

**UAF Alumni Association Board of Directors
FALL MEETING MINUTES
Sept. 23-24, 2022**

Friday, Sept. 23, 2022

9:30 a.m. I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Marybeth Loewen (President, Seat 2-Southcentral) Present
Tom Brice (Vice-President, Seat 7-Southeast) Present
Rhonda Widener (Secretary, Seat 9-FNSB) Present
Thomas Farrugia (Treasurer, Seat 11-Municipality of Anchorage) Present
Dee Dee Ivanoff (Seat 1-Rural) Excused
Forrest Kuiper (Seat 3-FNSB) Present
Meredith Cameron (Seat 4-Southcentral) Excused
Meadow Bailey (Seat 5-FNSB) Excused
Darryl Lewis Sr. (Seat 6-At-Large) Present
George Cromer (Seat 8-At Large Excused
Lorna Shaw (Seat 10-Outside) Present

Theresa Bakker, Executive Director, ex-officio Present
Ashlyn Espinosa, ASUAF, ex-officio
Scott Roselius, Hockey Chapter, ex-officio
Brenda Riley, Fairbanks Chapter, representative Present

II. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: "The Board adopts the agenda as presented." Tom Brice moves that the board adopts the agenda as presented. Seconded by Thomas Farrugia. Approved unanimously.

III. **Approval of the Spring 2022 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: "The Board approves minutes for the Spring 2022 meeting." Tom Brice moves that the board present the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Lorna Shaw. Approved unanimously.

IV. **Land Acknowledgement -- UAFAA President**

The UAF Alumni Association acknowledges the Alaska Native nations upon whose unceded traditional lands we are located. Our offices and facilities are located on Troth Yeddha, a sacred site of the Lower Tanana Dene people. We acknowledge and honor the ancestral & present land stewardship and place-based knowledge of the peoples of these territories.

OLD BUSINESS

10:00 a.m. V. **Report from UAF leadership - Dan White**
UAF Chancellor

Troth Yeddha fundraising goal, thank you for UAFAA first donation to Troth. Residence halls are full, close to pre-covid levels, enrollment steady, first time freshman up, upperclassmen enrollment down nationwide trend due to covid and job market. Tuition differentiation to UA BOR in November to separate CTC, UAF tuition rates. Student debt average is low. UA budget fixed cost increase to governor in November. U Park school childcare center, student success center, reception center renovation Loly Tilly. Education tax credit reauthorization for industry, loan forgiveness state level support needed from UAFAA. Nanook Golden Ale with Latitude 65 Brewery \$1 of every beer donated to athletics.

10:30 a.m. VI. **Standing Reports/Committees**

- A. Executive Committee/ President's report-Mary Beth Loewen
Giving day 2022 had 50% increase. Revenue is increasing.
Review of 2022 Annual report.
- B. Executive Director Report – Theresa Bakker review of executive director report. Introduce Alumni Relations Manager Felicia Burud. Introduction of Student Assistant Alyssa Appel. Annual giving, Giving Day, training student employee to organize call center. Foundation moving giving day to February. Focusing on marketing. As of 9/22 benefactor fund \$5500, slightly lower for 2022 but in line. Visibility of last year's campus gifts has brought positive attention. Acknowledgment of donors, lifetime membership, stewardship with giving. Theresa Bakkar is on leave October 1-15th, 2022.
- C. Chapter Reports
Hockey - Scott Roselius No Report
Firefighter – Forrest Kuiper, would like to tie in firefighter chapter reunion to UAFAA reunion in 2023. Arctic Emergency Services Center for Excellence, approved at FNSB Assembly level for training center and renovation.
Fairbanks – Brenda Riley representing as past chapter president, no action on the fair booth, donated consumables to Breadline Inc., chapter leased booth to Street Taco vendor donated to chapter donations. Looking forward to network support from UAFAA.
- A. Ad Hoc Chapter - Tom Brice January 26-28, 2023 Juneau advocacy trip. Form committee in November. Discussion of engaging legislative alumni, hosting UAF social event in Juneau.
MOTION– The Board moves to forward By Law Committee recommendations to the Governance Committee for bylaw revision. Tom Brice moves that the recommendations moved to Governance. Seconded by Thomas Farrugia.
- B. Scholarship-Lorna Shaw No report at this time.
- C. Legislative-Tom Brice

- D. Awards-Darryl Lewis Sr., Committee meeting October 19 for 2023 nominations. Nomination process open press release.
- E. Governance-Meredith Cameron
- F. Finance-Thomas Farrugia
UPDATE – Investment account strategy proposal, will be discussed by the Board on Saturday.

12:00 p.m. **Break for Lunch**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1:00 p.m. VII. **Troth Yeddha’ Barn Quilt and Georgeson Botanical Garden presentation** – Somer Hahm, artist, and Katie DiCristina, garden director

Discussion of quilt trail art, installation at Georgeson Botanical Garden. Harvest program donated 5000# of food locally.
- 2:30 p.m. VIII. **One Health presentation** — Hannah Robinson, Elizabeth Van Ha

One Health Spring Conference Feb 28 - March 3, 2023, looking for sponsors.
- 3:30 p.m. IX. **Good of the Order**
- 4:00 p.m. X. **Recess Meeting** adjourned 3:27pm
- 5:00 p.m. **UAFAA Activity**

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022

10:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

10:15 a.m. XI. **Strategic Plan check in**

10:45 a.m. XII. **System Office Governance Review**
Mission Statement for review:

The University of Alaska System Office, through its support of the three universities' distinct missions, advances higher education and honors the Indigenous and diverse peoples of Alaska. The University of Alaska System Office manages corporate responsibilities, strategically stewards shared resources, and works with the universities to implement Regents' policies and directions to align with current and future needs of the state. Motion to affirm the mission statement of the System Governance Committee.

Motion: Tom Brice moves to affirm the mission statement
Lorna Shaw seconded
Approved unanimously

11:00 a.m. XIII. **Proposed bylaw updates**
[Chapter engagement - UAFAA Networks](#)
Discussion
[Investment account strategy](#)

Discussion
MOTION: "Move to Governance for bylaw update."

12:00 p.m. **Lunch/Garden Tour**

NEW BUSINESS

2:00 p.m. XIV. **Benefactor Fund Awards**
Fall fundraising campaign. Potential gift for FY23
MOTION: Move to make a Benefactor Fund gift of \$5,000 to the UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden. Tom Lorna vote 5 yay,
MOTION: Move to make a Benefactor Fund gift of \$5,000 to the UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden Move 10k George, Lorna 8 yay. Motion approved

2:30 p.m. XV. **Good of the Order - Roundtable**

3:00 p.m. XVI. **Adjourn**
MOTION: "The UAFAA Board Adjourns."