

2019 Board of Director Candidates



SABRINA BINKLEY - Spruce Tree Montessori

Born and raised in Colorado, Sabrina attended the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) and played volleyball. She earned a BS in Petroleum Engineering and met her husband, Ryan Binkley. After moving to Alaska in 2001, she worked as an engineer with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and then began work at the Riverboat Discovery. For 16 years she worked as the VP of Retail Sales and head buyer for the company. In 2012, she founded Spruce Tree Montessori School and has served as the school administrator and CEO since then. *Current elected BOD member eligible for reelection. Chair of the Education and Workforce Development Committee. Member of the Executive Committee.*



KEITH BLANCHARD - Blanchard Family Funeral Home

Keith Blanchard owns Blanchard Family Funeral Home and Birch Hill Cemetery. He has been in the funeral service for his entire adult life. He opened up his funeral home in the spring of 2017. Keith has a lot of experience in all aspects of business solutions that he has learned over the years from hands-on experience.



JIM CULLEY - Northrim Bank

Jim is a Commercial Loan Manager for Northrim Bank with 22+ years of experience in Alaska Banking. He is married with two children. Jim is a graduate of University of Alaska Fairbanks and of Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington.



REBECCA DEAN - Tanana Valley Clinic Orthopedics and Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

Rebecca Dean is Practice Administrator and Business Development at TVC Orthopedic and Sportsmedicine Fairbanks. Rebecca is a Healthcare Executive Consultant and principal of Dean & Associates. Ms. Dean holds a master's degree in Business Administration and Fellow Status in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. Rebecca has more than 30 years of experience in healthcare management in all aspects of practice operations, efficiency, governance, and leadership.

Current elected BOD member eligible for reelection. Member of the Cost of Healthcare Insurance and Government Relations Committees.



JOHN DENNY - GVEA

As a second generation Alaskan, John was born and raised in Fairbanks. He attended local schools and has formed a lifetime of wonderful relationships in the community. He has been happily married for 15 years to his wife Sue Ann and they have a 6 year old daughter named Faith. Fairbanks has also provided a host of wonderful professional opportunities for John. He has enjoyed working as an owner in a successful wholesale business, giving him the unique insight that only ownership can bring. John is currently at Golden Valley Electric as a Purchasing Supervisor.

Current appointed BOD member.

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JACOB HOWDESHELL - Laborers' Local 942

Jacob Howdeshell is a lifelong Alaskan and a 29 year resident of Fairbanks. Currently he is the President of Laborers' Local 942 where he has worked for the past 13 years, both in the field and as a business representative. He resides in North Pole with his two daughters Kylee and Kinley.

Current appointed member of the BOD. Member of the Government Relations Committee.



MAGGIE MATHESON- Alaska Dental Arts

Maggie was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA and knew at a young age that LA wasn't a place she wanted to raise her children. She joined the Air Force at 18, asking them to send her anywhere but Alaska. Maggie was sent to Eielson AFB. She didn't know that she would fall in love with Alaska and make this her home. She is married to her best friend and they have four kids together. She is a graduate from UAF SOM and has 20+ years of experience in healthcare management.



CHARLENE OSTBLOOM - Doyon, Limited

Charlene Ostbloom assumed her role as Doyon, Limited's Vice President of Communications in December 2012. She is responsible for the company's internal and external communication strategies. Previously, Ostbloom served as the Human Resource Service Center Manager at Doyon and worked at Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for over 10 years. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Ostbloom serves on the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation board of trustees and Khotol Services board of directors, and is a past board member of Gana-A'Yoo, Limited and Alaska Public Media.

Past appointed BOD member.



ANGIE TALLANT - Somers & Associates REALTORS

Angie Tallant is the owner of Somers & Associates Realtors, a local industry leader in all aspects of real estate. Angie is an enthusiastic and dedicated community leader as well as a business owner, wife, and mother of three. She has served on several local boards. She contributes time and donations to several events for our community, schools, and military. She oversees the annual effort at Somers Toy Drive to supply Christmas gifts to every foster care child in the Fairbanks area. Angie has worked tirelessly for the real estate industry in a local, state, and national capacity for the last 18 years.

Current elected BOD member eligible for reelection. Member of the Executive Committee.

The voting period will begin Tuesday, September 18th and run through Tuesday, October 2nd. 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.

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