



# ASEA IN ACTION

City & Borough of Sitka Chapter

## ASEA Hires New Lobbyists

Ray Gillespie & Associates has been hired to be ASEA Lobbyists for this Legislative Session. Mr. Gillespie is a well-known, extremely experienced lobbyist with 30 years' experience working with state and municipal government. Mr. Gillespie worked as Chief of Staff to Governor Sheffield, and he is a former local elected official.

Mr. Gillespie is associated with Diane Blumer, who is a former Director of Personnel and Labor Relations for DOA, Alaska Commissioner of Labor and has also worked in the legislative branch. Their combined experience, knowledge of state and local government and bipartisan relationships with the Alaska Legislature and Administration will serve ASEA well.

## 17th Biennial Convention Dates of Importance

- February 2:** Delegate Information Packets were mailed to Certified Delegates and Alternates.
- February 9:** Travel forms due to ASEA Headquarters
- February 26:** Convention Packets mailed to Delegates  
Committee Appointments Announced
- March 7:** Roberts Rules of Order / Convention Committee Training
- March 8 - 9:** Convention Committee Work Sessions
- March 9:** Plenary Session
- March 10 - 11:** 17th Biennial Convention - Business Session

## Important Dates

- February 12 - 13, 2018** - State Executive Board Meeting - Juneau
- \*February 20, 2018** - Ballots mailed to members
- March 7 - 11, 2018** - ASEA 17th Biennial Convention - Anchorage
- \*March 22, 2018** - ELECTION DATE (Ballots Counted)  
**MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8:30 am on this date. ONLY ballots returned through the U.S. Mail will be counted**

\* Important Statewide Election Dates

## ASEA STRONG



**"ASEA is family; We stand strong together."**

STEPHANIE MALTEZ  
Office Assistant II  
North Pole, AK



**"While I put 100% into my job, our union is watching my back and securing my pay and benefits so I can support my family—ASEA Strong!"**

KAY SMITH  
Voc Rehab Counselor I  
Juneau, AK



## Meet ASEA's New

## Administrative Assistant III



Norma Jones was born and raised in Alaska and has lived most of her life in Anchorage. Norma has worked at Alaska Airlines, the Alaska Court System and recently at NANA Development Corporation as Senior Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Administrative Assistant to the General Manager at NMS/ANMC food services. Norma wants to thank everyone for your kind welcome and is looking forward to working with everyone.



## President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

February, the start of the Alaska Legislature. With the Alaska Legislature convened and there will be many important topics that will affect ASEA members and the way we do business how we are represented, treated by the state as State Employees. Check out our Political Action Committee webpage and see what bills (bill tracking-House and Senate bills) are of concern and what their affect could be to ASEA members.

JANUS VS AFSCME? This is a national case that will come before the Supreme Court on Feb 28,2018 that will effect, each and every ASEA member, the collective bargaining power and the benefits we have fought so hard to keep. This case will deplete public sector unions of funds, making them less powerful and less effective (including ASEA) at the negotiation table and in the workplace. Are you concerned, I hope so, for more information contact me, contact a Steward or a Union Leader ask how this case will affect you and ask what you can do to help. Don't wait until the last hour to find out about the effect this will have on you. I am asking ALL Union members to invest in your Union and sign a M.O.M. card, which continues to support our efforts to support you. There are power in numbers collectively and I am asking you as a Union member to continue to stand together. Call our union headquarters office and ask to complete and sign a M.O.M card if you have not already done so.

Your Executive Board will be meeting February 12-13, 2018, in Juneau, Alaska. There are still a few Statewide committees that have some vacancies (DOT Special Issues and the Nurses Committees.) If you are interested in being an active member and are interested in one of these committees, send me a Statement of Interest letter. Another opportunity to get involved, is to become a Steward. In the role of Steward you get the chance to be a leader, organizer, communicator, representative, educator and problem solver in your workplaces to protect the rights of your co-workers. Contact a Steward and ask how to become a Steward.

March 7 - 11, 2018 is ASEA Local 52: 17th Biennial Convention in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook. Check out dates in the above box.

State Executive Board Elections are in progress with Election Day March 22,2018. For more see information see the table on the right.

*Thank you for your service to our State as we provide necessary services to our communities and our public.*

*In Friendship and Solidarity,*

*Dawn Bundick, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 President*



President's Day Mon. Feb. 19

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