

**UAF Alumni Association Board of Directors
Spring Meeting Minutes
April 14-15, 2023**

Friday, April 14, 2023

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

Mary Beth Loewen (President, Seat 2) PRESENT
Tom Brice (Vice-President, Seat 7) PRESENT
Thomas Farrugia (Treasurer, Seat 11) PRESENT
Rhonda Widener (Secretary, Seat 9) PRESENT
Dee Dee Ivanoff (Seat 1-Rural) ABSENT
Forrest Kuiper (Seat 3-FNSB) PRESENT
Meredith Cameron (Seat 4) PRESENT, TRAVEL DELAY
Meadow Bailey (Seat 5) PRESENT
Darryl Lewis Sr. (Seat 6-At-Large) PRESENT
George Cromer (Seat 8-At Large) ABSENT
Lorna Shaw (Seat 10-Outside) PRESENT

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

Incoming board members:

M. Birch Foster, Seat 2 PRESENT
Ryan Tilbury, Seat 3 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 Winter 2023 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: "The Board approves minutes for the Winter 2023 meeting."

Thomas Farrugia moves that the board approves the minutes as presented. Seconded by Darryl Lewis. 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.

- 9:35 a.m. V. **Annual Meeting of Members**
 President gavels in, no members present. President gavels out.
- VI. **Introduce & Welcome New and Returning Board Members**
- 10:00 a.m. IX. **Bus 142 — Angela Linn**
 Senior Collections Manager, UAMN
- 11:00 a.m. VII. **Report from UAF leadership - Dan White**
 UAF Chancellor: Focus Tier 1 Research goal, enrollment is up, discussion of deferred maintenance, climate scholar program, review of master plan.
- 12:00 p.m. **Break for Lunch**
 OLD BUSINESS
- 1:00 p.m. VIII. **Standing Reports/Committees**
 A. Executive Committee / President's report -- Mary Beth Loewen
 B. Executive Director report -- Theresa Bakker
 Felicia Burud received Cornerstone Award, Gus Paul and Alyssa Appel student employees promoted. Sponsorship of UAF Giving Day challenge. Jason Gootte receive Meritorious Service Award. Reunion July 13-15. Philanthropy has grown, 31% increase in revenue, 6% increase in number of donors, 7% increase in gifts, 4% increase in alumni donors. Discussion of accounts and centennial gift plans. Focus on Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center.
 C. Ex Officio Reports
 Scott Roselius – Hockey Alumni
 D. Scholarship – Lorna Shaw
 E. Legislative --Tom Brice
 Review of legislative fly-in.
 F. Awards -- Darryl Lewis
 G. Governance -- Meredith Cameron
 MOTION: "The Board approves the 2023 election results."
 Thomas Farrugia moves that the board approves election results as presented. Seconded by Lorna Shaw. Passed unopposed.
 H. Finance -- Thomas Farrugia
 i. **FY24 Budget Discussion**
 MOTION: "The Board approves the FY24 budget."

Forrest Kuiper moves that the board approves the FY24 budget as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Widener. Approved unanimously.

ii. **Investment Procedures Update check in**

- 2:00 p.m. X. **Anthropological Society, 2023 Benefactor fund recipients**
Brooke Fisher, UAF Anthropological Society President
- 3:00 p.m. XI. **Student Firefighters Association, 2022 Benefactor Fund recipients**
- 3:30 p.m. XII. **AK State Legislature Education Tax Credit**
~~Public Comments—opportunity to testify~~
Canceled
- 4:00 p.m. **Outgoing Board Member Recognition and Thanks**
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess until Saturday 4/15**

Saturday, April 15, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. **Reconvene**
- NEW BUSINESS
- 10:05 a.m. XIII. **New/Returning Board Members Seated**
- Dee Dee Ivanoff, Seat 1
M. Birch Foster, Seat 2
Ryan Tilbury, Seat 3
- 10:15 a.m. XIV. **Disclosures of conflicts of interest** – Discussion, no significant COI.
- 10:30 a.m. XIV. **Code of Conduct** – full board reviewed.
- 11:00 a.m. XV. **Board Officer Elections**
- A. President Tom Brice
B. Vice President Rhonda Widener
C. Secretary Lorna Shaw
D. Treasurer Thomas Farrugia
- 11:30 a.m. XVI. **Committee officers/chairs**
- MOTION: “The board approves the following committee members.”
- Executive Committee: Brice, Widener, Shaw, Farrugia, at large member Lewis.
- Governance: Chair Widener, Foster, Tilbury, Shaw, Brice
- Finance: Treasurer Farrugia, Brice, Widener, Shaw, Tilbury, Foster. Members, Wayne Donaldson, Jason Gootie, Jeremy Vermilyea
- Awards: Chair Lewis, Ivanoff, Bailey, Brice. Members, Libby Eddy, Michelle Rizk.
- Scholarship: Chair Shaw, Brice, Bailey, Tilbury, Widener. Members, Jessica Farr, Stacey Howdeshell, Gabrielle Vance.
- Legislative: Chair Cameron, Brice, Farrugia, Foster, Ivanoff, Tilbury, Bailey.
- Ad Hoc Network Engagement: Chair Tilbury, Foster, Cameron, Bailey, Lewis, Farrugia, Shaw

- 12:00 p.m. XVII. **Signatures for checking account**
MOTION “The Board approves signature authority for these members ...”

Meadow Bailey, Ryan Tilbury, Rhonda Widener

Thomas Farrugia moves that the board approves signature authority for the above members. Seconded by Tom Brice. Passed unanimously.
- 12:15 p.m. XVIII. **Proposed Meeting Schedule 2023-2024** – Theresa Bakker

September 22-23, 2023 -- Fall Board Meeting in Fairbanks
Jan. 27, 2024 -- Winter Board teleconference
April 19-20, 2024 -- Spring Board Meeting pending

MOTION “The board approves the 2023-2024 meeting schedule.”

Tom Brice moves that the board approves meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Meadow Bailey. Passed unanimously.
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 1:30 p.m. XIX. **Strategic Plan Update** - UAFAA President

Combine Benefactor Fund stewardship and fundraising. Remove legislative advocacy portal, engage ASUAF, additional staff member.
- 2:30 p.m. XIX. **Board Travel** - UAFAA President
Upcoming events and budget available
- 3:00 p.m. XXII. **Good of the Order--Roundtable**
- 3:30 p.m. XIII. **Adjourn**
MOTION: “The UAFAA Board Adjourns.”

Future Meetings and Events

2023

April 14-15	UAFAA BOD Meeting, Fairbanks*
May 6	Commencement
May 11	Blue and Gold Celebration
June 1	BOR Meeting, Fairbanks
July 13-15	Nanook Rendezvous alumni reunion
Sept 7-8	BOR Meeting, Juneau
Nov 9-10	BOR Meeting, Anchorage

***Board Member attendance required**

++Voluntary attendance