



**NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION**  
**PROCEDURES FOR ARCTIC SLOPE**  
**TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Dear ASTAC Member:

The management of your Cooperative is taking the steps necessary to hold the 2022-member annual meetings for each of the districts of the Cooperative. The meetings will start September 12, 2022, and continue through September 16, 2022, weather permitting. This notice will advise you of the procedures the Cooperative will follow in selecting nominees for the three seats on the Board of Directors at the 2022 annual member meetings.

As you may know, your Cooperative is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. There is one member from each district of the Cooperative. Each Board member has a three-year term. The terms of the members of the Board of Directors are staggered so that three seats on the Board of Directors will be filled each year.

At the 2022 annual member meetings, elections will be held to fill the Board seats that will be open in Atqasuk, Point Hope, and Point Lay. Only members in good standing who live or maintain their primary place of business or employment in these districts are eligible for nomination for those seats. Only members within their districts may vote for the respective Atqasuk, Point Hope, and Point Lay district nominees. For example, only a member living or working in Atqasuk may run for the Atqasuk seat or vote for an Atqasuk Board nominee.

Under the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Board appoints a Nominating Committee consisting of one member in good standing from each district where a seat is to be filled at the upcoming annual member meetings. No existing member of the Board of Directors can sit on the Nominating Committee. A member of the Nominating Committee cannot be nominated by the Committee to run for an open seat on the Board. The Nominating Committee member can be nominated to run for an open seat by petition as described below. The Nominating Committee recently selected by the Board of Directors consists of Robert Ivanoff of Atqasuk, Helen Anderson of Point Hope, and Marie Tracey of Point Lay.

The Nominating Committee met the week of May 30, 2022, to select members in good standing to be the nominees for each district open seat. Assuming the nominees agree to run, their names will appear on the ballot. In addition, members in Atqasuk, Point Hope, and Point Lay may add up to two additional nominees to their respective district ballots by submitting a petition setting forth the name of the nominee, the district in which he or she resides or maintains his or her primary place of employment, and the seat the nominee is running for. Each petition must be signed by at least 15 members in good standing from the petitioner's district.

Petitions must be received by the Cooperative via USPS mail at the address listed above, by fax at 907-563-1932, or email at [info@astac.net](mailto:info@astac.net), in Anchorage by no later than July 29, 2022.



No more than four nominees may run for the open seat in any district. All petitions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

In order to qualify as a candidate for an open seat on the Board of Directors, the nominee must be a member of the Cooperative in good standing, or the authorized representative of an entity that is a member in good standing. The nominee must also be in good standing as of the date of the district election in order to remain on the ballot or be elected to a district Board seat. The nominee must also be a full time resident or maintain his or her primary place of employment in the district where the Board seat is open. A nominee may not be an employee of the Cooperative or in any way employed by, or financially interested in, an enterprise that competes with the Cooperative or one or more of its subsidiaries, is a wholesale, resale, interexchange, interconnection, or competitive local exchange service provider, or is involved in a joint venture or other business relationship with the Cooperative or one of its subsidiaries, or is a business engaged in selling telephone supplies, or constructing or maintaining telephone facilities.

Later this summer, the Cooperative will send out a detailed meeting notice setting forth the actual schedule for the member meetings and describing the business that will be taken up at the annual member meetings of your Cooperative.

Sincerely,

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Jens Laipenicks  
Manager/ CEO