

**UAF Alumni Association Board of Directors
Winter Meeting Agenda
Saturday, January 24, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://alaska.zoom.us/j/83582756596?pwd=2xnYJmDYeybv69nd7ZPj83KtNUKr9w.1&jst=2>

10:00 a.m. I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Rhonda Widener (President, Seat 9-FNSB)
Lorna Shaw (Vice President, Seat 10-Outside)
Valerie Anne Demming (Secretary, Seat 5-FNSB)
Birch Foster (Treasurer, Seat 2, Southcentral)
Dee Dee Ivanoff (Seat 1-Rural)
Ryan Tilbury (Seat 3-FNSB)
Meredith Cameron (Seat 4-Southcentral)
Darryl Lewis Sr. (Seat 6-At-Large)
Tim Lamkin (Seat 7-Southeast)
Kevin Liu (Seat 8-At Large)
Mischa Ellanna (Seat 11-Municipality of Anchorage)

Theresa Bakker, Executive Director, ex-officio

II. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: “That the Board adopts the agenda as presented.”

III. **Approval of the [September 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)**

MOTION: “The Board approves minutes for the September 2025 regular meeting.”

IV. **Land Acknowledgement**

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

10:15 a.m. V. **Standing Reports/[Committees](#)**

- A. **Executive Committee/ President's report** – Rhonda Widener
- B. **Executive Director Report** – Theresa Bakker
 - [Board Matrix](#)
 - [2026 Giving Day proposal](#)
- C. **Network Reports** – None scheduled
- D. **Scholarship**-Ryan Tilbury
- E. **Legislative**-Meredith Cameron
 - a. [UA Impact Legislative Fly in](#) on Feb. 18-19
 - b. [One page documents from UA Governance Office](#)
- F. **Awards**-Darryl Lewis Sr.
- G. **Governance**-Lorna Shaw
 - [Election planning](#)
- H. **Finance**-Birch Foster
 - a. **Investment Update** scheduled for 2/12 at 2:30 p.m.
 - b. **Audit Update:** Compilation or Review: \$5-\$6k instead of \$10k
 A compilation involves receiving the QuickBooks information with limited backup, like the year-end investment account, making any journal entries that appear to be needed, and preparing the financial statements similar to what you've had in the past. The accountant's report states that the financial statements were not audited or reviewed and "we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements".
 A review involves the work of a compilation, plus some limited analysis and inquiries, but not the in-depth tests for an audit. The accountant's report states that a review is substantially less in scope than an audit, and concludes that "based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. This is called limited assurance, but indicating we're not aware of any issues.
- I. **Ad-hoc Centennial Committee** – Rhonda Widener
 - a. [Planning check in](#)
 - i. [Neville Jacobs](#) gift launches Centennial Partnership program
 - b. [Centennial Gift discussion](#)

11:30 a.m. VII. **Break**

12:00 p.m. VII. **Alumni Team Updates**
[NEW Centennial website](#) and [Oral History project](#) - Felicia
[UAFAA alumni logo wishlist for the bookstore](#)
 Giving Day March 24-26 - Katie

1:00 p.m. VIII. **UAFAA Strategic Plan** – Theresa / Rhonda
[Draft FY30 Plan](#)
[Brainstorm document](#)

NEW BUSINESS

- | | | |
|-----------|-------|--|
| 2:00 p.m. | VIII. | UA Leadership recruitment
UA President search
UAF Chancellor search |
| 2:30 p.m. | X. | Good of the Order |
| 3:00 p.m. | XI. | Adjourn
MOTION: "The UAFAA Board Adjourns." |

Future Meetings and Events

2026

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| Jan. 24 | UAFAA Winter BOD teleconference* |
| Jan. 31 | Governor's Cup Tailgate at Lat 65 |
| Feb. 18-19 | UA Impact Legislative Fly-In |
| Feb. 27 | Nanook NEXT featuring Chancellor Sfraga |
| Feb. 28 | UAFAA Day at Women's Basketball |
| March 24-26 | UAF Giving Day |
| April 17-18 | UAFAA Spring BOD meeting in Fairbanks* |
| July 16-18 | Nanook Rendezvous Alumni Reunion |

***Board Member attendance required**
 ++Voluntary attendance