky | Noatak |
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| Brevig Mission | Nulato |
| Chevak | Nunapitchuk |
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| Elim | Pitkas Point |
| Emmonak | Quinhagak |
| Gambell | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
| Grayling | St. Michael |
| Holy Cross | Savoonga |
| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kobuk | Stebbins |
| Kotlik | Teller |
| Koyuk | Togiak |
| Lower Kalskag | Toksook Bay |
| Marshall | Tununak |
| Mekoryuk | Upper Kalskag |
| Minto | Wales |
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Attendance at the Village Annual Meeting

We are asked every year whether family members can “sign in” for elderly or disabled family members, thereby qualifying them for the \$20 credit for attending the Village Annual Meeting. The short answer is no. The bylaws say proxy voting is not allowed.

It should be noted that the attendance credit is intended to encourage members to attend the annual meeting and to participate in the business of their cooperative.

The longer answer is, maybe. If the individual wishing to sign someone else in is a resident of the same household, then the primary member can convert their membership to a joint membership, thereby allowing that person to sign in and receive the attendance credit on behalf of the other person.

There are a number of conditions, however.

An individual cannot hold more than one membership. So if you are a member in your own right, you cannot be a joint member in another membership.

An individual who is the voting representative of a commercial account holder can also hold an individual membership or be a party to a joint membership. They can sign in for their own membership as well as for the commercial membership. In that situation, an attendance credit will be posted to both accounts—the personal as well as the commercial account.

Joint members are jointly and individually responsible for all aspects of the membership, including payment of bills. A joint member, regardless of how recently they become a joint member, can be held accountable for debts owed to the cooperative by their co-member.

Another frequently asked question is whether we can increase the attendance credit and door prizes to attract more members to the meeting. We did that just a few years ago when we doubled the attendance credit to \$20, increased the village cash prize pool to \$250 from \$75 and started sending a box of door prizes to all meetings.

We now spend \$100,000 a year bringing delegates to Anchorage for the Annual Meeting and more than \$50,000 a year on the Village Annual Meetings, which totals about \$0.25 per kilowatt-hour sold. Village chairmen report there have been no problems in attracting a quorum for their meetings, so the board does not believe the door prize policy needs to be amended.

We are a better cooperative because of your active participation in the organization that you own. I encourage you to attend your Village Annual Meeting and to talk to your delegates. They received a follow-up letter from us about each community’s comments and concerns, and I am sure they would be happy to share!

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
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