



# Annual Meeting Notice

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# Official Notice

## 2026 MTA Annual Membership Meeting

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article III, Sections 1 and 3 of the Bylaws of Matanuska Telecom Association, Incorporated that the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association will be held on **Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 2026, starting at 5:30 p.m.** The MTA Board of Directors has unanimously approved to conduct the membership meeting both in-person and virtually. Voting in the Annual Meeting election can be done by mail or electronic balloting. In person voting will be available at the meeting. Picture I.D. is required for registration.

Dated at Palmer, Alaska this 6th day of May 2026 by:



**Roxanna Jorgenson, Board Secretary**

Matanuska Telecom Association, Incorporated

The major items of business at this year's annual meeting are the election of one director and four proposed bylaw amendments.

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### There are two ways to participate in this year's Annual Membership Meeting.

Join us in person at **Raven Hall on the Alaska State Fairgrounds** or attend **virtually on Zoom**. A registration link for those who want to attend virtually will be available on our website [mtasolutions.com](https://mtasolutions.com) in early May. Registration is required to attend on Zoom.

**Onsite member registration/check-in opens at 5:30 p.m.**

**Annual Membership Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Check out [mtasolutions.com](https://mtasolutions.com) for more details.

# Join us at our Annual Membership Meeting

June 3, 2026, Raven Hall, Alaska State Fairgrounds

RSVP to join these informative sessions:

- » **Social Media Safety for Teens**  
Tips for keeping teens safe in today's digital world
- » **Cybersecurity**  
Practical tips for online safety

Visit these booths to learn more about:

- » **Homeowner/Homebuilder Wi-Fi Readiness**  
How to set up a home for reliable Wi-Fi performance
- » **Everyday AI**  
Practical AI tools for everyday users, including guidance on using AI safely, responsibly, and productively

Win \$500 and learn more:

- » Enter to win **door prizes** and enjoy **light refreshments**
- » Visit our **Member Service Station**
- » Learn about the **MTA Foundation** and how it's making a difference in our community
- » **WIN \$500!** Every member who casts a valid mail or electronic vote will be automatically entered into a drawing to win! (Need not be present to win)

For schedules, additional details and to RSVP, please visit our website:

**[mtasolutions.com](https://mtasolutions.com)**

Annual Report Financials can be viewed here:

**[my.mtasolutions.com/login](https://my.mtasolutions.com/login)**

# 2026 Voting Instructions

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## Electronically

It's fast, it's easy, and it's green! To vote electronically, you will need two pieces of information: Your Member Number and your voting Password.

- » Your **Member Number** can be found on the back of the ballot return envelope included in this election packet.
- » Your **Password** was mailed to you recently on a separate green postcard.

In your web browser, visit the web address **www.mtavote.com** and follow the on-screen instructions.

## Lose Your Voting Password?

Each member of record may request a replacement electronic voting password by calling the election contractor, Sramek Hightower CPAs, at 855-682-8683 (855-MTA-VOTE) toll free in the U.S.

**Electronic Voting Deadline: You must vote electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.**

## Question About How to Vote?

If you have any questions about how to vote electronically or by mail, call the election contractor, Sramek Hightower CPAs, at 855-682-8683 (855-MTA-VOTE) toll free in the U.S.

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## In-Person at the Meeting

If you plan to vote at the meeting, **register and pick up your ballot before 7:00 p.m.** Picture I.D. is required. Members casting their ballot at the Annual Meeting will be issued a special ballot for in-person voting.

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## Voting By Mail

### Step 1

**Make Your Selections.** Please read the material in this notice, which provides information on the candidate running for the available director position and explanations on the proposed bylaw amendments.

### Step 2

**Completely Fill In The Oval.** Use a number 2 pencil or black pen. Vote like this: 

### Step 3

**Use The Provided Envelope.** Put your ballot into the return postage-paid envelope found within your packet to return your ballot by mail to the Election Committee.

### Step 4

**Sign The Envelope.** To be considered valid, the mailed ballot envelope must have the proper signature. The person who is indicated on the envelope is the correct person needed to sign.

