



Anchorage Chapter

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Meeting Minutes

Anchorage Chapter Executive Board Meeting

January 7, 2026

- I. **Call to Order at 5:35pm** - Quorum established - Ed Smyers (Preceding President), Paul Keller (Preceding & New Vice President), Braxton Bundick (New President), Portia Hall (New Treasurer), Jodi Andres (Preceding Treasurer), Billy Stapleton (New Board Member), Tanner Howard (New Board Member), William Hurr (Preceding Board Member), and Samantha Simien (Preceding Board Member).
- II. **Introduction of New Officers** – Ed Smyers presented the new board and presided over the Obligation of an officer. Each new board member also stated and signed their Oath of Office - Braxton Bundick, Paul Keller, Portia Hall, Tanner Howard, and Billy Stapleton
- III. **Agenda** – Request to adopt the agenda made by Tanner Howard, and second by Portia. No objection, agenda adopted.
- IV. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary position is not filled at this time. Minutes – Approval of minutes from December 3, 2025, meeting was made by Braxton Bundick. Jodi Andres requested to correct the meeting minutes to list all Executive Board Members since this is required for audit purposes. Motion made by Paul Keller to adopt the minutes as corrected and include the following correction to the minutes: Quorum established; meeting called to order at 5:35pm – Ed Smyers, Paul Keller, Braxton Bundick, Jodi Andres, Billy Stapleton, and Samantha Simien. Second by Tanner Howard. No further questions, discussion, or objections. Meeting Minutes accepted as corrected for the December 3, 2025 Executive Board meeting.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Portia Hall requested Jodi Andres have the floor to present the treasurer's report. Jodi A. presented the current Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Report. Jodi A. requested the board discuss the BBQ grill for the Hot Fridays, she wanted to know if the board wanted to spend the additional \$80 to have it delivered to HQ. Tanner Howard stated he would help Jodi unload the grill at HQ. Jodi A. requested clarification regarding the December Chapter meeting minutes regarding the Anchorage Chapter sponsoring the Convention reception. The minutes state the Anchorage Chapter will do the reception, so she was not sure if a motion was made to approve. It was determined that a motion was not made, and it will be added to the Chapter meeting agenda for January 2026 to approve the \$5,000.00 needed. Jodi A. also stated a motion has to be made at the next chapter meeting to announce the signers on the bank account. This will be discussed for the next chapter meeting to provide Northrim Bank with the information needed. Jodi A. indicated that all outstanding expenses that are due through December 2025 will need to be submitted to her as soon as possible so that she can complete the books and the audit up to the end of the year 2025. This will give the new board a clean slate.
- VI. **Staff Updates** – Maryann Ganacias discussed the main focus for the next three months will be Convention, how the board will fill delegate seats, resolutions the Anchorage Chapter want to bring forward, and recommendations for Constitutional amendments. A situation has come up



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with the 26th and 27th pay period that was brought to their attention. Heidi Drygas is looking further at this and possibly trying to get contractual language changed that would provide more leave accrual. Samantha Harris added that the next Lunch & Learn will be January 21, 2026, and the focus is on the legislature and highlighting some of the things we will focus on as an organization. January 15, 2026, we will have a board Financial Training. Chapter membership numbers – 3,941 total bargaining unit members; 3,067 dues paying members; 874 non-paying unit members; 77.8% an increase; non-paying unit members 22.18%.

VII. **State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report** – Ed Smyers reported there will be a State Executive Board meeting February 25-26, 2026, in Juneau, AK. The new policies and procedures were posted online.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Nominations for vacant Board Positions - Secretary position is vacant which has a lot of position duties, two at large board members, and a Trustee position (Dante Graham). This is a voluntary position, but please let Braxton Bundick know ahead of time when a board member will not be available for a meeting and try to make it to as many meetings as possible. We will have meetings in the summer.
- b. Nominations for additional Convention Delegates – there are 31 delegate seats, and we currently have 22 seats filled. Amber Barney was allowed to address the board and she stated she would not be able to attend convention this year. She was requested to submit that information in writing to Braxton Bundick or HQ. That leaves Anchorage Chapter with 21 seats filled and 10 seats vacant. Convention dates - March 17-22, 2026. Recommendation made to send a solicitation and have a delegate meeting to get a commitment from people to fill the seats and pick a chair. A process will need to be put in place by the board to determine how the board fills the empty delegate seats.
- c. Upcoming Calendar Events – Portia Hall discussed having a Mad Hatter event in the future, and Tanner Howard indicated he wanted to have D&D nights if the space is available. Billy Stapleton suggested having a member fishing trip.

IX. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Stewards** - Billy Stapleton stated he had no report
- b. **Good & Welfare (Lawrence Camp)** – Jodi A. stated Lawrence has resigned, and there is no report. This committee chair position is vacant.
- c. **Scholarships, Public Relations, & Marketing** - Portia Hall stated she has no report.
- d. **Refreshments** – Jodi A. stated she can order food for next week, but Braxton said he would order. Ed Smyers indicated he has provided a menu to Braxton B. for Hula Hands.
- e. **Elections** – Paul Keller stated Kathleen is not available at this time. But positions for the current board have been filled with some vacant positions as indicated earlier in the meeting.
- f. The following committees also have no reports, or they are currently vacant with no report – **Veterans, Next Wave, Hot Fridays, Website, Rallies, Adopt -a-Highway, and League Sports.**
- g. **Solidarity Assistance Program (SAP)** – Jodi A. stated she is resigning from SAP as the committee chair.

X. **Member Comments** – Ed Smyers stated the board should thank Will Hurr for his work as Secretary even though he did resign, he still volunteered and did a great job. Jodi A. agreed and said as an officer we have to remember we have an obligation to uphold and we can't



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continue to maintain that if we are not going to follow through. Tanner Howard stated there is a way to do things, but we don't need to attack people in any way. We are all here to work together. Deadra Browne asked to put on the board's radar the issues in Juneau and the winter storm, we may see members impacted.

- XI. **Adjournment** – Portia motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Billy Stapleton; no objection, meeting adjourned