



Alaska State Employees Association ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

Anchorage Chapter

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William Hurr
Vacant

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Lawrence Camp
Deadra Browne

Agenda

Anchorage Chapter Executive Board Meeting

April 1, 2026

- I. **Call to Order @ 5:32pm – Quorum established:** Braxton Budick, Paul Keller, Samantha Simien, Portia Hall, Billy Stapleton, Tanner Howard, and William Hurr
- II. **New board member** – Motion to approve Seth Boyer as the new board member at large presented by Paul Keller, second by Portia Hall; no discussion; approved without objection
Motion #26-04-E-01 Oath of Office read by Braxton Bundick; Seth Boyer accepted.
- III. **Agenda** – Samantha Simien reported the change made to the structure of the agenda where staff and State Executive Board updates are at the bottom of the agenda unless requested to prioritize items; Paul Keller requested to approve agenda as presented; second by Tanner Howard; no objection, agenda approved.
- IV. **Secretary's Report (Sam S.)**
 - a. Minutes – William Hurr made a request to approve the Executive Board meeting minutes for 03/04/2026, second by Tanner Howard; no discussion; minutes approved without objection.
 - b. Portia Hall requested the Board accept the E-Poll Motion and vote made on 03/17/2026 - to approve a new convention delegate; second by Paul Keller; no discussion; no objections, motion approved **Motion #26-04-E-02**
 - c. Quarterly Mobilize update – Samantha S. reported quarterly updates will be sent to the board by email that represents how we are doing as a board. The updates will come from the Mobilize app that captures member attendance, and all comments made by members regarding meetings and events. The first quarterly update has been emailed to the board.
 - d. Username & Passwords for Email accounts, subscriptions, etc. – Samantha S. requested all board officers or committee chairs who have a general email account or subscription for a specific committee or account, send her the username and password. If anything should happen to any of us then that information will be placed on a spreadsheet and secured on a Google drive only accessible by the President and officers of the board.
 - e. Mail – Samantha S. reported one item was in the mail - thank you card from Heidi Drygas to the Chapter for all work completed at the 2026 Convention. Samantha S. will read the card at the next Chapter meeting for the membership to hear.
- V. **Treasurer's Report (Portia Hall)**
 - a. Audit report (Lawrence Camp/Dante Graham) – Portia H. reported there is no report, trustees have only received 2022-2023 to audit and Dante G. is currently reviewing it.
 - b. 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Review & Approval – Portia H. presented the budget for all officers to review. William Hurr made a motion to accept and approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget to be presented at the next two chapter meetings; second by Paul Keller; discussion – Portia H. went through each line item and questions were asked and answered at that time; no objections and motion approved. **Motion #26-04-E-03**