**Joint Membership.** A household may receive service based on a joint membership. If you have a joint membership, only one signature is needed. If your spouse is a member, and you are not, your spouse must sign the ballot envelope. If you are unsure whose signature is on file as the authorized member, both persons can sign the ballot envelope.

**Business Accounts.** The owner or authorized person must sign. If you are unsure who is authorized to vote for your business account, please contact us prior to voting by calling 907-761-2608.

### Step 5

**Allow Enough Time For Mail.** Mail early so your ballot arrives in time to be counted. Mailed ballots must be received in the Election Committee's post office box by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

### Lose Your Paper Ballot?

Each member of record may request a replacement mail ballot by calling the election contractor, Sramek Hightower CPAs, at 855-682-8683 (855-MTA-VOTE) toll free in the U.S.

**Mail Ballot Deadline: Must be received in the Election Committee's post office box by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.**

Ballot envelopes that arrive after this deadline will not be counted.

# Board Candidate

MTA is a member-owned cooperative guided by a Board of five directors who are elected by the Members. This year, there is one open director seat. Directors elected in 2026 will receive a four-year term. The candidate is solely responsible for the content of their statements for inclusion in the notice.



## **John Warner (incumbent) Palmer, AK**

### **Q: Why I want to serve on MTA's Board of Directors:**

**A:** Serving on MTA's Board of Directors for the past two terms has been both challenging and rewarding. Over that time MTA has increased membership and diversified the services they provide. These accomplishments were no accident.

The employees at MTA are accomplished professionals, including top management and all the dedicated and hard-working associates throughout the entire organization. These are challenging times in the telecom industry and MTA is preparing to meet the exciting opportunities that lay ahead. As a member of your board of directors, it's my responsibility to represent you, the members, and to ensure that MTA's direction ultimately reflects my commitment to you. Thank you for your continued trust.

### **Q: In your opinion, what are some of the greatest opportunities and challenges facing MTA and how will you serve to best meet those on behalf of MTA members?**

**A:** The biggest challenge to everyone in this industry is to provide the fastest, most dependable and reasonably priced telecom service...AND to look ahead and prepare for the technological challenges ahead. The future of telecom is more than simply providing home internet service. While MTA continues to provide the highest quality in customer service and technical assistance at all levels, they are led by forward thinkers and opportunities that go beyond the fiber connection to your home. I can assure you that MTA is already looking 10-20 years ahead and the opportunities are huge. Stay tuned for more. Your board of directors exist to help guide MTA's direction and ensure they continue to be the first choice in telecom solutions. I am committed to continuing to provide that leadership.

### **Personal Biography**

I grew up in Wisconsin and thanks to the US Air Force, have lived all over the US including a couple of tours in Europe. My wife grew up in Ireland and, after much pursuit on my part, agreed to be my wife. We originally came to Alaska in 1981 when the Air Force moved us from southern California to Fairbanks in March. My long-suffering wife thought that I'd lost my mind. However, we grew to love the last frontier and a year later we relocated to Elmendorf AFB. At that point we knew that Alaska would be our forever home. I retired from serving my country in 1993 and we've lived in the Valley since 1993. We love our life here in Alaska. We have three children and five grandkids. Like most folks, life has dealt us a number of challenges. But we're surrounded by loving friends and family who've helped us work through life's bumps. We enjoy visiting family around the US and Ireland and have been blessed to see much of the world. I enjoy playing golf and being involved in our church life. My association with MTA continues to be personally rewarding and I'm humbled by the trust that MTA's members have placed in me.

## Professional Experience

### Edward Jones Investments (Financial Advisor) 2001 – 2024

Provide investment services, including planning for retirement; generational wealth transfer; tax efficiency and comprehensive estate planning. Perform portfolio analysis and reviews of current retirement plans for clients and prospects with the goal of setting realistic long-term goals. Additionally, provide all types of life and health insurance products including term and permanent insurance, and long-term care.

### Anchorage Police Department (Resource Manager) 1997 - 2001

Directed management of all state and federal grants; contractual agreements with private businesses and local/state agencies; physical security of the main department building and 10 substations; numerous construction projects; issue and receipt of all supplies and equipment; and the Department's fleet of over 500 vehicles and special purpose equipment.

