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## NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR ARCTIC SLOPE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dear ASTAC Member:

The management of your Cooperative is taking the steps necessary to hold the membership's 2026 annual meetings for each of the districts of the Cooperative. The meetings will take place from July 13 to July 16, 2026, weather permitting. This notice advises you of the procedures the Cooperative will follow to solicit candidates for the three (3) seats on the Board of Directors up for election at the 2026 annual member meetings.

Our Cooperative is governed by a nine (9)-member Board of Directors. There is one (1) member from each district of the Cooperative. Each Director serves a three-year term. The Director terms are staggered so that three (3) seats on the Board will be filled each year.

At the 2026 annual member meetings, Director elections will be held in Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, and Wainwright. As described in the Cooperative's Bylaws, members in good standing who live or maintain their primary place of business, employment, and/or residence in these districts are eligible to run for open seats. Only members within their districts may vote for the respective district candidates.

In 2024, the Cooperative's membership approved an amendment to the Bylaws that changed the way Director candidates are solicited. Pursuant to the new Bylaw provisions, Cooperative members in good standing from each district holding a Director election may submit an application to be a candidate for their District. No sooner than 120 days and no later than 90 days before the first annual member meeting, the Cooperative will open the candidate application period. The application period closes 75 days before the first annual member meeting. The Cooperative intends to open the 2026 application period at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2026, and the application period will close at 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2026, or at such a time when the Cooperative receives three (3) complete applications from qualified Cooperative members for a district. **Applications may be returned to the Cooperative by email to [marketing@astac.net](mailto:marketing@astac.net), or by USPS mail to the Cooperative's Anchorage address.**

No more than (3) members from each district may appear on the ballot. If more than three (3) qualified members submit complete applications, the first three applications **received by** the Cooperative will be accepted and those members will appear on the ballot for their district.

The application must be signed by five (5) members in good standing in the applicant's district. **The application will be available on ASTAC's website (for download) and available upon request by email at [marketing@astac.net](mailto:marketing@astac.net).**

To qualify as a candidate for the Board of Directors, the candidate 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 candidate must also be in good standing as of the date of the district election to remain on the ballot or be elected to a district Board seat. The candidate 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 candidate may not be an employee of the Cooperative or in any way employed by, or financially

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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 year, the Cooperative will send out a detailed meeting notice setting forth the schedule for the member meetings and describing the business that will be taken up at the annual member meetings of our Cooperative.

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Jens Laipeniaks  
CEO & General Manager  
Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.