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ALASKA RID (AKRID)

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Greetings from The Last Frontier. It is with great pleasure that I introduce the new AKRID Board of Directors that took office on July 1, 2011. The new board members include President Su Isakson, Vice President Rachel Day, Secretary Natalie Page, Treasurer Laura Miller and Membership Liaison Sharon Miranda. We welcome the new board with appreciation for their ability to lead our organization into the future with strong connections and collaboration with our Deaf community.

I have personally enjoyed my years of service on the board (six consecutive years this time) and would like to affirm my commitment to continue working as an active member, assisting the new board in continuing our pursuit of distance accessibility in communication for meetings and workshops, trainings, etc. I also want to thank the dedicated, service-minded board members I have had the privilege to work with these past two years including Vice President Kathleen Bodolay, Secretary Gina Ashman, Treasurer Su Isakson and Membership Liaison Anne Lazenby. It was a pleasure working with each one of you.

These are exciting times in our profession as we see new leaders with new ideas, new technology, new collaborations and new visions for our future. I want to encourage each of us to re-evaluate, re-focus and re-new our commitment to our organization and our own personal growth as we enter into the next season of discovery and change. Thanks again for the opportunity to work along-side each of you to lead and strengthen AKRID in our amazing, diverse state. It has been an honor and a privilege.