

**UAF Alumni Association Board of Directors  
Spring Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, April 24, 2021  
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97556731637?pwd=N2tFR2xHTEh2T05YR0FpWGtlY3k5UT09>

**Saturday, April 24**

***[Executive Committee member Libby Eddy filling in for Secretary Mary Beth Loewen]***

9:30 a.m.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call - *Cindy Wright 9:37am***

Cindy Wright (President, Seat 9-FNSB) **present**  
Tom Brice (Vice-President, Seat 7-Southeast) **present**  
Marybeth Loewen (Secretary, Seat 2-Southcentral) **present**  
Forrest Kuiper (Treasurer, Seat 3-FNSB) **present**  
Rachel Panamarioff (Seat 1-Rural) **absent**  
Shannon McCarthy (Seat 4-Southcentral) **present**  
Stacey Howdeshell (Seat 5-FNSB) **present**  
Amanda Wall (Seat 6-At-Large) **absent**  
George Cromer (Seat 8-At Large) **present**  
Libby Eddy (Seat 10-Outside) **present**  
Thomas Farrugia (Seat 11-Municipality of Anchorage) **present**

Ron Wall, Fairbanks Chapter, ex-officio  
Scott Roselius, Hockey Chapter, ex-officio **present**  
Doug Schrage, Firefighter Chapter, ex-officio  
Jeremy Vermilyea, Pacific NW Chapter, ex-officio **present**  
Jason Gootee, Committee Chair, ex-officio  
Theresa Bakker, Executive Director, ex-officio **present**

**II. Adoption of Agenda**  
MOTION: “That the Board adopts the agenda as presented.”

***Moved by Tom B., seconded by Thomas F.  
Motion passes.***

**III. Approval of the Winter 2021 Meeting Minutes**  
MOTION: “The Board approves minutes for the Winter 2021 meeting.”

***Moved by Tom B., seconded by Stacey H.  
Motion passes.***

**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.*

V. **Annual Meeting of Members**

*Per bylaws, gavel into annual meeting of members, see if anyone wishes to speak, then gavel back out and into regular meeting.*

***Gaveled in by Cindy at 9:41am. No members present to speak. Gaveled out at 9:42.***

VI. **Introduce & Welcome New and Returning Board Members**

**OLD BUSINESS**

10:00 a.m. VII. **Report from UAF leadership**

- A. UAF Chancellor -- Dan White  
***short video message***

10:20 a.m. VIII. **Standing Reports/Committees**

- A. Executive Committee / President's report -- Cindy Wright  
B. Executive Director report -- Theresa Bakker  
***document attached***  
C. Chapter Reports

Fairbanks- Ron Wall-***no report at this time***

Southcentral – Shannon McCarthy-***hope to be more active now that people are getting vaccinated. Actively recruiting for a chapter president.***

Hockey - Scott Roselius ***all expressed appreciation for Scott's work for the chapter. Actively helping UAA to keep their hockey program***

Firefighter – Chief Doug Schrage-***Forrest reporting for Doug, no activities at this time. Have seen an increase in applications for the student fire station positions.***

Pacific NW – ***Jeremy Vermilyea-meeting w Alums in the SW AZ area. Hope to plan an event there.***

- D. Benefactor Committee –Jason Gootee  
***document attached***

- E. Scholarship --Mary Beth Loewen ***committee currently active (8 members) adjudicating 2021-2022 applicants. This spring we had a great zoom meeting with last year's awardees, and hope to continue that in the future.***

- F. Legislative --Tom Brice
- G. Awards -- Libby Eddy ***we recognized Kyle Hopkins as distinguished Alum and Russ Knapp for the Cashen Service award at the Annual Blue and Gold event in February.***
- H. Finance -- Forrest Kuiper  
**UA Banking and Drawdowns audit report**  
 MOTION "The Board approves the following response."

***Moved by Tom B., seconded by Shannon Mc.  
 Motion passes***

***The board approves the following response to the UA Banking and Drawdown Report, that UAFAA is pursuing an annual external audit of its financial and chapter accounts and will submit those to the CFO.***

**FY22 Budget Discussion**

MOTION: "The Board approves the FY22 budget."

***Moved by Shannon Mc., seconded by Thomas F.  
 Motion passes***

- H. Governance -- Shannon McCarthy  
 MOTION: "The Board approves the 2021 election results."  
*New board members begin voting during new business.*

***Moved by Thomas F., seconded by Tom B.  
 Motion passes***

- I. Governance -- Updates to Bylaws

MOTION: "The board approves the UAFAA Governance Committee bylaws updates".

***Moved by Tom B., seconded by Stacey H.  
 Motion passes***

- 11:30 a.m. IX. Outgoing Board Member Recognition and Thanks

**Cindy expresses her appreciation to Shannon, Stacey and Amanda for your contributions on behalf of the UAFAA.**

***Amanda Wall we appreciate all your support over the last 6 years!***

- 12:00 p.m. X. Break for Lunch

**NEW BUSINESS**

***[Secretary Mary Beth took over minutes from Libby Eddy]***

12:30 p.m. XI. New/Returning Board Members Seated

Seat 4B: Meredith Cameron, Anchorage,  
Seat 5B: Meadow Bailey, Fairbanks,  
Seat 6B: Darryl Lewis Sr., at large seat  
Seat 7B: Tom Brice- returning, SE, 3 years

