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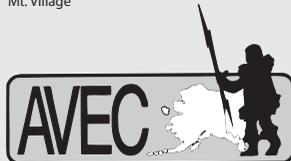
Robert L. Beans Sr.,
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Communities Served

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| Alakanuk | New Stuyahok |
| Ambler | Nightmute |
| Andreafsky | Noatak |
| Anvik | Noorvik |
| Brevig Mission | Nulato |
| Chevak | Nunapitchuk |
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| 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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Goodbye to 2013 and Hello to 2014!

Turn to pages 4 and 5 of this magazine to see a recap of most of our significant capital projects for 2013. It is always encouraging for us to look back to see what we accomplished, because if we were just to look forward toward everything on our plate for next year, we would probably be overwhelmed. Glancing into the rearview mirror now and then gives us encouragement to tackle the enormous tasks ahead.

The highlight of each year is coming up very soon—the AVEC annual meeting—which is Wednesday, April 9, in Anchorage. The village annual meetings have been underway since November, and about half of the AVEC communities have held their meetings. The rest will hold theirs by February 28 and delegates will be elected to represent their community at the Anchorage meeting.

Two board seats will be filled at the 2014 annual meeting. Those seats are currently held by Charlie Curtis and Robert Beans. Charlie has served on the board for 12 years and Robert has been a board member for 27 years.

Any member of AVEC in good standing—you must not be delinquent on your electric bill—is eligible to run for and serve on the AVEC board. You do not have to be present to be elected. If you are interested in serving, please send a fax to (800) 478-4086, an email to mkohler@avec.org or call us at (800) 478-1818. You are welcome to provide a brief written statement about why you would like to serve, which will be read to the delegates on your behalf.

In addition to electing board members, the delegates are responsible for approving any changes to the AVEC bylaws. Although no amendments are proposed at the 2014 annual meeting, we expect to have amendments on the agenda for the 2015 annual meeting because that will be the first time Bethel will be a member community. We are determining what changes will be necessary to merge Bethel into our system in the smoothest manner possible.

On January 21, the 28th Alaska Legislature reconvenes for its second and final session. The 29th Legislature will be elected in the fall of 2014. The Legislature will pick up the many bills that did not pass both bodies during the 2013 session and no doubt many more will be introduced, too. Of critical importance this year is the announcement last month that the State will face a significant reduction in revenues, which we can expect will translate to significant budget reductions.

When budgets are tight, all programs are on the table. Although the governor has included full funding for PCE in his proposed operating budget for FY2015, the funding is proposed to come from the PCE Endowment Fund, which could very well become vulnerable as the Legislature looks for funding sources to boost the expenditures they would like to support. PCE continues to be a top priority for our AVEC communities. You can be assured we will be in the fray to preserve this critical lifeline program. We also continue to advocate fiercely for our Alaska Grid project—the only energy project on the table that could truly meet all Alaskans' energy needs affordably and reliably.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!
Until next time,

Meera Kohler
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