

State Advisory Council

Duties

Members of Extension's State Advisory Council are advocates for funding and programming with the university, state government and agencies on behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service.

The 11 members of the council are elected through a nomination process, with eight of the seats on the board filled by individuals representing a specific geographic region of the state. The other three seats are open and nominations to fill those posts can come from anywhere in the state. There are also non-voting Extension faculty and staff representation on the council.

Voting and non-voting members of the council serve for three-year terms for a maximum of six consecutive years. Terms on the board are staggered so that not all the seats become vacant at the same time.

As advocates for Extension's programming throughout Alaska, the council also provides an invaluable service by providing stakeholder input for Extension on a statewide level.

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[Term 2007-2010, Interior]

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Gerald was a Vocational and Industrial Arts teacher in the public school system for over 20 years and a drafting instructor for 13 years with the UAF Tanana Valley Campus. Through his business, ABC Consulting, he offers his expertise in alternative energy and green building practices.

[Term 2007-2010, Southeast]

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Beyond his military service, Philip worked for RurALCAP, the Alaska Native Foundation and the National Marine Fisheries Service. He also served on the State Commercial Fishery Entry Commission. In retirement, he enjoys time with his wife, Deborah and consulting.

[Term 2007-2010, Southcentral]

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Annie's involvement with Extension began in 1974 when she became a 4-H volunteer leader. Over the next 30 years she would lead the Alaska 4-H Horse Club, start Alaska's first handicapped riding program, help create the "UAF for Youth" campaign, and co-chair the 2004 Western Leaders Forum, to name a few. After "retiring" as a full-time 4-H leader in 2004, she became the Development and Program Director for The Rainbow Connection. She becomes a member of Extension's advisory council, following in the footsteps of her husband and youngest daughter.

[Term 2007-2010, Southeast]

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Judy became involved with Extension when her two children joined 4-H in the early 1990's. She has cooked for 100 4-H campers, set up displays for projects and served as a judge at the Southeast Alaska State Fair. She also served on a selection committee for the Southeast Land Resource/4-H Agent and was a member of the Green Clover Review team in 2006. She works with her husband in photography, picture framing, wall mounting of photo murals and other kinds of exhibit installations in Alaska, the Yukon and even the Russian Far East.

[Term 2007-2010, Northwest]

Chair

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Nancy came to Alaska in 1961 from the Seattle area. She was a commercial fisher and teacher in Southeast Alaska for eight years then moved to the Seward Peninsula. She taught school at Shishmaref and worked for non-profits in Nome in community and educational services. Her most recent full-time job before retirement in 1996 was nine years as director at UAF's Northwest Campus. She is currently chair of the board at Nome Community Center, coordinator of Alaskan Friends of Chukotka, and active with

Bering Sea Lions and Nome Arts Council. She and her husband have a subsistence salmon setnet camp near Nome. Her four grown sons and six of her grandchildren live in Alaska and a daughter in Seattle.

[Term 2006-2009, Open]

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Nicholas, of Palmer, has owned Fair North Tree and Seed Company, which produces trees shrubs and flowers for wholesale landscaping, since 1985. In addition, he specializes in hazardous materials control and has worked both as a Forester and Hazmat Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and as a supervisor of remediation of contaminated sites throughout Alaska. Nicholas earned a B.S. degree in Forest Engineering from the University of Washington.

[Term 2005-2011, Southcentral]

Secretary

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Rosie represents Southcentral region, but grew up in a "4-H family" in Minnesota. She first became a member at age six, and was so influenced by her 4-H experience, that she went on to earn a B.S. degree in home economics from the University of Minnesota. Rosie taught home economics for five years in Minnesota and Alaska. After moving to Anchorage, Rosie joined an Extension homemakers group where she has been a member for 26 years. She has held numerous offices during her membership, including state president. Rosie has completed the Master Gardener course and has served on several regional Cooperative Extension Service advisory boards. She enjoys baking and decorating cakes for a small home business she runs, and is a member of the Snomads Snowmachine Club and the South Peninsula Sportsman Association.

[Term 2007-2010, Southwest]

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Bing lives in Bethel and represents the Southwest region. She has a long history with the University of Alaska, having earned her A.A. and B.A. degree in Rural Development from UAF's Kuskokwim Campus. Bing is very involved in local government, and is currently employed by Orutsaramiut Native Council, Bethel's Traditional Council and Government. She has also served on numerous committees, including Kuskokwim College Council, Bethel Native Corporation, and Orutsaramiut Native Councils, and has volunteered with organizations like the Junior Achievement Program and Tundra Women's Coalition. In addition to her busy work and civic schedules, Bing is married, has two children and also holds a private pilot's license.

[Term 2005-2011, Southcentral]

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Rita represents the Southcentral region of Alaska. She lives in Homer where she owns and operates Fitz Creek Gardens with her husband. Rita's business has been in operation for ten years and produces and retails 500 varieties of plants. Additionally, Rita has been instructing Master Gardener courses for seven years. Prior to running her own business, Rita was a licensed realtor for 25 years and served as National Director for the Realtor Association. In her free time, she enjoys giving talks around Alaska on plants and growing conditions, as well as editing and reviewing garden books. Rita often travels to learn more on new plant species and gardening trends. She is an advocate for chemical regulation legislation.

[Term 2006-2009 Open]

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Quintan is a long-time 4-H'er. He was a member of the Mat-Su/Copper River District 4-H for ten years and held several offices in his club, including president, during that time. As a 4-H member Quintan completed market livestock projects and traveled to Juneau to lobby for House Bill 111, the "Animal Liability Act." When not attending UAF as a Natural Resources major, Quintan works seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service as a Forest Technician stationed in Hoonah. He hopes to join Extension someday as an agent.

[Term 2006-2009 Interior]

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Samantha hails from Fairbanks. She is a self-admitted “Extension Service Groupie” having been affiliated with Extension in various capacities for over 40 years. A long-time Alaskan, Samantha currently serves as Executive Director for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. She attended UAF in the 1960’s and recently earned her B.Th. and M.Th. degrees from Beacon University.

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Ex-officio member, Bill Hall, has served as an Extension Specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service since July 2005. He owns a business planning, facilitation and training business, Clarity Consulting. Bill earned his M.Ed. from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2003. He is a life-long Alaskan, and served as a Cordova city councilman from 1977-79 and city mayor from 1979-1980.

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