12:45 p.m. XII. Disclosures of conflicts of interest – full board

- Cindy Wright, no conflicts. Potential for conflict with children applying for scholarships in the future. Has a small advertising company but is not hired by UAF.
- Libby Eddy, no conflicts
- Meredith Cameron, potential for conflict with discretionary funding of CFOS.  
Partner is a lobbyist in Juneau. He does not have university direct clients, however.
- Forrest Kuiper, works at UAF in the Fire Department. Wife also works at the UA Scholars program at UAF. Is vice-president of UAF firefighters union, so has some advocacy work associated with it.
- Daryl Lewis, no conflicts.
- Thomas Farrugia, no conflicts. Does work with joint proposals and sub-awards from AOOS to UAF, but is not a direct financial decision maker.
- Mary Beth Loewen, no conflicts.
- Meadow Bailey, no conflicts. Works at GVEA, which has lobbyist activities in Juneau, Brother and mother-in-law work at UAF, husband is on Chancellor advisory board.
- Tom Brice, no conflicts. Has a small consulting business which has had contracts with labor unions.

XIII. Board Officer Elections

- A. President: ***Tom nominated Cindy, seconded by Mary Beth  
Motion passes favorably***
- B. Vice President: ***Forrest nominates Tom Brice, seconded by Libby  
Motion passes favorably***
- C. Secretary : ***Tom nominated Mary Beth, seconded by Thomas  
Motion passes favorably***
- D. Treasurer: ***Tom nominates Thomas Farrugia, seconded by Forrest  
Motion passes favorably***

XIV. Committee officers/chairs

- Legislative Committee Chair: Tom Brice. Members: Meredith Cameron, Forrest Kuiper, Stacey Howdeshell; Daryl and Theresa will come up with a NW AK committee member
- Finance Committee: Thomas Farrugia automatically committee chair. New members automatically on the committee (Daryl, Meadow, Meredith). Community members: Shannon McCarthy, Jason Goatee, Wayne Donaldson, Jeremy Vermilyea. Libby Eddy on committee, interested in being part of the Benefactor Fund duties of this committee.

- Governance: Meredith chairs. all new members automatically on the committee (Daryl, Meadow, Meredith), Thomas, Donald Crocker, Mary Beth Loewen
- Awards: Libby chair, Forrest, Meadow, Anne Ringstad, Daryl Lewis, George Cromer III
- Scholarship: Mary Beth chair, Gabby, Tom, Cindy, George, Ron Wall, Jessica F., Stacey Howdeshell
- 5<sup>th</sup> person on Exec Committee: Libby Eddy

MOTION: “The board approves the following committee members.”

***Motion by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas.***

***Motion passes favorably***

XV. Signatures for checking account

Forrest Kuiper, Cindy Wright, Meadow Bailey

MOTION “The Board approves signature authority for these members.”

***Motion by Tom, second by Daryl, Tom amends motion to include Thomas Farrugia***

***Motion passes favorably***

XVI. Meeting Schedule 2021-2022 – Theresa Bakker

September 24-25, 2021 -- Fall Board Meeting in Fairbanks

Jan. 29, 2022 -- Winter Board teleconference

April 22-23, 2022 -- Spring Board Meeting pending

MOTION “The board approves the 2020-2021 meeting schedule.”

***Tom moves to accept the calendar. Libby seconds.***

***Motion passes favorably***

XVII. Chapter Discussion

Form ad hoc committee to update chapter financial oversight and structure

Committee: Tom Brice (Chair), Cindy, Forrest, Brendan, Phil, Jeremy, Ron, Brenda

Riley, Scott R, Shannon McCarthy, Theresa’s new hire, Elizabeth, Meredith, Meadow

Will need a charge from the Board to work on this and decide on the scope

Separately we need to talk about changes to our membership style and inclusion (do all graduates become members?)

Time sensitive question is about Fairbanks chapter.

MOTION: “Establish a chapter ad hoc committee, the scope of which will be developed by EXEC committee of UAFAA, chair to include Tom Brice, membership to include Cindy, Forrest, Brendan, Phil, Jeremy, Ron, Brenda Riley, Scott R, Shannon McCarthy, Theresa’s new hire, Elizabeth, Meredith, Meadow.”

***Moved by Tom, Second by Thomas Farrugia***

Discussion: EXEC committee will need to provide a charge of the scope of work, and provide it to committee.

***Motion passes favorably***

Other discussion re: Chapter focus

Would create ad hoc Chapter committee sooner than later and put membership on the back burner.

Need to discuss formation of Fairbanks chapters, etc.

XVIII. Good of the Order—Roundtable

XIX Adjourn at 2:20

***MOTION: “The UAFAA Board Adjourns.” By Tom, Second by Thomas  
Motion passes favorably***

## Future Meetings and Events

### 2021

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| April 23   | UAFAA Grad Bash at the Pub*               |
| April 24   | <b>UAFAA spring meeting in Fairbanks*</b> |
| May 1      | UAF Commencement Ceremony++               |
| June 3     | BOR meeting, Fairbanks                    |
| July 22-24 | Nanook Rendezvous Reunion ++              |
| August TBD | UAF Alumni Hamburger Booth at the fair    |
| Sept. TBD  | <b>UAFAA fall meeting in Fairbanks*</b>   |
| Sept. 9-10 | BOR meeting, Juneau                       |
| Nov. 11-12 | BOR meeting, Anchorage                    |

**\*Board Member attendance required**

++Voluntary attendance