



Alaska State Employees Association ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

Anchorage Chapter

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President

Braxton Bundick

Vice President

Paul Keller

Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

Portia Hall

Board Members

Tracie McMillan
Billy Stapleton
R. Tanner Howard
Vacant

Trustees

Lawrence Camp
Dante Graham

Minutes

Anchorage Chapter Meeting

January 14, 2026

- I. **Call to Order** – Quorum established 15 members present in person including: Braxton Bundick, Paul Keller, Tanner Howard, Portia Hall, Billy Stapleton, Laverne Kent, Ed Smyers, and Charles Stewart; and 7 members on zoom. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.
- II. **New Board and Officers** – Ed Smyers opened meeting with an introduction for the new E-board. New E-Board - Braxton Bundick-President, Paul Keller-Vice President, Portia Hall-Treasurer, Billy Stapleton and R. Tanner Howard - Members At Large - took Oath and were sworn in by Dawn Bundick
- III. **Agenda** - Motion to adopt by Paul Keller, second by Tanner Howard; motion passed without objection. Braxton Bundick encouraged membership to get involved with the agenda and discussions. If there is anything a member would like to present or add to the agenda, this is our Chapter Meeting where members have the floor to present, discuss, and vote.
- IV. **Secretary's Report**
 - a. Minutes – December 10, 2025 chapter minutes adopted with minor correction (changing the spelling of Charles “Chuck” Stewart to “Chuck” Stewart); motion passed with one objection by Jodi Andres.
 - b. Secretary position is vacant, nothing else to report
- I. **Staff Updates** – MaryAnn Ganacias reported:
 - a. Next Lunch & Learn for January is coming up – The Legislature, the process, and why it matters to us. The link has been shared, and will be shared again
 - b. The Legislature starts next Tuesday, January 20, 2026, we are watching for bills that will affect public employees and anything else that might come up related to labor issues. House Bill 78 (Pension Bill) pay attention to this important bill scheduled to be heard on 01/23/2026, and public testimony is on 01/28/2026. Sign up for Text alerts regarding Leg updates. Text HB 78 for pension bill updates.
 - c. Governor's race is coming up soon
 - d. Convention is coming up soon, if interested in being a delegate there are still open positions. More information is provided later in the meeting.
 - e. Bev Gagaring reported the Chapter membership numbers – last Pay Period (PP27) in 2025 we were at 78.05% for dues paying members. As of today, PP1 we are at 78.21%, her end of the year goal for this chapter is 85% (268 new members) and up to 90% (465 new).
- II. **Treasurer's Report** –Jodi Andres gave report. Jodi A. was asked by members about Chapter Support not being provided, discussion was had about the previous years' audits, and how this year's audit will work. Chuck Stewart asked when the audits will be completed for the past years, and Jodi A. indicated she was waiting for Lawrence Camp (Trustee) to get back with her, and they are working on them. Lawrence C. was reviewing them and would be back by



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the end of the month to take care of them. Braxton Bundick asked about meeting expenses for Chapter meetings, and requested Jodi A. send the financial report to Portia Hall (current Treasurer) and the new E-Board. Jodi A. stated she has forwarded the financial report to Braxton B. and Paul Keller already and can send it to Portia H. as soon as she knows the email address Portia H. wants her to use, or Portia H. can use the Treasurer's email. Jodi A. clarified our books use to be on a cash basis, she has converted our books to an accrual basis so the Chapter funds matches our revenues and expenses to the years in which it was budgeted and the motions arise. Our books are easier to see what we actually have.

III. State President and State Executive Board Comments/Report

- a. Ed Smyers (Central Rep on the State Board) reported - State meeting coming up in Juneau on 01/25-26/2026, he and Chuck Stewart will be talking to the Legislature about our defined benefits to eliminate the Tier 4 options.
- b. Chuck Stewart reported - Convention in March 2026 (he explained what Convention is and encouraged members attend to see how it works), two conventions in Aug. 2026 for AFSCME and the AFL-CIO coming up (a lot to do), next State Board meeting is February 26, 2026 - on the first day at noon we have Member's Comments where members can attend and make comments (questions can be asked at that time, but the Board will get back with you and provide a response), and we have a great State Board that is coming up with new ideas and ways of doing things.

IV. New Business

- a. Introduction of New Executive Board – each new board member gave a brief introduction.
- b. Nominations for vacant Board Positions – Braxton Bundick stated we have vacant E-Board seats - Secretary and two Members at Large
- c. Solidarity Assistance Program (SAP) – Ed Smyers stated Jodi Andres will be stepping down and there is a vacant Chair and board seats. Ed S. and Jodi A. explained this program is for members who need to request grant assistance up to \$500 if there is a significant financial need/hardship like paying bills (members do not get paid directly, the provider/company receives a check). Ed S. and Samantha Simien are currently on the SAP board. Samantha S. asked if Jodi A. would be able to assist with the transition, Jodi A. agreed.
- d. Convention (March 17-22, 2026) – Braxton Bundick stated we have 31 delegate seats, we currently have 19 seats filled and 12 open seats, members can contact him if they want to become a delegate.
- e. Upcoming Calendar Events - Braxton Bundick stated the Matsu & Anchorage Bingo Event has been rescheduled for Saturday, 02/07/2026. We have started the invite process, look for updates.

