

**UAFAA Board of Directors
Spring 2022 Meeting Minutes
April 22-23, 2022**

Call to Order and Roll Call - Friday, April 22, 2022

Cindy Wright (President, Seat 9-FNSB) - EXCUSED
Tom Brice (Vice-President, Seat 7-Southeast)
Marybeth Loewen (Secretary, Seat 2-Southcentral)
Thomas Farrugia (Treasurer, Seat 11-Municipality of Anchorage)
Dee Dee Ivanoff (Seat 1-Rural)
Forrest Kuiper (Seat 3-FNSB) - EXCUSED
Meredith Cameron (Seat 4-Southcentral)
Meadow Bailey (Seat 5-FNSB)
Darryl Lewis Sr. (Seat 6-At-Large)
George Cromer (Seat 8-At Large)
Libby Eddy (Seat 10-Outside)

Scott Roselius, Hockey Chapter, ex-officio
Riley von Borstel, ASUAF, ex-officio
Brenda Riley, Fairbanks Chapter, representative
Theresa Bakker, Executive Director, ex-officio

Incoming board members:
Rhonda Widener, Seat 9
Lorna Shaw, Seat 10

Adoption of Agenda

Libby Eddy moves that the board adopts the agenda as presented and is seconded by Darryl Lewis Sr.

Approval of the Minutes

Thomas Farrugia moves that the board approve the minutes of the Winter 2022 regular meeting and is seconded by Meadow Bailey

Annual Meeting of Members—Tom Brice, Vice President

Vice President Tom Brice gavels into Annual Meeting of Members and calls to order. No one present in meeting (in person or via zoom), ended meeting at 10:16

UAF Leadership Update

Chancellor White provided an update and responded to questions:

- Kinross Fort Knox \$1M gift to Troth Yeddha'
- \$2.3 M gift to Music Department to endow a chair
 - UAF has three endowed chair: ;Fisheries, Journalism, Music
- Tier 1 research : focus in the arts creating PhDs
- On 3-year plan to restructure tuition model
 - 91% of students are on some form of financial aid
- Thanks UAFAA for advocacy in Juneau; had a \$35M internal cut

Rural Student Outreach – Charlene Stern

Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education (VCRNE) provides an update and responds to questions.

- 20% of UAF's student population is Indigenous
- Important pillars already in operations:
 - Rural Student Services on campus,
 - RAHI (approx 50% of RAHI students enter UAF)
- Added graduation advisor for RSS
 - Plans including partnership with Doyon on an ANSCA forum looking back and forwards on 50 years of ANCSA
 - <https://www.tamamta.org/>
- UAFAA can help with public advocacy and public testimony to BoRegents

OLD BUSINESS

Reports/Committees

Executive Committee/ President Cindy Wright provides a report:

- Written report read into the record by Vice-President Tom Brice

Executive Director Theresa Bakker provides a report:

- Written report includes staffing vacancies, 3MT thank you letter, benefactor fund updates, including winning the TRIO award for support of SSS First Gen program,

Chapter Reports

Hockey - Scott Roselius

- Feb 4th event in Phoenix very successful, lots of old acquaintances reestablished
- Feb 24/25 2023 is next AZ/UAF hockey game
- Event at Carlson Center February 25th to honor John Keller's philanthropy
- Hockey Chapter donated \$25,000 to scholarship endowment
- Golf tournament planned for the Saturday after Labor Day
- Theresa thanked Scott for his continuing communication, collaboration and patience

Fairbanks - Brenda Riley

- Written report read into record by Vice-President Tom Brice
- Mary Beth asked who the Fairbanks Chapter board members are and if UAFAA has received minutes from the Fairbanks Chapter January 2022 meeting
- Point of clarification that UAFAA has paid insurance for the Fairbanks Chapter Hamburger Booth and offered to coordinate volunteers as always

Committee Reports

Scholarship --Mary Beth Loewen

- Jay Hammond and Audrey Loftus recipients have been submitted
- Final four scholarships still needing to be reviewed and awarded.

Legislative --Tom Brice

- Budget generally better than it has for past three years
- Board of Regents teleconference for testimony 1-866-831-8713 May 23rd 4:00 pm

Awards -- Libby Eddy

- Met in December, reviewed nominations.
- Awardees of Distinguished Alumnus Award are a PhD and a Certificated Associated in health care field- Dr Allison Kellher and DeLys Cook
- Jim Culley awarded Cashen award for service. Awardees will be at Rendezvous

Governance -- Meredith Cameron

- Simply Voting results included in packet.

Approval of 2022 Election results

Tom Brice moves to accept the 2022 election results, seconded by Libby Eddy

Finance -- Thomas Farrugia

FY23 Budget Discussion

Mary Beth Loewen moves to approve the FY23 budget, seconded by Libby Eddy.

Nanook Network ambassador training — Simi Khurana

- Presentation provided to board members

Visit with Cellaire Voice Studio, 2022 Benefactor Fund recipients

- Visited 15 schools over the course of 1 academic year. Most of fall was prep, and in spring semester 1 school/week. Supported by URSA and Benefactor Fund. (Dr. Cellaire is endowed chair of Music Dept)

Outgoing Board Member Recognition and Thanks

The Board recognizes Libby Eddy and Cindy Wright for their contributions to UAFAA.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourns at 3:52 p.m.

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NEW BUSINESS

New/Returning Board Members Seated

George Cromer III, Seat 8
Rhonda Widener, Seat 9
Lorna Shaw, Seat 10
Thomas Farrugia, Seat 11

Disclosures of conflicts of interest – full board

Board Officer Elections

- A. President - Mary Beth Loewen
- B. Vice President - Tom Brice
- C. Secretary - Ronda Widener
- D. Treasurer - Thomas Farrugia

Committee officers/chairs

Board member moves to approve the following committee members, seconded by ...

Signatures for checking account

Tom Brice moves to approve signature authority for the following members and is seconded by Lorna Shaw.

Treasurer: Thomas Farrugia

Signers: Meadow Bailey, Forrest Kuiper, Rhonda Widener

Meeting Schedule 2022-2023 – Theresa Bakker

September 23-24, 2022 -- Fall Board Meeting in Fairbanks

Jan. 28, 2023 -- Winter Board meeting in Juneau

April 14-15, 2023 -- Spring Board Meeting in Fairbanks

Proposal to hold UA Impact advocacy trip to Juneau Jan 26-27 with winter board conference on Jan 28 in Juneau, proposed location Lena Point CFOS.

Tom Brice moves to approve the 2022-2023 meeting schedule. Seconded by Darryl Lewis.

Strategic Plan Update - UAFAA President

Investment Account Discussion - Finance Committee/Thomas Farrugia

Membership DiscussionUpdate - Governance Committee/Meredith Cameron

- Proposing to not change membership structure, revisit annually
- Governance will continue to discuss metrics of success
- Lifetime membership benefit discussion

Good of the Order

Each Board member had the opportunity to express their personal thoughts.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Tom Brice moves that the meeting adjourns at 2:07 p.m. and is seconded by Thomas Farrugia.