### Alaska USA Federal Credit Union/Alaska Option (Operations Manager) 1993 - 1997

Provided daily oversight for Alaska Option Services Corporation, a regional switching network for financial institutions with Alaska. Duties included account oversight, credit and debit card production, research and adjustment of ATM and POS transactions; quality assurance; data/cost analysis; control of fee schedules; administrative records and compliance with federal and state regulations.

### US Air Force Major (Ret.) 1968 - 1993

Directed cost estimating and analysis of numerous programs for special operations forces located throughout the world. Prepared studies; presented briefings and advocated cost and budget finding issues for acquisition of weapon systems valued at over \$400 million. Task force member providing ongoing mission support for Air Force special operations missions around the world.

## Education

Hamilton HS

Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX (BA, Management Analysis)

University of La Verne, La Verne, CA (MS, Business Organization Management)

## Other Activities

President (2x)

President (previous)

Meals on Wheels (current)

Board of Directors (current)

Board of Directors (current)

**Wasilla Sunrise Rotary**

**Valley Performing Arts**

**Wasilla Senior Center**

**Matanuska Telecom Association, Inc.**

**MTA Foundation, Inc.**

# 2026 Proposed Amendments to the Matanuska Telecom Association Bylaws

The proposed change is introduced with a title contained within a shaded box that is the same as that used on the ballot. The language proposed to be:

- ADDED is in **bold and underlined like this.**
- DELETED is in ~~strikethrough like this.~~
- COMMENTS are in ***bold italics like this.***

## Proposal #A: Correcting Clerical Errors

### Correcting Clerical Errors

*Proposal #A would correct two clerical errors in the labeling of subsections in the Bylaws.*

*The MTA Board of Directors unanimously recommends that this proposal be approved.*

**Should MTA Bylaws, Article III, Section 7, and Article IV, Section 8, be amended as follows?**

#### ARTICLE III BOARD MEMBERS

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**SECTION 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The Board shall by resolution adopt procedures and rules governing all membership meetings and all elections and voting. Rules and procedures governing voting and elections will be announced in advance of each meeting. The Board, in establishing such rules, will be fair and equitable. If no rules governing a particular situation have been established by the Board, then the rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order will govern to the extent not inconsistent with law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members and, so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows except as otherwise determined by the members at such meeting:

- (a) Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
- (b) Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of the notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
- (c) Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.

- (d) Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees, and committees.
- (e) Election of Board members.
- ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Unfinished business.
- (g) New business.
- (h) Adjournment.
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ARTICLE IV  
BOARD MEMBERS

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**SECTION 8. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE.**

- (a) This section applies to all contributions, expenditures, and communications made by any person for the purpose of influencing the outcome of a ballot proposition or question, as well as those made to influence the nomination or election of a candidate for the Board of Directors. For purposes of Section 8, the term "person" applies to any individual, group, or entity of any kind or nature whatsoever.
- ~~(e)~~ **(b)** Each person subject to Article IV, Section 8(a), shall make a full report, upon a form prescribed by the Association, listing the date and amount of all expenditures, whether accrued or actually expended, made to support or otherwise influence the outcome of a ballot proposition or question or the nomination or election of a candidate; the total amount of all contributions, received as monetary or in-kind goods and services, including all funds contributed by the candidate; and for all contributions received, per campaign in excess of \$100 in the aggregate, the name, address, principal occupation and employer of the contributor, and the date and amount contributed by each contributor.

No person may receive a contribution in excess of \$1,000 per campaign from any one contributor. No candidate is restricted from spending his or her own funds. No person shall accept contributions after the election.

The Association must receive the candidate's or other person's first report not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days, prior to the mailing of ballots. The second report shall be filed with the Association not more than ten (10) days, nor less than three (3) days prior to the Annual or Special meeting of the members at which a question or candidate is being considered. A third report must be filed no later than twenty (20) days after that meeting. A report must include all activity for the reporting period. All reports filed with the Association will be subject to full public disclosure, including publication in whatever medium or format the Association deems the most efficient and practicable, and, upon request, copies of all reports will be timely provided to any Association member.