V. Old Business - Nothing to report, this is a new Board

VI. Committee Reports

- a. **Stewards (Billy Stapleton)** – nothing to report; Billy S. encouraged members to send anyone needing assistance to him or a Shop Steward; currently have openings for Shop Stewards if interested.
- b. **Good & Welfare (vacant)** – Braxton Bundick explained what Good & Welfare entails, and we currently have a vacant chair; contact Braxton B. if interested.



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- c. **Scholarships (Portia Hall)** – if interested in the scholarship program, members are required to attend 3 chapter meetings to be eligible, we have plenty of meetings coming up. Portia H. brought forth a Motion to expend the funds in the Scholarship line item for the 2026-2027 school year - \$14, 500.00 for scholarships, and \$500 for the Scholarship Award for a total of \$15,000.00; second by Ed Smyers. Discussion: Jodi Andres requested to amend the motion not to exceed \$15,000.00 - all funds go toward participants' scholarships; we already have money budgeted for food in the budget's Meetings line item. Amendment seconded by Tanner Hall. Motion passes as amended without objection – **MOTION #2026-01-C-01**. Jodi A. clarified - the scholarship funds were approved in the budget as a line item, and approved to be expended during this meeting, we do not need an additional chapter meeting to approve to expend the scholarship funds.
- d. **Refreshments (Braxton Bundick)** – we had food from Hula Hands tonight, let him know if you are interested in other food be provided and if you would like to be on the refreshments committee.
- e. **Veterans (Ed Smyers)** – Memorial Day is May 25, 2026, he will be doing something and will keep us updated
- f. **Public Relations & Marketing (Portia Hall)** – nothing to report
- g. **Next Wave (Braxton Bundick)** – nothing to report
- h. **Hot Fridays (Braxton Bundick)** – nothing to report
- i. Braxton B. stated all of the following committees have vacant Chair seats, and nothing to report – **Website, Rallies, Elections, Adopt-a-Highway, and League Sports.**

VII. **Member Comments –**

- a. Ed Smyers gave positive comments about Braxton as the new President, he looks forward to seeing how this Chapter will be changing directions under his supervision, and thanked him; second by Jodi Andres. Ed S. also thanked the staff and Billy Stapleton for all their hard work especially with the work site meetings they host.
- b. Jodi A. continued to thank the new E-Board and gave positive affirmations. She gave a special thank you to William Hurr (former Chapter Secretary) for helping out the Chapter in the last couple of months.
- c. Billy S. shared his story regarding his trip to Washington DC to lobby with the AFSCME local. He met with senators about the employee changes at DPA and additional things going on with Alaska State Employees.
- d. Dawn Bundick – (Political Action Committee (PAC) Trustee for our union) talked about the PAC, Chuck Stewart is the Chair, if you would like to be part of the PAC please sign up it costs \$2/month. She is also the Central Laborer Council's Secretary and wanted all members to know they have free Hockey tickets to attend the games at the Sullivan Arena on Friday and Saturday January 16th & 17th, let them know asap.
- e. Paul Keller reminded members why the Union fights to increase membership.
- f. Tanner Howard encouraged members get more involved with assisting the membership and E-Board.
- g. Raffle conducted – Stephen Sabot won Billy Stapleton's handmade art work.

VIII. **Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn by Ed Smyers, second by Paul Keller; no objection to adjournment.

**ASEA ANCHORAGE CHAPTER
OFFICER AND DELEGATE ELECTION REPORT**

12/19/2025

The Anchorage Chapter Elections have concluded on December 19, 2025 and report the following:

Treasurer

Candidate	Total Votes Received
Kim Reynolds	90
Portia Hall	132
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	222

Portia Hall received the majority of votes cast and is declared the winner.

The following candidates are elected by acclamation, having run unopposed or where the number of candidates did not exceed the number of available positions.

President - Braxton Bundick

Vice President - Paul Keller

Secretary – No nominations were received.

Executive Board (5 positions)

1. Tracie McMillan
2. R. Tanner Howard
3. Billy Stapleton

Trustee – No nominations were received.

Anchorage Chapter Delegate (31 seats per ASEA)

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| 1. Amber Barney | 15. R. Tanner Howard |
| 2. Audrey Saylor | 16. Sherry Cole |
| 3. Billy Stapleton | 17. Susanne Oshiro-Yoshimura |
| 4. Braxton Bundick | 18. Tracie McMillan |
| 5. Charles Stewart | 19. Warren Waters |
| 6. Dan Gallagher | 20. William Hurr |
| 7. Edward Smyers | |
| 8. Isabell Wilkinson | |
| 9. Jo Auginaush | |
| 10. Jodi Andres | |
| 11. Laverne Kent | |
| 12. Lawrence Camp | |
| 13. Paul Keller | |
| 14. Portia Hall | |