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Polar Hosts Annual Members Meeting

PARK RIVER, ND – June 16, 2005 - The Annual Members Meeting of Polar Communications was held on Thursday, June 9, 2005. A total of 413 members registered during the meeting. Members and guests were served a grilled chicken breast supper prior to the meeting.

Tom Larson, City Administrator of Park River, welcomed the attendees to Park River and Rev. Jeff Johnson of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Park River gave the invocation.

President Loren Kadlec conducted the meeting. General Manager David Dunning and President Loren Kadlec gave a joint presentation to the members.

Two directors were re-elected to Polar's board of directors. Beverly Jensen of Drayton will represent District 1; and Brian Udby will represent District 3. Eric 'Ike' Meberg won the director seat representing District 2 vacated by Loren Kadlec of Pisek. All three directors elected will serve a three-year term.

Nominating committee members Jan Maurstad of Drayton, District 1; Rick Walker of Hoople, District 2; and Gary McLaughlin of Lankin, District 3 were elected to the three positions available on the nominating committee.

A recommended by-law revision was reported to the members. The membership voted unanimously to add the former Polar Telecommunications Inc. exchanges to the geographical district areas as listed in Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

A \$1500 Polar Retiree Scholarship was presented to Michael Waechter of Park River. Kevin Cushing of Tioga and Kurt Carpenter of St. John were not present to receive his scholarship.

The 2005 John G. Walters \$500 Scholarships were presented to Megan Myrdal and Jarrod Hylden of Park River, Kelby Laxdal of Edinburg and Craig McFadden of Cavalier. Timothy Gerszewski of Mayville was not present to receive his scholarships.

Polar Communications in conjunction with NTCA Foundation For Rural Service presented a \$2500 scholarship award to Melinda Paulson of Mayville.

Service awards were given to the following Polar employees and directors: 10 Years – Mary Holm; 15 Years – Loren Kadlec; 20 Years – Gary Greicar; 30 Years – Lawrence Foerster; 35 Years – Dan Daley and Rodney Ellefson; 40 years – Ernie Slominski.

Ken Fischer was recognized for his recent retirement and Dan Stenvold on his upcoming retirement.

Secretary-Treasurer Mary J. Holm reported to the members.
Several prize drawings were held throughout the meeting