- (c) No candidate or other person subject to the Association's campaign disclosure requirements may accept anonymous contributions. Candidates or other affected persons must immediately forfeit any anonymous contributions to the Association, which will donate the forfeited contribution to an appropriate charity or other non-profit organization.

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Proposal #B: Deleting Obsolete Language, Prohibiting Write-In Candidates and Allowing Election Without Ballots When There Is Only One Candidate for a Board Seat

**Deleting Obsolete Language, Prohibiting Write-In Candidates and Allowing Election Without Ballots When There Is Only One Candidate for a Board Seat**

*Proposal #B would delete obsolete language about three year and four-year terms for Board members because all Board members now serve four-year terms. It would also clarify that write-in candidates cannot be elected because MTA has never provided a blank for write-ins on its ballot and MTA has both a nomination process and a petition process by which candidates can get their names on the ballot. Finally, to serve the financial best interest of the Association and its membership, if a seat on the Board of Directors has only a single candidate, Proposal #B would allow MTA to avoid the expense (approximately \$136,000) of mailing and counting ballots where there is no doubt about the outcome by declaring the only candidate the winner at the Annual Meeting.*

*The MTA Board of Directors unanimously recommends that this amendment be approved.*

**Should MTA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 be amended as follows?**

ARTICLE IV  
BOARD MEMBERS

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**SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE.**

- (a) Members of the Board shall be elected by secret ballot at each annual meeting of the members by and from the members to serve until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No Board member shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to the Board after serving more than four (4) full terms or sixteen (16) total years in office, whichever is the longer amount of time. This provision shall apply to incumbent directors and directors newly elected commencing with the 2022 election. If an election of Board members shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting or at any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing Board members within a reasonable time thereafter. Board members may be elected by a plurality vote of the members. If after a recount two or more candidates tie in the number of votes for the same directorship seat, the Chairman of the Board shall notify the candidates who are tied. The Chairman shall notify the candidate of a reasonably suitable time and place to determine the successful candidate by lot. After the determination has been made by lot, the Chairman shall so certify. A member wishing to challenge the results of an election must submit the challenge in writing to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days following adjournment or recess of the meeting at which the election was conducted. A seated Board member whose election is the subject of the

challenge must abstain from participation in any decisions relating to the challenge. The decision of the Board of Directors regarding an election challenge shall be final.

- (b) ~~At the 2022 annual meeting election, two directors will be elected. The candidate receiving the greater number of votes shall receive a four-year term and the second-place candidate shall receive a three-year term. Commencing with the 2023 election, Directors will be elected in four-year cycles, with two (2) directors elected in the first year and one (1) director election in each of the second, third, and fourth years. All directors elected in 2023 and thereafter will receive four-year terms.~~
- (c) Only candidates nominated pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors.**
- (d) If the number of candidates nominated pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, is equal to or less than the number of Board members to be elected, the candidate(s) shall be deemed elected by acclamation at the annual meeting and no vote or ballot is required.**

## Proposal #C: Moving Report on CEO Compensation to MTA Website

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*Proposal #C would revise the current Bylaw requirement to disclose the CEO's total compensation by making it available on MTA's website. This would replace the current Bylaw language requiring the CEO's total compensation to be announced at the Annual Meeting and published in the Annual Report. Publishing the information on the MTA website would ensure it is easily available to all of MTA's members.*

*The MTA Board of Directors unanimously recommends that this amendment be approved.*

**Should MTA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5 be amended as follows?**

#### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

**SECTION 5. SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall be responsible for:

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- (g) Certify the amount in dollars of total cost to the Association of the CEO position on an annual basis. This total cost shall include but not be limited to: salary, benefits, bonuses, and any other remuneration received from the Association. This dollar figure shall be posted in the annual report to the membership, and announced at the annual meeting of the membership **made available to the Association's members on the Association's website.** Furthermore the CEO's employment contract shall be made available to any member in good standing upon request in accordance with Article XI, Section 6.

