

# ASEA



# LOCAL 52

UPDATES | **SEPTEMBER 2026**



**ASEA E-BOARD MEETING ON SEP 8-9 • MEMBER COMMENTS AT 12PM**

**Sign up for our Lunch & Learn Sessions**

**SEP  
16**

**DEFINED BENEFIT  
RETIREMENT (TIERS I-III)**

**RSVP**



**OCT  
21**

**EMERGENCY LEAVE,  
FMLA, & AFLA**

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 PM**

## NEW ANCHORAGE BUSINESS AGENT – WELCOME, CERI!



An avid rock climber, Ceri's experience with the labor movement began as an organizer for Workers United, expanding unionization of climbing gyms in CA. She has worked in Alaska as a reporter, legislative aide, and media specialist. Ceri is excited to meet the members she represents and apply her skills and experience on behalf of Alaska's public employees. Look for worksite meeting invites & learn more about Ceri on our website: [asea52.org](http://asea52.org)

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## THANK YOU, HEIDI! In her three and a half years leading ASEA, Heidi helped us achieve major milestones!



**Closing in on meaningful retirement security**—with overwhelming support from ASEA members, pension reform legislation passed the Alaska Legislature for the first time in 20 years! While Gov. Dunleavy vetoed the bill at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, we are closer than ever to enacting a pension bill. Please check out ASEA PAC-endorsed candidates, and let's elect a Governor who will sign this bill!



**US Supreme Court victory**—putting an end to the 4+ year battle with Gov. Dunleavy's Administration and its unlawful attempts to insert itself into union member affairs, misinterpreting the 'Janus' decision and demonstrating 'anti-union animus' towards ASEA.



**Negotiating strong contracts:** Over three and a half years, our contract negotiations teams secured four strong contracts for each ASEA bargaining unit, including one of the strongest State of Alaska GGU contracts ever negotiated.



Heidi's last day with ASEA is **Friday, September 18**. She shared her resignation as executive director with members on Aug 18 via email and on ASEA social media channels. Heidi will continue advocating for ASEA, and 50 other affiliated unions, as the next Alaska AFL-CIO President! We are accepting applications for the Exec. Dir. position. Please visit our website for details and help us spread the word!

**WE ARE  
HIRING**



**Growing our ASEA family!** With the addition of ASEA, a huge victory itself, ASEA now represents more than 8,700 public sector employees across our state, adding to our strength and solidarity.

### COALITION HEALTH FAIR DATES

Pre-register at [coalitionhealthfair.org](http://coalitionhealthfair.org)

**•Fairbanks**

-Sat, Sep 12

-Sun, Sep 13

**•Mat-Su**

-Sat, Sep 19

**•Anchorage**

-Sat, Sep 26

-Sun, Sep 27

**•Soldotna**

-Sat, Oct 3

**•Juneau**

-Sat, Oct 3

-Sun, Oct 4



**MORE INFO**

### HEALTH TRUST COMMENT PERIOD

The Health Benefits Trust wants to hear from you. Their next comment period is on 9/23 from 12 -1pm. If you are unable to call, you can send comments early, but no later than **Sep 9**. Visit the ASEA Health Benefits Trust website for more info: [aseahealth.org](http://aseahealth.org)



**MORE INFO**

### FROM THE ASEA LEGAL TRUST

The Legal Services Trust benefit for SOA GGU members has increased from \$2,500 to \$2,750. More information and other Legal Trust updates can be found on the ASEA Legal Services Trust website: [asealegalservices.org](http://asealegalservices.org)



**MORE INFO**

### SEP 8-9: ASEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN FAIRBANKS

- **MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD ON 9/8 @12PM**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
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**SAVE THE DATE  
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TRAINING  
THURS, OCT 29**



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