



Anchorage Chapter

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Braxton Bundick

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Paul Keller

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Portia Hall

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Billy Stapleton
R. Tanner Howard
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Trustees

Lawrence Camp
Vacant (Dante
Graham)

Meeting Minutes

Anchorage Chapter Executive Board Meeting

February 4, 2026

- I. **Call to Order @ 5:32pm** - Quorum established – Braxton Bundick, Paul Keller, Portia Hall, Tanner Howard, and Billy Stapleton were in attendance.
- II. **Agenda** – Paul Keller made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Portia Hall; motion passed without objection.
- III. **Secretary's Report** – No secretary at this time, Braxton Bundick said the January minutes will be submitted for approval at the March Executive Board meeting.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – No treasurer's report, Portia Hall said she is still waiting to complete the transition from the previous Executive Board Treasurer.
- V. **Staff Updates** – Samantha Harris spoke about two upcoming events: First Amendment Auditors Member Training that will be held on 2/11/2026 @ noon, and Labor Bleeds for the Cause 02/16-21-2026 blood drive and friendly competition between other local unions. Convention Delegate information is due today. Bev Gagaring discussed the upcoming Lunch & Learn, Wed. 02/18/2026, that will focus on mental health. Anchorage Chapter membership numbers – 7,796 GGU dues members, 3,952 Anchorage bargaining unit, 3,081 dues paying members, 871 non-paying members, and end goal is 80%, so we need 81 signups. Nominations are still needed for the Statewide RBG Award presented by the WIC committee. Nominations can be for anyone of any gender; you can reach out to Emily if you have questions. Braxton Bundick needs to update Bev and Brian with the new board members and their information on the form provided. Heidi Drygas came in and said hello and thanked everyone for their work.
- VI. **State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report** – no report.
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. Nominations for vacant Board Positions (Secretary and 2 At Large Board Members). Braxton Bundick reported we have three people who would like to step up and fill three office positions. He received emails from Will Hurr to fill one of the At Large Member seats, Samantha Simien to fill the Secretary position, and Deadra Browne to fill the open Trustee position. No other requests were made. Will Hurr, Samantha Simien, and Deadra Browne provided statements of interest for the positions. Motion made to accept all three members for the positions was made by Tanner Howard; second by Paul Keller; no discussion or objections; motion passed unanimously (**Motion 26-02-E-01**). Oath of Office will be at the next chapter meeting for the new board members.
 - b. Nominations for additional Convention Delegates & Delegates Meeting – There are 25 seats filled (information has been submitted to staff), 6 seats available, and if anyone else is interested, contact Braxton Bundick by email and their names will be submitted as irregular delegates.
 - c. Officer Bylaws and Training will be conducted 02/13/2026 from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Be there in person. Business leave will be provided.



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- d. Convention – Anchorage Chapter needs to make a motion to pay for the reception in the amount of \$5,000.00. There is a line item in the budget allocated specifically for the convention. Will Hurr suggest having a board member coordinate with staff to obtain all convention expenses. Tanner Howard and Portia Hall will coordinate with staff. Samantha Harris said an email will be sent to all chapter presidents to choose a level of sponsorship for different events at convention. Samantha Simien brought to Portia Hall's attention that the current Convention line item in the budget was increased to \$10,000 by the previous board in order to cover expenses for all costs related to Convention. Motion was made by Tanner Howard to expend up to \$9,000.00 from the Convention line item to reimburse ASEA to sponsor the reception and any additional costs; second by Paul Keller; no discussion or objection; motion passed. (Motion 26-02-E-02)
- e. Matsu Christmas in February Bingo Event – Bingo event was supposed to occur in December 2025 that had to be cancelled due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, 02/07/2026. Matsu and Anchorage Chapters are sponsoring the event and there are currently six available spots for Anchorage members. If there are additional costs needed, then a motion will be made after the event to reimburse the Matsu Chapter.
- f. Valentines Day Card Making Event – Samantha Simien asked the board if we should continue with this annual event that will be scheduled Friday, 02/13/2026. The board agreed to have the event. Samantha Simien will make a motion for food and additional costs at the next chapter meeting, get with staff to see who can stay at the hall, and then make the flyer to go with the motion.
- g. Rec. Nights – Tanner Howard suggested having Rec Nights at the union hall on Friday nights as a safe space for members and their families to come in and play games, have special events, and etc. This is still being discussed, need to organize staff availability, what the structure will look like, and how often it will occur.

VIII. **Committee Reports** - Braxton Bundick will address the membership by email to try and fill Committee Chair vacancies for the committees vacant below.

- a. **Stewards** - Billy Stapleton stated he will present a motion to accept Casey Shaw as a new steward at the upcoming chapter meeting, and he is not giving up on increasing membership in his role as the Chief Steward.
- b. **Good & Welfare (Vacant)** – Tanner Howard requested to have bereavement flowers sent to Lawrence Camp. Samantha Simien stated she will fill in for the Committee Chair and will complete a G&W request form to have something sent.
- c. **Refreshments** - Braxton Bundick is not sure what we will have at the next meeting. All suggestions or ideas are welcome.
- d. **Public Relations & Marketing** - Portia Hall will remind members at the next chapter meeting to pick up their Christmas cards from the Santa Photo event we had in November.
- e. **Next Wave** - Future events are being discussed.
- f. There are no reports for the following committees: **Scholarships, Veterans, Hot Fridays, Website, Rallies, Elections, Adopt -a-Highway, and League Sports.**

IX. **Member Comments** – Kimberly Reynolds volunteered to be the committee chair for the Good & Welfare committee. Samantha Simien will follow up with Kimberly to conduct training and provide records.

X. **Adjournment** – Portia Hall made a motion to adjourn; second by Paul Keller; no discussion or objection; meeting adjourned.