**Governor Signs Administrative Order**

On Thursday August 2, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 hosted Governor Walker for the signing of an Administrative Order related to the Janus case. Governor Walker signed into affect the Workplace Privacy Administrative Order #296, which will protect union members’ personal information and prohibit harassment on the job.

**Rural Region Rerun Election**

Rural members, August 14th is the deadline for the rerun ballots for the Rural Region Representative on the State Executive Board.

If you have not received your ballot, please contact ASEA HQ at 800-478-2732 no later than August 8th.

**Important Dates**

September 4-6, 2018 - State Executive Board Meeting - Anchorage

Anchorage Central Labor Council Back To School Drive

A Big Thank you to everyone that donated to the Back to School Drive this year.

Once again ASEA Local 52 members and Staff came up with a sizeable amount of donated school supplies.

Everyone’s Support is Appreciated!

The total donations stacked up to be delivered

(Brandon Nakaso - Anchorage Chapter)

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**President's Message**

Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, where has our Summer gone?. It is now time to get our children ready for a new school year. I would like to say congratulations to all our members and their departments who won scholarships from their chapters.

Congratulations to all!

This time last year we had the government shutdown weighing heavy on our minds and we made it through. The Janus case has been decided. Now is the time we need to stick together, be strong, and offer up our voices and LISTEN to each other and discuss our contract negotiations. Negotiations will be starting soon and your voice matters.

What do you want to see in your contract?

● A wage increase greater than 1%
● COLA
● NO 40 hour workweek
● Begin a paid parental leave bank
● Better language in our contract to protect you against workplace bullying/harassment
● NO contracting out of our jobs
● NO furlough days
● Keep our merit and longevity increases

As members we have a say so! Ask yourself, what do you deserve as a State employee? We are doing more with less staff and I know a lot of us are feeling this everyday and so our services to the public are being affected. Collectively your voice must be heard, if not, what we have bargained for will be diminished even more because the State will feel we (you) have no interest in protecting our collectively negotiated benefits. Go online and complete the Contract Negotiation Committee (CNC) Survey and give us your input on what you would like to see improved in our contract. Your voice matters; remember in a previous newsletter I mentioned “you don't know what you miss until it's gone.” Of course there will be some wins and losses and the more our voices are heard we win! Please speak up and take part in collectively bargaining for our benefits. To talk to a CNC (Contract Negotiating Committee) member keep watch for a worksite meeting in your workplace and attend that meeting.

The 43rd AFSCME International Biennial Convention has concluded and your Alaska delegation made great strides. This convention engaged us in more ways than you can imagine. There were four critical areas in which we could choose only one track. We were immersed in learning as the theme for the convention was “RISE UP” The tracks were: Organizing, Political & Legislative, Communications, and Representation. We were the first graduating class of the AFSCME “RISE UP” Institute. This institute gave us courses that provided us with the skills, knowledge and confidence we need to build power, advocacy for working families, and effectively communicate. Further each track included several core courses and offered additional elective course in leadership development, organizing by work sectors, and implementation planning. Our convention floor business was quite busy with 60 Resolutions and 14 Constitutional Amendments and a myriad of speakers/accolades. Your Alaska delegation put forth several resolutions, all but one of our resolutions passed unanimously. Great work by our delegation! So stay tuned for our Solidarity Update (SU) to hear from your delegates on what we all experienced.

Coming very soon is our State Legislative elections and your participation in the voting process is needed. Voting for officials who stand by working families is imperative. Engage in asking your legislative representatives direct questions. You deserve to know where they stand. The Primary is August 21, 2018 and the General election is November 6, 2018.

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for the work that you do. I want to hear from you because your voice matters. As I have said and will continue to say: Connecting with you, our members and our community – is important to me. ASEA IS THE BIGGEST UNION IN OUR STATE. Making our UNION known Statewide will help us all.

I am only one voice and I need your voice to join mine. Engaging collectively with one another through union involvement, community partnerships and Inspiring one another to make a difference in our Union, keeps us visible and connected. I will do my best to reach out to you and I hope you will do the same. My challenge to you (7500+ members) is ask yourself, “how can you help our (your)union.” Please reach out to me and let me know how you want to be involved. Until next time, remember we are strong collectively and “UNITY” is in our COMMUNITY.

In Friendship & Solidarity! Dawn Bandich, ASEA President