

# ASEA In Action Special Executive Board Issue



## An Introduction To Your ASEA/ AFSCME Local 52 Executive Board

This ASEA In ACTION Update is a special edition to introduce your elected State Executive Board members. The E-Board is a policy board which means our focus is to administer the policies to run our union. The Board consists of three Executive Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer) and five regional and four occupational representatives.

First and Foremost, thank you for participating in our last two Union elections, the State E-Board and the ratification of our 2016-2019 collective bargaining agreement. State service and union membership gives members of the Board opportunities to work with the public and you, the members of our Union.



### PRESIDENT - Dawn Bundick - Anchorage Chapter

Fellow ASEA Sisters and Brothers, my name is Dawn Bundick and I am your new ASEA State Executive Board President. I am an Investigator with DCCED for Professional and Occupational Licensing and a U.S. Navy Veteran. One of the greatest titles that I'm most proud of is being a mother to two wonderful children Braxton and Brianna. Family is most important and you are also my family.

My involvement in our union grew out of an incident that happened in my work environment. I became a union steward and began assisting members with various issues within their workplace. I am here to help protect members' rights and bring fair and decent treatment in the workplace. Being a steward has helped me learn our contract. I was the 2008-2010 and 2015-2016 Chair of the Anchorage Chapter Scholarship Committee. I became involved with women's issues in the workplace that affect not only women, but our families, which led me to become the Chair of ASEA's Women's Issues Committee. I am a past member of the AFSCME National Women's Advisory Committee and Mentor. I was the Anchorage Chapter President in 2011-2013.

One of my ongoing goals is to communicate with you and encourage you to get involved in our **AWESOME** union and to let you know what your/our union can do for YOU! My vision/theme for our union during my term of office is to **CONNECT, ENGAGE AND INSPIRE!** **Connecting** with you, our members and our community and market the largest UNION in the State. **Engaging** collectively with one another through union involvement and community partnerships and **Inspiring** one another to make a difference in the jobs we do for our communities. I will do my best to reach out to you and I hope you will do the same. Until next time, remember we are strong collectively and "UNITY" is in our COMMUNITY!

### SECRETARY - Michael Williams - Anchorage Chapter

I work for the Department of Revenue as a corporate income tax auditor in Anchorage. I am married with two children – twins: one boy, one girl. Family time is important to me and my wife, with much of our time devoted to raising our children.

During this term, I continue to focus on developing and training a strong steward network. The union has implemented excellent training for both new and advanced stewards. Having served as a steward for the last 16 years, I know well the importance of having someone by your side who knows how to deal with management, as well as answer questions about the contract or other benefits of being a union member.



### TREASURER - John White - Anchorage Chapter

I am a Financial Analyst III with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, where I audit and examine rates and costs of Alaska Utility companies. My work experience and educational background are beneficial in the role of Treasurer.

My goal as Treasurer is to ensure the best accounting practices are used, expenses are properly accounted for and that the budget and spending are sustainable and spent in the best interest of you, the members.

### BUSH REGION REPRESENTATIVE - Maureen "Mo" Koezuna - Nome Chapter

I am Maureen "Mo" Koezuna and I am your Bush Region Representative on the Executive Board. I've lived in Nome since 1982 and have worked for the State of Alaska since 1989. I started as a clerk at Nome Trial Courts and moved to the Nome District Attorney's office, first as a law office assistant and now as a victim/witness paralegal. I am active in my local chapter as the secretary and also as a Steward. I served on the last CNC as the Alternate Negotiator for bush members and am currently a trustee on the Legal Trust. Any member may contact me at any time with questions or concerns.



### RURAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE - Steve Oswald - Valdez Chapter



I am Steve Oswald, the Rural Region Representative on the State Executive Board. During the past 11 years I have served as the Rural Region Contract Negotiating Committee (CNC) Negotiator and in the prior 2012 negotiation, served as the Rural Alternate Negotiator. I have also served as Chapter President, Steward and Representative at ASEA's Biennial Convention.

I am currently employed with the State of Alaska as a Project Engineer overseeing Northern Region construction projects.

### ADMIN SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE - William "Bill" Hunt - Midnight Sun Chapter

I am William Hunt (Bill), your Administrative Support Representative for the State E-Board.

I have worked for the state for about 14 years. I work in the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office. I have lived in the Fairbanks/North Pole area for about 36 years and am a single parent raising three daughters. I am one of the three real beard Santas in North Pole. Being a Santa is a passion of mine. I took over a nonprofit agency called Santa's Helpers. We help less fortunate families at Christmas with food and gifts.

The one goal I have as your representative is to listen to your concerns and address them at the state level.



### PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - Rich Sewell - Anchorage Chapter



I am Rich Sewell your Professional Representative on the State Executive Board. I was first elected to this seat in 2013 and re-elected this year. I was the Central Representative on the State Executive Board from 2007 to 2010. I was also the Treasurer for the Anchorage Chapter from April 2012 - December 2015. I have worked for the State as a Transportation Planner I-Aviation for DOT/PF since 2006 to the present and was the Kuskokwim Area Planner for DOT/PF, Central Region Planning Section from June 2004 - Nov. 2006.

My goal is to make our union operations and finances transparent and clear. We are in this together.

