

ASEA In Action



GGU Ratification Election

Ballots for the Ratification of the GGU Tentative Agreement were mailed on Wednesday, March 9th.

Ballots for the ratification election **must be received in the ASEA Post Office Box no later than 8:30 am on April 8, 2016.**



AFSCME 42nd Convention Delegate Election - Notice of Nomination

The AFSCME 42nd International Convention will be held in Las Vegas from July 18 - 22, 2016. The notice of nominating delegates was mailed to your home address on Monday, March 21, 2016. The Notice of Nomination is also available on the ASEA website www.afscmelocal52.org under the header "Headlines." The Notice of Nomination (Nomination Petitions) **must be received at the ASEA Headquarters no later than 12 noon on April 11, 2016.** The ballots for this election will be mailed on April 22nd and will be counted on May 23rd.



Important Dates

- April 8, 2016 - Ratification Election Date
- April 11, 2016 - AFSCME Delegate Nomination Deadline
- April 22, 2016 - AFSCME Delegate Ballots Mailed
- May 17 - 18, 2016 - State Executive Board Meeting in Homer
- May 23, 2016 - AFSCME Delegate Election Date

ASEA State Executive Board Election Results

The Statewide Elections Committee conducted a count of the Statewide Election Ballots for the State Executive Board and the Judicial Panel Seats on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

There were 1092 valid votes cast. The results are as follows:

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT:
Dawn Bundick

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE:
William Hunt

CLASS ONE REPRESENTATIVE:
Cassandra Lynch

PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Rich Sewell

RURAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no nominees for the Rural Region Representative seat
CENTRAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE:

Ken Cramer
(Ken was the only nominee for the office; therefore, he is declared the winner)

NORTHERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE:

Beth Siegel
(Beth was the only nominee for the office; therefore, she is declared the winner)

JUDICIAL PANEL OFFICES

JUNEAU
Suzanne Dutson

(Suzanne was the only nominee for the office; therefore, she is declared the winner)

ANCHORAGE

(There were no nominees for the Judicial Panel Anchorage seat)

RURAL/BUSH

(There were no nominees for the Judicial Panel Rural/Bush seat)

Announcement From The ASEA Health Trust Concerning 2016/17 Plan Year

The ASEA Health Trust is pleased to announce that **member contributions will NOT increase** for any of the plan options for the 2016/17 Plan Year which starts July 1, 2016. The Trust has been able to maintain the same employee contributions for 6 years, despite the increasing cost of healthcare nationwide.



Recognizing that Alaska is facing difficult economic conditions which will impact our membership, the Board of Trustees felt it was important to keep your payroll deduction amounts the same this year. The Trustees knew that we would face this challenge eventually, and have prepared for it. The Trust is in a strong financial position and is able to absorb the reduction in employer contributions out of reserves this year.

Please watch your mail for open enrollment materials in May. Open enrollment is your opportunity to change your benefit elections and to enroll in the pre-tax Health Care Reimbursement Account. The Trust offers 4 plan options to meet the needs of employees and families.

If you have questions about your health benefit plan contact an ASEA Health Trust Trustee or the ASEA Health Trust at 1-866-553-8206 (toll free) or visit the ASEA Health Trust website at <https://www.aseahealth.org/>

The Cook Inlet Chapter Took Part In The 12th Annual (WOW) Cancer Fundraiser

Thanks to ASEA's Cook Inlet Chapter for donating \$250.00 to the WOW fundraiser.

This fundraiser takes place the last weekend in February in the Caribou Hills on the Kenai Peninsula. Approximately 100 ladies and "cabana boys" ride snow machines 50 miles roundtrip from a lodge on Oil Well Road to a lodge at Caribou Lake. Ladies form teams and dress and ride in costumes. This year's costume theme was animated movies so our team dressed as 101 Dalmatians (minus a few Dalmatians).

Funds are raised to benefit cancer patients on the Kenai Peninsula. All money raised is put into a fund that is managed by the Central Peninsula Health Foundation, which has no overhead costs. Anyone who is going through cancer treatment is eligible for a \$1000 grant each year to help with anything they need, be it rent, groceries, gas for a vehicle, daycare or anything else.



Ladies (and sometimes men) raise money through donations from the community, both in cash and items for auction. In 2015 and 2016, three members of ASEA's Cook Inlet Chapter participated in this event. Since 2005, more than \$600,000 has been raised and has helped at least 600 cancer patients. So far in 2016, over \$117,000 has been raised, with more still coming in. The goal this year is \$120,000.