

# THE ASTAC MESSENGER



Fall 2011  
Quarterly Newsletter

## 2nd annual Swoosh Contest coming up

**ASTAC**  
Swoosh Competition

For the second year in a row ASTAC brings you the Swoosh Contest, a free-throw competition in each of the villages ASTAC serves. Following the huge success of last year's contest, ASTAC decided to make it an annual event. The winner from each village receives \$100 and is entered in a drawing for the grand prize: a trip for two to the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout basketball tournament in Anchorage Thanksgiving weekend. Second place winners in each village receive an ASTAC T-shirt and tote bag.

ASTAC will also be selling products in each village during SWOOSH. Come check out the latest phones and accessories. You might even be eligible for a free phone!

### Don't miss your chance!

Village	Date	School
Point Hope	Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Tikigaq School Gym
Point Lay	Friday, Sept. 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Kali School Gym
Kaktovik	Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Harold Kaveolook School Gym
Anaktuvuk Pass	Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Nunamiut School Gym
Wainwright	Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Alak School Gym
Atkasuk	Friday, Sep. 23, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Meade River School Gym
Nuiqsut	Tuesday, Sept.27, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Nuiqsut Trapper School Gym
Barrow	Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 7:00 p.m.	Barrow High School Gym
Grand Prize Drawing	Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 8:45 p.m.	Barrow High School Gym



For more information and contest rules visit our website at [www.astac.net](http://www.astac.net)

## Meeting wrap up: Election and bylaws amendment results

By Steve Merriam, CEO/GM

The 2011 Annual Meetings completed Aug. 4th. Mechanical issues with the plane and weather delays made it challenging to stay on schedule. This year it took three weeks to visit all nine villages instead of one week. We appreciate everyone's support and flexibility to work through the setbacks.

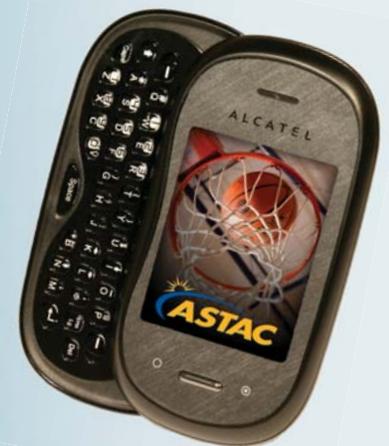
In Director Elections, Terry Tagarook of Wainwright, Patrick Mekiana of Anaktuvuk Pass and Noreen Kaleak of Kaktovik were re-elected for three-year terms. Congratulations!

The bylaws amendment pertaining to clarification of Director per diem passed. This is related to Board of Directors taxi/rental car reimbursements, and receipts no

longer required for the \$75 per day per diem for meals. This change reduces the record-keeping costs that exceeded the value to the Cooperative.

This was the first year Annual Meetings started as close to the appointed start time as possible and member sign-in at each meeting was cut off 15 minutes after a quorum was established or the scheduled meeting time, whichever was later. This was announced in the June notification that was mailed out to all members. This change was implemented by the Board of Directors.

Thank you for taking the time to attend and participate in the company you own.



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## DSL Coming This Fall to Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik and Point Lay

This is exciting news! It also means that beginning in January 2012, dial-up service will no longer be available and customers will have to select a DSL plan for their Internet service. We'll keep you posted on our website and Facebook.

## Word-of-Mouth



ASTAC had its first summer intern at the Barrow customer service office this year. Here's what she had to say about why she enjoyed working for ASTAC:

"I'm finally at the age where I can work, so when my parents were telling me about the ASTAC Summer Internship Program I said, 'Yes.' Also, because I like phones and my Dad works at ASTAC."

– Lynette Ahsoak, 14-year-old ASTAC summer intern.



ASTAC's Barrow service truck takes part in a windy Fourth of July parade.



ASTAC CEO/General Manager Steve Merriam presents a gift certificate for 55 gallons of gasoline to Margaret Brower at the Nuiqsut Annual Meeting.

## Did you know? Internet safety tips



The Internet is an amazing tool with more than 2 billion users worldwide. Children can use it to learn, explore, communicate and be entertained. Unfortunately, the Internet is also used to exploit children and it's important to take the reality of online threats seriously. Here are a few simple tips:

- Put the computer in a common area – not a child's bedroom. Place the monitor screen so it can be seen easily and check in on your child from time to time.
- Monitor the use of chat rooms – 89 percent of sexual solicitations occur in chat rooms.
- Let young children show you their favorite websites.
- Teach your children why they should never fill out forms or provide personal information to others (name, phone number, address, email, school, etc.) without you present.
- Accounts should be in the parent's names and use screen names and user IDs that are not easily identifiable as being a child. Passwords should also be in the parent's control.

## Calling North Slope photographers

ASTAC is looking for a photo for its 2012 calendar, so here's a chance to show off your photography skills and win \$250. The image should depict North Slope life, like whaling, Native crafting, wildlife or a beauty shot taken in the region. Email your high-resolution photos to [info@astac.net](mailto:info@astac.net) by Oct. 31 for a chance to see your photo in the company calendar.

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