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**CENTRAL REGION REPRESENTATIVE - Ken Cramer - Anchorage Chapter**

I am retired after 24 years of active duty in the United States Air Force and have worked for the State of Alaska since 2000. I currently work for the Department of Health & Social Services as a Public Assistance Fraud Investigator. Prior to this position, I worked for the State Medical Examiner's Office.

At the local chapter level, I became a Steward in 2005 and became the Chief Steward for the Anchorage Chapter in 2009. Since 2014, I have served and am currently serving on the Anchorage Chapter Executive Board as a Board Member. I have been a delegate for the Anchorage Chapter at the last three ASEA Biennial Conventions.

At the state level, I was elected to the CNC (Contract Negotiating Committee) in 2012 to negotiate the 2013 – 2016 contract. I was elected in 2015 to be on the CNC as the Central Region Alternate Negotiator to negotiate the 2016 – 2019 contract. I was appointed to the Executive Board to fill the Central Region Seat in 2015 and was then elected to the seat in 2016.

My goal this term is to tighten our budget and ensure every dollar spent gives a return to the membership.

**TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE - Pam Harper - Anchorage Chapter**

Hi – My name is Pam Harper and it is my privilege to serve as your Technical Representative on the ASEA/AFSCME State Executive Board. It is my goal to encourage other members to become more active and involved. I look forward to working with each of you to strengthen our union.

I have worked as a Data Processing Technician II with the Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services for 11 years and I'm a proud ASEA member dedicated to building solidarity in our union. I believe it is vital that all members take a dedicated interest in our union and what our union has done and can do for us.

As a delegate to the ASEA and AFSCME conventions, I am always inspired by the enthusiasm and impassioned efforts of our members to endorse a better and more meaningful Constitution.

As a PAC Director, I support my personal interest in the political landscape of Alaska and the important issues under consideration in the Alaska Legislature and U.S. Congress, issues that threaten the very foundation of unions everywhere. To this end, I have joined many of you during local, state and national elections, campaigning door-to-door and speaking to union members and their families in support of committed labor-friendly candidates.



**SOUTHEAST REGION REPRESENTATIVE - Nadine Lefebvre - Juneau Chapter**

My name is Nadine Lefebvre, I work for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development as an Employment Services Technician II. Currently, I am the Southeast Region Representative on the State Executive Board.

I was elected to serve on the Contract Negotiating Committee as the Southeast Negotiator for this contract and as Alternate Negotiator for the previous three contracts. I have been a Steward for over 12 years. I have served as Juneau Chapter Treasurer, By-Laws Committee member, Member-At-Large and as a volunteer for the Activities Committee serving at the Juneau Chapter Picnic and Holiday Parties.

I continue to serve as an ASEA Political Action Committee Director, am the past PAC Secretary and serve on the PAC Subcommittee to review candidate questionnaires.

**NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVE - Beth Siegel - Midnight Sun Chapter**

I was raised in Anchorage and now live in Fairbanks, where I have worked for the Division of Public Assistance since September 2007.

In addition to legal attacks and the State's ongoing fiscal crisis, I believe one of the biggest challenges facing our union is the public perception about who we are and what we do. As a member of the State Executive Board, I will work to ensure more public outreach – to show our fellow Alaskans the ways in which our members give back to our communities. We are a diverse union, made up of people from every political, socio-economic and cultural stripe. I believe we can use this diversity to bring our union forward, using the best ideas from many different perspectives. I am dedicated to open communication and transparency, fiscal responsibility, member activism and involvement and will work to ensure that members get information that helps them to actively participate in decision making at all levels of the union.

We are stronger together and our best ideas come from membership, so I welcome your involvement as we move our union forward. As a fellow union member, William DeVore said, "Belonging to a union means you have to participate and join together to win the battles being fought. Otherwise, it's like joining the army and expecting only the officers to engage in combat. You don't win many battles that way."



**CLASS 1 REPRESENTATIVE - Cassandra Lynch - Anchorage Chapter**

Hi, my name is Cassandra Lynch. I have been an employee of the State of Alaska close to 15 years. I worked for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute for two years and have been at the Anchorage Pioneers' Home for 11 years, not including the time I have spent as an on call PNA and CNA for both facilities.

I have been very active in our Union for the past 11 years and will continue to do so. I am an Anchorage Chapter Steward, member of the 2016-2019 Contract Negotiation Committee, Chapter E-Board Trustee and have served on various local and state committees (Class One, Political Action (PAC) and Charitable Giving). I have canvassed our community in the effort to help unionize UAA employees. I attended the Union's 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conventions and I was impressed with the different committees that help make up our union. This is where delegates assist in directing our State E-Board to work for us and carry out their duties for our members.

Thank you for allowing me to represent our Class One members on the State Executive Board, and for allowing me to work with all member's day-in-and-day-out as we serve our public. I enjoy being that member that members come to for answers. I would love to continue to work for all of our members in our Union.



**MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE - Jason Avery - Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB)**

My name is Jason Avery and I am the Municipal Representative on the State Executive Board representing the Municipality of Sitka and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Managers. I am also currently the Vice President of my local chapter, and a PAC Director. I work as the Manager of Pioneer Park which is a 44 acre community park located in the center of Fairbanks and have been a strong union advocate during my tenure at the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

My main goals while serving on the Executive Board are to work on getting more members involved in their union and working on better ways to communicate issues to the membership. It's also important to me to convey to the Board the unique issues faced by the municipalities that I represent. Always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you would like to discuss or have me pass forward to the Board. I appreciate the opportunity to serve this Union.