## Proposal #D: Setting Minimum Capital Credit Retirement Check Amounts for Former Members

### Setting Minimum Capital Credit Retirement Check Amounts for Former Members

*Proposal #D would allow MTA to avoid issuing checks for very small capital credit retirements to former patrons and members. MTA would continue to provide checks or statement credits for all capital credit retirements to current members and patrons. The proposal would initially set the amount for which checks would not be written to former members and patrons at Ten Dollars (\$10) and would allow the Board to change that to another de minimis amount in the future. This helps avoid writing very small checks to former members and patrons when the cost of preparing the check could exceed the value of the check itself.*

*The MTA Board of Directors unanimously recommends that this amendment be approved.*

**Should MTA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 be amended as follows?**

#### ARTICLE VII NON-PROFIT OPERATION

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#### **SECTION 2. PATRONAGE CAPITAL**

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- (g) **As authorized by the Board of Directors, if capital credits to be retired to a former patron are less than the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10) or another de minimis amount determined by the Board under a policy of general application, the Association may choose not to retire and not to pay the amount until the total capital credit retirement payments owing to the former patron equals or exceeds that amount;**
- (g) **(h)** The patrons of the Association, by dealing with the Association, acknowledge that the terms and provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended by the members from time to time, shall constitute and be a contract between the Association and each patron, and both the Association and the patrons are bound by such contract as fully as though each patron had individually signed a separate instrument containing such terms and provisions; provided, however, that a non-member patron shall have none of the rights granted to Members other than the rights granted under this Section 2 of the Bylaws. The provisions of this Article of the Bylaws shall be called to the attention of each patron of the Association by posting in a conspicuous place in the Association's office.

# Creating a Culture of Connectivity

## Important Information About How MTA Puts Your Privacy First

CPNI (Customer Proprietary Network Information) is some of the information MTA obtains in the course of providing telecommunications service to you as a customer. It includes, but is not limited to who, when, and where you call; how much you spend on telecommunications services; which plans you subscribe to; and billing information.

MTA will not sell or provide CPNI to unaffiliated third parties and abides by federal and state CPNI rules that apply to telecommunications carriers. We value our relationship with our customers and are committed to respecting and protecting your privacy.

CPNI is used within MTA for billing purposes, to provide and change service, and to contact our customers. With your permission, we may use CPNI to provide you with information on other MTA products and services within the MTA family (for example, Internet, totalWifi, MTA Shield and home phone) that we think may be of interest to you. These targeted special offers that would help you save time and money may be communicated to you through a variety of ways.

You can always change your mind about sharing your information with MTA. Just give us a call and explain your needs. Whatever you choose, MTA will continue to provide you with the same high quality of service you currently receive. Biennially we will send you a reminder (such as this) to let you know that you may opt-out of the benefit of receiving information about other services offered by MTA which you are not currently utilizing. Periodically, MTA will send out a request for your permission to use your CPNI in order to make you aware of these new and existing products that may best fit your telecommunications needs. You have the right to decline this request. Declining the request will not affect the provision of any services to which you currently subscribe. MTA will honor your decision to decline these offers until you explicitly tell us otherwise.

## MTA Customer Options

MTA can tell you about various ways to save on our products and services. MTA customer service can make recommendations for new services, technology and the best pricing plans to suit your needs, possibly saving you money in the long run.

## Information Protection

MTA never shares your information with outside companies. Your information stays private. MTA is legally obligated to protect the confidentiality of your information. If we don't hear back from you after 30 days, we will occasionally inform you of new products, services and special offers. If you prefer not to receive information from MTA, please contact us to opt-out.

## Contact Us

**(907) 745-3211 or (800) 478-3211**  
**[mtaprivacy@mtasolutions.com](mailto:mtaprivacy@mtasolutions.com)**

*MTA is legally obligated under Federal law to protect the confidentiality of your information.*

# National Do Not Call Registry

## Protecting Consumers

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) takes aggressive legal action to make sure telemarketers abide by the Do Not Call Registry.

## How do I register?

**Registration is free.** Add your phone number for free by visiting **DoNotCall.gov**, or by calling **1-888-382-1222** from the phone you want to register. **TTY: 1-866-290-4236**



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