



2018 Board Elections Candidates



NICOLE CUNDIFF - University of Alaska Fairbanks

Dr. Nicole Cundiff specializes in leadership development, organizational change, and diversity. She is the Business Administration Program Director for the School of Management (SOM) and an Associate Professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She also serves as the chair of SOM's assurance of student learning and the curriculum chair for UAF as a whole. Dr. Cundiff has developed programming for high school students through executive levels in Academic, Organizational, and Political Leadership throughout Alaska. She earned her undergraduate, master's degree, and Ph.D. in Applied Psychology, with an additional master's in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.



CHRIS DARRAH - Shannon & Wilson, Inc.

I am a geologist and Vice President with Shannon & Wilson, Inc., where I began my career in 1987. In the course of my first years I worked on a variety of public and private construction projects. In 1992 I transferred to Fairbanks and have lived here ever since. My role here focused on contaminated-site assessments and environmental compliance. I now manage our Fairbanks office. In this role, I am responsible for all aspects of our operations, including business development and community outreach. I have three grown children and live with my wife, Phyllis, and our Lab mix, Taz.



MIKE DAVIS - GHEMM Company, Inc.

Raised in Cordova, Mike completed his Civil Engineering degree at UAF and joined GHEMM Company in 1995. Mike received his professional engineering license in 2002. In his current role as Vice President and Sr. Project Manager, Mike oversees and mentors the firm's project staff. Mike and his wife, Karen, have two children and enjoy spending time on the water, gardening and traveling.



JOHN DENNY - GVEA

I am a lifelong second generation Fairbanksan. Happily married to my wife of 14 years Sue Ann. And Dad to our little girl Faith who is almost 6. I was born at FMH, went to Nordale and Tanana before graduating from Lathrop in 1994. I worked the majority of my professional career at Frontier Supply company in sales and sitting on their board of directors. I also worked at Pogo mine prior to coming to work at GVEA. Aside from my family, I enjoy coaching youth soccer as the head coach of the 2007 boys team.



KARL HANNEMAN - Tower Hill Mines, Inc.

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in Fairbanks and a UAF mining engineering graduate, magna cum laude. For 20 years, I was a partner/entrepreneur in a placer gold mining partnership, then Alaska Regional Manager for Teck during the exploration and development of the Pogo Gold Mine. After a couple years as Director of Corporate Affairs, Alaska for Teck, I joined Tower Hill Mines, first as Project Manager, and now CEO in an effort to develop another successful mine in the interior of Alaska. My wife Nancy and I have raised two sons, Reese and Logan.



LISA HERBERT - Usibelli Coal Mine

Lisa Herbert joined Usibelli Coal Mine as VP of Public Relations in June 2016. She is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the mine's communication strategies and acts as an ambassador for the mine in the community and with the media. Ms. Herbert also serves as the Executive Director of The Usibelli Foundation, the mine's philanthropic arm that supports charitable 501(c)(3) organizations in the state. Prior to joining Usibelli, Ms. Herbert spent nearly 10 years with the Fairbanks Chamber, serving her last six years as President and CEO. Ms. Herbert is passionate and devoted to the Fairbanks community.



JACOB HOWDESHELL - Laborers' Local 942

Jacob Howdeshell is a Business Representative for Laborers' Local 942, representing all of the construction workers in the Northern half of the state. Born and raised in Alaska, Jacob has been a Fairbanks resident for nearly 30 years. He attended North Pole High School and the University of Alaska seeking a degree in business before becoming an apprentice Laborer. When he's not working, Jacob enjoys spending time with his two daughters traveling around the state, exploring.



STEVE LUNDGREN - Denali State Bank

Steve has held the position of President and CEO of Denali State Bank for the last 5 years and he has over 30 years experience in the financial services industry in Fairbanks. Steve is a former chairman of the board of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and he is also past chairman of FEDC and past-president of the Alaska Bankers Association. Steve is national treasurer of the Air Force Association and is on the Alaskan Command Civilian Advisory Board and also on the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Community Advisory Board. Steve has a lengthy history of Fairbanks community support.



GEOFF WELCH - Date-Line Digital Printing

Geoff Welch is the President and co-owner of Date-Line Digital Printing, where his "crisis of gratitude" was the genesis of their remarkable Thanks Fairbanks project which shares thousands of free thank you cards with area residents each year. In addition to his work at the helm of an award-winning small business, his informal delivery and irreverent perspectives on leadership, customer service, and being more human at work have made him a sought-after speaker and consultant. Always up for a challenge, Geoff and his wife Nicole have chosen to raise a small human named Maddy without the aid of formal training.



TYLER WILLIAMS - Mammoth Marketing

Tyler Williams was born and raised in Fairbanks. He quickly jumped into the advertising industry in 2004 when a position opened up at a local advertising agency. In 2006 he left that agency to pursue a freelance career and eventually landed as a Creative Director at Neumuth Advertising. In 2015, he purchased Neumuth Advertising and renamed it Mammoth Marketing. The agency today serves clients all over the state but will always call Fairbanks home.

The voting period will begin Wednesday, September 27th and run through Wednesday, October 11th. Each member in good standing with the Fairbanks Chamber gets one vote to be cast via email from the address on record as the Primary Representative established in the member profile. Questions can be directed to Marisa Sharrah at (907) 452-1105 or email at marisa@fairbankschamber.org.