



## Board of Directors

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### Communities Served

Alakanuk	Mt. Village
Ambler	New Stuyahok
Andreafsky	Nightmute
Anvik	Noatak
Bethel	Noorvik
Brevig Mission	Nulato
Chevak	Nunapitchuk
Eek	Old Harbor
Ekwok	Pilot Station
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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## Letter to AVEC Members

AVEC's bylaws were composed in 1967, when we were first incorporated as the world's most unique cooperative. The purpose for our formation was to bring electric utility service to Alaska's small villages across the state. We are the only cooperative that serves dozens of small communities not connected to each other electrically or geographically.

Our bylaws were designed to provide fair representation on electing the board of directors by the establishment of a system of village delegates, who elected the board members. Again, this is unique. In other cooperatives, individual members elect board members.

When AVEC acquired Bethel in 2014, the board immediately initiated the process of revising the bylaws to ensure all of the membership, including Bethel, would still be assured of fair representation during the board election process. The board worked diligently on these bylaw amendments and recommends that the membership pass the bylaw changes mailed to you late last month.

The membership ballot changes the number of delegates selected in a community to a single delegate. Most communities have a single delegate, but some have two and a few have three.

The bylaw changes the delegates will consider at the annual meeting in April will change the process by which board members are elected by restoring that responsibility to each member. Once passed, you will receive annually a voting package that includes information about candidates for the board and a ballot to cast your vote.

We will still have community annual meetings to elect a chair, secretary and delegate. The delegates will still travel to Anchorage each year to conduct the AVEC annual meeting, and to bring local issues and concerns to the attention of the board.

The materials you received include a letter, a ballot to vote on changes to the bylaws, a ballot envelope and a return envelope to mail the ballot back to us. Please note that the return envelope has prepaid postage, and on the back of that envelope is a place for the member to sign. The ballot must be completed by the member of record or the co-owner if it is a joint membership. The signature line will tell you who is eligible to sign.

If you have any questions about the bylaw changes or the ballot you received, please call us at (800) 478-1818. We are happy to answer your questions. You also can email us at memberinfo@avec.org for further information.

Sincerely,

**Robert L. Beans**  
Board Chair