

ASEA In Action



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JUNEAU STUDENT WINNER OF AFSCME FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Juneau Chapter member Gregory Emmett Browning's son August Browning is one of thirteen recipients of the AFSCME Family Scholarship.

August's academic record and his two-page essay earned him a \$2,000 award from the scholarship.

To read August's winning essay go to www.afscmelocal52.org, and click on the headline under the ASEA Headlines section.

AFSCME Family Scholarship Program provides scholarships of \$2,000 each year to at least 13 high school seniors. These scholarships will be renewed each year for a maximum of four years if the student remains enrolled in a full-time course of study.

CONGRATULATIONS

to
August Browning



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD - VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS !

Members in good standing will be receiving a ballot to determine two elections. These ballots are in the mail and if you have not received a ballot by May 1, please contact the Anchorage office at 277-5200 or 1-800-478-2732 to request a ballot.

The first election is a Run -Off for two (2) seats on the State Executive Board. The two seats are:

*Professional Representative
Kathy Atkinson
Chris Pace

*Central Region Representative
Dave Donely
Valerie Kenny



Election Day is May 22, 2008. ballots will be counted by the Election Committee on this date.



- *BALLOTS ARE DUE ON MAY 22, 2008.
- *THEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8:30 A.M. (on this date)
- *BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY U.S. MAIL
- *ONLY THOSE WITH POSTMARKS WILL BE COUNTED

The second ballot is to select delegates to the 38th AFSCME International convention, to be held in San Francisco July 27 – Aug 1, 2008. The top eight (8) vote getters will become non-officer delegates to the 38th International Convention. All other candidates will be ranked alternates according to their vote totals.

Based on the preliminary allocation by AFSCME International, ASEA Local 52 will be allocated eight (8) non-officer delegates. This number will be verified by May 15th, 2008. If ASEA Local 52 gains delegates, the candidates with the highest number of votes will be awarded the delegate positions.

The complete list of candidates that are running:

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| * Shawn Alexander | * Zuzanna Bobinski | * Susan Carpentino |
| * Bruce Dougherty | * L. Frank Dutton | * Brian Evans |
| * Gordon Glaser | * Yvonne Jacobson | * Valerie Kenny |
| * Sue Layton | * Christine Lee | * Nadine Lefebvre |
| * Chris Lyou | * Laureen Medlin | * Christopher Pace |
| * Bernie Person | * John Roxburgh | * Candice Snow |
| * Bette Watts | * Stephen Wright | |

CONVENTION CAPERS

By: Yvonne Jacobson

First, I want to thank all of the Anchorage members who cast their votes for me to attend this year's convention. I hope I served you well.

The accommodations and meeting planning for this convention were superb. If there were, any “snafus” or mishaps the conventioners did not notice. The credit for that must go to our ASEA staff. They put a lot of energy and fun and function in this convention because of their dedication and hard work. Kudos to them!

As a “seasoned” conventioner this time (my second), the responsibility of being a delegate really hit home. Nevertheless, this was a good feeling not an onerous chore. The first time I was overwhelmed by the number of people, the protocols, and sheer fear of not knowing what I was doing there! This time I reveled in the process seeing and being a part of democracy at work. Last time I was an alternate and had not attended the pre-convention training or committee meetings. I was seated at the opening of the convention from the floor.

This year expectations, contentions, and discord were running at an all-time high level when the delegates assembled, but as we worked through the first pre-convention sessions a feeling of pulling together was emerging. People were talking to each other, sharing their thoughts. We weren't just Anchorage or Juneau; we were part of the whole. We all had similar challenges and we heard good ideas and solutions from all over the state. The second day when the committees went to work, they really did go to work! There were many varied challenges presented to all the committees, but as they worked through them together as a group, cohesion emerged. The ability to agree to disagree and to compromise for the good of the whole was an emerging practice. This carried over as the convention itself convened. We conversed, passionately debated, and cast our votes. I am so proud to be a member of this union, a union run and governed by its membership, not a board of directors who dictate and make decisions without members input.

Let's see I've used the words and phrases pulling together, democracy, compromise, solutions, cohesion, agreeing to disagree, but what I'm really trying to say is:

SOLIDARITY was a work in process throughout the convention and *is* our work in progress for *our future*.

Oh! I almost forgot.....the food was great too!