



Alaska State Employees Association  
ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

## Anchorage Chapter

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Dear Member,

The Anchorage Chapter's Next Wave Committee is a regional branch of the ASEA Statewide Next Wave Committee which consists of ASEA members 35 years of age and younger.

The Next Wave is a national movement started in the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) International. Nationally, more than half of the AFSCME membership will be eligible to retire within the next 10 years. This exodus will leave a huge leadership void and loss of institutional stability. The future of AFSCME and ultimately ASEA depends on our ability to identify and activate new union member leaders to fill the gap when seasoned activists move on. The need to develop participation and encourage leadership within the AFSCME and ASEA membership led to the creation of the ASEA Next Wave Committee.

The ASEA Next Wave Committee was established by the ASEA State Executive Board in 2009. The goals of the committee are to:

- Promote activism among young members
- Create enthusiasm for Organized Labor in young members
- Provide support for young members in the unique issues that they face
- Create opportunities for young members to learn about the rich history of the Labor Movement
- Connect young members with the political system upon which they can have influence
- Create Leadership Training Opportunities for young members
- Provide young members with experiences that will prepare them for service at both the ASEA State Executive Board and Chapter levels

To meet these goals we'd like to encourage you to check with the Anchorage Chapter Next Wave Committee to learn how you can become involved. You may contact Jonathan Thompson Chair for the Anchorage Chapter Next Wave at [beancountingzombie@gmail.com](mailto:beancountingzombie@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have.

Thank you for your time.

In Solidarity,

Anchorage Chapter Next Wave Committee