

Dave Cooper is the new AVEC president.

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AVEC elects president

Dave Cooper of Marshall has been elected president of the AVEC board upon the resignation of Vincent Beans of Mountain Village.

Beans, who has served on the AVEC board since 1973, resigned to pursue other interests in his career.

Cooper, the newly elected board president is well acquainted with rural Alaska and AVEC member villages.

He has spent 10 years traveling among the villages as construction superintendent for the Public Health Service and has also worked with United Utilities. Cooper is a commercial fisherman in the Yukon.

Cooper actively works with other

organizations that concern AVEC villages.

He is the mayor of Marshall, vice chairman of the Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee, alternate delegate for the Canadian-U.S. Salmon Negotiating Committee and chairman of the Marshall Advisory School Board.

Born and raised in Ninilchik, Cooper is a member of Cook Inlet Region Inc. He attended San Diego State University, where he majored in political science. He married Adele Hunter of Marshall, and they have four children.