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VI. New Business

- a. AFL-CIO Legislative updates – Braxton Bundick stated he went with Chuck Stewart and Doug M. to the legislative conference that was held in Juneau this past week and they were able to speak with many representatives. Half of the representatives they spoke with were in agreement with the Pension and Geo-Differentials. They were also able to speak with other members of labor unions regarding their AI conference.
- b. Officer Training Part 2 – Braxton Bundick stated he will talk with staff regarding the potential dates: 04/24, 05/01, or 05/08 to go through part 2 of the Officer training regarding By-Laws and Governing Documents. He will keep us posted.
- c. Key & Code for the Building – Braxton Bundick reported the President is the only person who will receive a key and code to the building. This is planned to happen in the next 2-3 weeks, and staff Maryann Ganacias stated it will hopefully be next week.
- d. Northrim Bank Signers – Samantha Simien stated signers have a meeting at the bank tomorrow to complete a wet signature on all documents. We appreciate Jodi Andres (previous treasurer) who introduced us to Kimberly at the bank and tried to coordinate things electronically, but we are moving forward with going in person to the bank and signing all required documents. Kimberly confirmed all of the forms and minutes requested were received and all that was needed was the “wet” signatures.
- e. Back Up Laptops for Secretary & Treasurer – Samantha Simien stated Ed Smyers agreed to pick out the back up laptops and will submit invoice to the Treasurer. Tanner Howard stated he already has the laptops picked out, he just needs Ed S. to come in and get an invoice completed to purchase.
- f. Don’t forget to VOTE – Braxton Bundick reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday – April 7, 2026.
- g. Solidarity Picnic – Samantha Simien stated the picnic will be 06/13/2026, at the Airstrip, and we are currently waiting on the sponsorship form to present the \$5,000.00 motion at the next two chapter meetings in April and May. Additional updates will be given.
- h. Committees 101 – Braxton Bundick stated we have dormant committees we would like to eliminate like the Adopt-A-Highway, Website, and Rallies. Samantha Simien requested the board approve member Ryan Knight-Cole to speak on behalf of Adopt-A-Highway. Ryan KC helped to create this committee with Ed Smyers. Ryan KC was given the floor to speak, and stated this committee can be looked at as a single event and not an actual committee. We had a stretch of highway assigned to our chapter that does currently need some “TLC.” She would like to coordinate this event for next month. Braxton B. stated he would talk to Ryan KC more about it as she continues to conduct more research to find out if payments are required and etc. Bags and grabbers were provided in the past, but she is going to check and see if DOT is still doing that. A training will need to be conducted for anyone who wants to volunteer. Paul Keller provided Marlene Hughes’ contact information for Ryan to get the information she needed.
- i. Upcoming Events –
 - a. Craft - Graduation Lei Event - Samantha Simien made a motion for the Craft - Graduation Lei Event that will be held on 04/24/2026 and taught by member Belinda Miller. Motion made to expend up to \$1,000.00 from the ACT line item for supplies; second by Portia Hall; no discussion; no objection; motion passed. **Motion #26-04-E-04**



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- b. Dimond Mall Event – Braxton Bundick stated on Saturday 05/16/2026 he would like to reserve the Dimond Mall for 4 hours for members to either Bowl or Ice Skate for \$1600.00 from the ACT line item. This is a member only event and will have a table set up with swag and union information. He just wanted the board to be aware and have a short discussion, but he would like to present the motion for this event during the Chapter meeting so that it can be further discussed and planned. William Hurr asked if anything has been done to gauge the membership and see if this is something they would like to do since that is a lot of money and a large space to have 10 or more members show up. Portia Hall agreed with Will H. and suggested we break up the activities, Bowl in the spring and Ice Skate in the fall. Braxton B. said he liked all of the ideas and that was the reason for addressing it during the next Chapter meeting.
- c. Food Bank of Alaska – Braxton Bundick requested volunteers to coordinate a volunteer program with the Food Bank of Alaska. We have volunteered in the past and he would like to see our members get more involved with volunteer opportunities. He will discuss this more at the next Chapter meeting.
- d. API Week – Braxton Bundick requested volunteers to go out this week and help 05/11-17/2026 (Mon. – Sun). Bev Gagaring reported we have a high turnover at API, and this is a great opportunity for the union to have one-on-one conversations with members and non-members. Need 2-3 hours of your time to provide member support and information.

VII. Old Business

- a. Convention – Braxton Bundick said thanks for everyone who attended, we learned a lot. Thank you to the Anchorage Chapter for providing the Steward t-shirts and swag bags, and he hoped everyone liked them. Convention went great, and Paul Keller mentioned some good resolutions that were approved during that time.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **Stewards** – Billy Stapleton stated he will not be at the Steward's Advanced Training on 04/16/2026 (medical reason), and he did not attend the Steward's Basic Training today. He and Business Agent Stephen Sabot will be doing the first onsite to meet with Stewards and members to get them engaged at DMV soon. Billy S. presented his motion for wood burning plaques (read by Tanner Howard) to get more supplies for the wood burning plaques that he hand makes and donates to the chapter as prizes for the members that attend Chapter meetings; second by Paul Keller; Tanner Howard offered to donate some supplies of wood to cut down cost; no further discussion; no objections; motion passed. **Motion #26-04-E-05**. Billy S. also had questions about fundraising opportunities. Samantha Simien requested staff check with AFSCME to determine what is allowed so our chapter could start having fundraisers/raffles and what the treasurer will need to ensure we are in compliance with their standards. We have asked about this in the past, but would like formal answers back to help us move forward with this opportunity. MaryAnn Ganacias stated the State Eboard is also looking further into fundraising opportunities and obtaining a gaming license and updating the policies and procedures for fundraising.
- b. **Good & Welfare** - Kimberly Reynolds stated she will be changing the language on the website soon. Braxton Bundick stated the language will need to be approved first, and she can send it to him and include Samantha Harris and Samantha Simien.



