## ASEA In Action



**Law Enforcement Appreciation Day** 



On January 8, 2019 Governor Dunleavy issued an Executive Proclamation making January 9, 2019 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. In this proclamation Governor Dunleavy proclaimed that it was with immense gratitude that a day be set to reflect on and celebrate the selfless service and immeasurable contributions our law enforcement personnel make day in and day out to ensure every Alaskan is safe.

# ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Election Nomination Report 2019

The following candidates have been nominated within the nomination period and have been verified by ASEA Headquarters to be eligible to run for the office designated below. Election seats reflecting only one eligible candidate will not appear on the ballot. The ballot order will be determined by the Election Committee Chair by drawing names from a "hat" for each seat.

#### **STATE EXECUTIVE**

PRESIDENT	ADMIN SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE	NORTHERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE
Kenneth Cramer	Michael French	Beth Siegel
Dawn Bundick	Ryan J. Knight-Cole	James Radigan
Rich Sewell		
PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	CLASS I REPRESENTATIVE	MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE
Douglas Gryzbowski	Charles Stewart	Kenneth Winger
Carl Jacobs	Eileen Farrar	
Cassandra Lynch	Shannon Watson	

#### **JUDICIAL PANEL**

ANCHORAGE	<u>FAIRBANKS</u>
Wynn Jennings	No Nominees
RURAL/BUSH	<u>JUNEAU</u>
No Nominees	No Nominees

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

An Amendment to ASEA Constitution Article 7 has been received. The amendment was submitted with 100+ signatures verified as members in good standing from five chapters.

#### **ELECTION DATES**

Ballots will be mailed to members in good standing on February 8, 2019.

Ballot will be counted on March 11, 2019.



# ASEA Headquarters Staff Changes

The end of 2018 brought some changes in staff. We said good-by to Accountant Nora Britt who resigned and Business Agent Mike Robbins, retired from ASEA. We wish them well.

Ryan Kopiasz has taken on Business Agent duties paired with his Internal Organizer duties. Margaret Pohjola has moved into the accountant position.

If Mike Robbins was your Business Agent, and you are wondering who is representing you now just call the front desk at ASEA Headquarters to get the name of your new Agent.

### President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

The New Year has started and I want to welcome new members to our Union and also thank all our members for their hard work throughout the past year. As we move forward into this new year we will be cognizant of what is at stake with our jobs. We have a new Administration and we need to be ever so vigilant in standing up for what we deserve. As we begin this new year, please remember to take advantage of all the opportunities in our various chapters/events/scholarships, etc. Our AFSCME.org website has benefits available to us.

Let's start the new year by getting involved in our chapters and various committees our Union has to offer. To find out about our committees go to <a href="https://www.afscmelocal52.org">www.afscmelocal52.org</a>, click on Union Leadership, then click on committees.

This month brings a remembrance of a great man who fought for union workers and a champion of equality for all, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As I explore the various events that took place in our communities on January 21, 2019, this was not just a day off but a day of remembrance of why Dr. King's plight is so relevant to us as Union members. Take part to educate our family/youth on why Dr. King's plight is relevant to every aspect of our lives. A recent statement I came across that I truly believe in, "we have an opportunity to come together, lift up one another and strategize collectively for the future of our dreams".

We were lucky to hear first hand at our AFSCME 43rd International Convention from one of the sanitation workers, who still is working in Memphis. He expressed they were fighting for equal pay and equal rights and being a part of your union gives you a collective voice. So Brothers and Sisters as we go into a new year, with new goals, a new ratified contract, we will need to reach out to our legislative representatives as coming together, lifting up one another for each other while strategizing collectively for OUR future contract! Let Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "I HAVE A DREAM," ring true in your heart and mind because "WE ALL HAVE A DREAM" for better working conditions and wages, equality and Unity for all!

In Friendship and Solidarity, Dawn Bundick, ASEA | AFSCME Local 52 President