

# President Dawn Bundick

July & August Message to ASEA Members

## ALL TOGETHER

As we embark on our new fiscal year (July), our AFSCME 45th International Convention kicked us off with the theme: ALL TOGETHER. In thinking about our theme I would like to think about how we will be "ALL TOGETHER" and continue the visions and ongoing goals:

### Upcoming Events

Alaska AFL-CIO Convention - Aug 24-25

Midnight Sun Chapter Board Meeting - Aug 24 at 6 pm

DOT Worksite meeting at the Anchorage Airport - 11 am - 1 pm

ASEA Executive Board Meeting - Aug 31- Sep 1 at 8 am

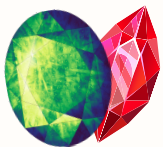
Anchorage Chapter Board Meeting - Sep 7 at 5:30 pm

### August Holidays & notable (FUN) mentions

Alaska State Fair (CLOSED Tue & Wed) - Aug 19 - Sep 5

See AK State Fair Special Days on the next page

August 26 - Women's Equality Day



### August & July birthdays & celebrations

Happy birthday to all that celebrate in July and August. For July babies, your birthstone is a ruby and your flowers include Larkspur and Water Lilly. For August babies, you have THREE birthstones: Peridot, Spinel, and Sardonyx. Your flowers are Gladiolus and Poppy.

A very happy anniversary to everyone celebrating these last couple of months.



**RE-ENERGIZE:** Our convention was so energizing and engaging I would like to see that energy carry over and infiltrate ASEA! With Worksite, Chapter, & Committee meetings starting back up, there is no shortage of ways to be involved and share your voice. Our Union needs YOU! This is a great way to meet and collaborate with fellow members. It's also a great resume builder and leadership development pipeline. I look forward to seeing you at a Union function, soon!

**RECRUIT:** Reach out to a co-worker who is not a member or even just ask a co-worker if they are a union member and invite them to your chapter's activities or encourage them to browse our website. If they are not a member, encourage them to sign up. I'm challenging you to sign up at least one (1) new member!

**RETAIN:** Another goal is to retain the members we currently have, encourage their participation in leadership roles, and assist members in taking full advantage of all offered benefits. With an active and engaged membership, ASEA members have the power to negotiate strong contracts, improve working conditions, and advocate for fair wages and good benefits.



# ASEA Leadership Updates

As you know, Executive Director Jake Metcalfe retired on July 31, 2022. MaryAnn Ganacias, Assistant Executive Director, will be assuming the duties while we search for a new Executive Director. I would also like to reintroduce newly elected Eboard members: Treasurer: Charles "Chuck" Stewart, Class I Representative: Jodi Stuart, Central Representative: Tyler Watson, and newly appointed Northern Region Representative: Scott Crass.

We also have a new member in our Union office. Please welcome Nikki next time you find yourself in the Anchorage HQ office, or on the phone with the HQ office. Nikki is ASEA's new Receptionist and Mail Clerk.

## AFSCME 45th CONVENTION RE-CAP

Your convention delegates included ASEA Board Secretary Lawrence Camp, Assigned to the Committee on Rules and Order of Business, ASEA Board Treasurer, Chuck Stewart, Assigned to the Convention Appeals Committee, Anchorage delegate, Michelle Brooks, and me, President Dawn Budnick, assigned to the Convention Appeals Committee.

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There were three (3) Constitutional Amendments (2 passed and 1 did not), 42 Resolutions, and 7 Appeals that we engaged with and heavily debated. We attended the following committee meetings: Budget, Resolutions, Appeals, Political Action/PEOPLE, Taxes and Economic Affairs, Federal Policy, Health Care, and Organizing.

Our first-time delegate, Michelle Brooks spoke on Resolution #38-Affordable Housing for Seniors and she did a fabulous job! We shared our table with our Sister Affiliate, AMEA (Anchorage Municipal Employees Association).

I hope you might consider serving as a delegate next time! The next AFSCME Convention will take place in Chicago. It is important and fun work that impacts all AFSCME siblings. Thank you to all of our delegates!



## AK State Fair Special Days

Friday, Aug 19 - Energy Day  
Saturday, Aug 20 - Mining Day  
Monday, Aug 22 - Buddy Day  
Thursday, Aug 25 - Alaska Agriculture Day  
Friday, Aug 26 - GCI Kids Day  
Saturday, Aug 27 - #Club49 Family Day  
Sunday, Aug 28 - Healthy Futures Day  
Monday, Aug 29 - Coca-Cola Day  
Thursday, Sep 1 - Cosplay Day  
Saturday, Sep 3 - MTA Day  
Sunday, Sep 4 - Military Appreciation Day  
Monday, Sep 5 - First Responders Day

## In closing...

Lastly my Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings. Don't forget to continue writing your 2022 New Years' book, Reset and Reconnect while Honoring what you do in your upcoming Chapters. Healing, Peace, Love, good Health, and Blessings to you and your family. Collectively we will continue to make a difference while honoring each other. Thank you for all you do for our State. As always, I will continue to HONOR AND SERVE YOU WITH STYLE AND GRACE!

In Friendship and Solidarity,

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