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- c. **Scholarships** - Portia Hall stated Samantha Harris has the flyer and verbiage that will go out to the membership soon. We have new application questions, and the applications are not updated on the website yet, but they will be soon. Scholarships will be opening on May 1st – June 19th.
 - d. **Refreshments** - Braxton Bundick stated we will have Suka's at the next Chapter meeting.
 - e. **Veterans** – no report – Braxton Bundick stated Memorial Day is 05/25/2026; Veterans Day is 11/11/2026.
 - f. **Public Relations & Marketing** - Portia Hall stated there was no report. Maryann Ganacias spoke about the AAPI celebration on 05/30/2026 if we want to set up a booth.
 - g. **Next Wave** - Braxton Bundick stated Next Wave has the Super Mario Movie event on Sat. 04/04/2026. A flyer has been sent out and we have 127 people who have signed up. The 20% Disney theater event discount is available to members, follow the link in the email that will be sent out. Next Wave will start having quarterly meetings at the union hall or within the community. Devil Wears Prada Movie event will be Sat. 05/02/2026. A motion will be presented at the next chapter meeting.
 - h. **Rec. Nights/Hot Fridays** - Tanner Howard stated Rec Nights started 03/27/2026 and it went great. Cards Against Humanity style games including Apples to Apples will be played at the next Rec Night, and we are looking for people to join the committee and help out. Hot Fridays will start in May.
 - i. Braxton Bundick reported the following committees are vacant with no reports: Website, Rallies, Elections, and League Sports.
- IX. **Staff Updates** – Bev Gagaring reported the Anchorage chapter membership numbers: 3919 - total bargaining unit, 3048 - in good standing, 77.77% membership, 871 – potential, 22.23% non-members; Bev G. mentioned Matsu Chapter has a new President – Crystal Fisher. Tentative upcoming health & safety training events for late April, early May; Samantha Harris stated we need to start combining activities when going out in communications to the membership, even when sending out the chapter meeting notices. This will help with our email traffic since we also have monthly lunch & learns that go out to approx. 5-6,000 members, and the Health Trust's Open Enrollment is around the corner and they use our email system to reach approx 8,200 beneficiaries also.
- X. **State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report** – no report
- XI. **Member Comments** – William Hurr thanked all staff for their hard work at convention. Laverne Kent said thanks for convention and the many events scheduled; Deadra Browne asked about the number of buttons we have left from the National Convention. How many we ordered, how much they cost, and how many we have left. Braxton Bundick stated Rec Nights went very well.
- XII. **Chapter Meeting Agenda** – Samantha Simien shared the upcoming events flyer that Braxton Bundick came up with for us to use moving forward on the website. Samantha Harris stated we can do a standalone email, we just don't know when it can go out.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – Portia Hall made motion to adjourn; second by Tanner Howard; no discussion or objection; adjourned at 7:14pm



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*****Urgent***E-POLL / Executive Committee Anchorage Chapter ASEA/AFSCME Local 52**

16 messages

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PLEASE RESPOND WITH A YES OR NO VOTE BY 5:00PM Today

E-Poll Motion: Request to become a delegate - Seth Boyer who has been a member in good standing for 2 years. Seth works at the Department of Health- DSS Public Affairs as a Publication Specialist 3.

Moved by: Motion advanced by Braxton Bundick

Please let me know if you have any questions that cannot be addressed at the May Executive Board meeting.

Thanks,
Samantha Simien
ASEA Local 52
Anchorage Chapter Secretary

portiahall76 <portiahall76@yahoo.com>

Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 1:43 PM

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I, R. Tanner Howard, vote yes on this motion.

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I vote yes to this motion

Braxton Bundick
Next Wave Committee Chair
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NEXT WAVE



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I vote yes, and with that vote we have 7 yes votes and this motion passes without objection. Seth Boyer is approved as a delegate.

Thanks everyone for voting.

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