

ASEA In Action



Mat-Su Chapter 2018 Scholarship Application Now Available

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Mat-Su Chapter is pleased to offer a \$1,500 Scholarships to a ASEA Union Member in "Good Standing" for one year, and to an ASEA Union Dependent (spouses and children).

Go online at <https://www.afscmelocal52.org/union-leadership/chapters/mat-su-chapter> to access the application.

Applications must be postmarked no later than November 17, 2019.

2018 Steward's Training

Fall 2018 Steward's Training will be held in November this year. Anchorage training, (both Basic and Advanced) will be held at the ASEA Headquarters Office. The locations for Juneau and Fairbanks trainings will be announced.

● November 27 - Basic Steward Training

Anchorage, ASEA Headquarters Office 2601 Denali Street
Juneau, ASEA Office, 318 4th Street
Fairbanks, ASEA Office, 542 4th Avenue, Suite 226
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

● November 28 - Advanced Stewards Training

Anchorage Department of Corrections, Transportation, and Anchorage Bush/Rural chapters: Mat-Su, Cook Inlet, Bristol Bay, Kodiak, Seward, and Yukon-Kuskokwim (Bethel)
2601 Denali St 8:30 - 4:30

● **November 28 Fairbanks** and Fairbanks Bush /Rural Chapters: Alcan (Tok), Nome, Buffalo (Delta Junction), Glennallen, and Valdez

Location to be determined 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

● **November 28 Juneau and Juneau Bush/Rural Chapters:** Ketchikan, Petersburg-Wrangell, Cordova, and Sitka

VTRC 3239 Hospital Dr. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

● **November 29 - Advance Training for Anchorage ONLY**

Anchorage Department of Administration, Law, Revenue, DEC, Education, DHSS, Labor, DCCED, DMVA, DNR, DF&G, & DPS
2601 Denali St 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

You **MUST RSVP** after your release time and/or leave request is approved by your supervisor. **PLEASE RSVP by COB ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9th. PLEASE RSVP TO: aseahq@afscmelocal52.org or call 1-800-478-2732 or (907) 277-5200**

After we have received your RSVP, Norma will contact you regarding any travel or lodging needed. Please request enough additional leave to cover travel time to/from your assigned urban training location.

TRAINING IS MANDATORY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND YOU MUST OBTAIN AN EXCUSED ABSENCE:

You **MUST** submit a written statement (email) to aseahq@afscmelocal52.org with the reason you are unable to attend Steward training. [ASEA Policy 9.03.B: Only the Executive Director may excuse an absence. Two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from either a basic or advanced training opportunity following election or appointment shall result in decertification of a steward.]



Alaska Day
Oct. 18

President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

Your Union has been quite busy. As you can see there are many worksite meetings happening in your respective areas and trainings for our chapter leaders and active members. Your Contract Negotiating Committee (CNC) is gearing up for the upcoming negotiations with the State. I hope you have all reached out to your CNC members and shared what you would like to see in your contract.

Our political climate is in full gear and your voice must be heard and your choice must be exercised. Get out and vote!

One of our members and an Army Veteran, Joel Dolphin was fortunate to travel to Washington, DC to speak to Senator Murkowski and others about his story of abuse. Here is his story;

"On October 3, an organization presented me and 10 others from across the country with an incredible opportunity to travel to Washington DC to represent sexual assault survivors and convince our respective senators to vote no on Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. We also attended the anti-Kavanaugh rally, at which time we were gifted a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give a brief speech to the thousands in the rally, on stage, at the steps of the Supreme Court. Myself and the two others in my group from Alaska then walked to Senator Murkowski's nearby office. At that time, Senator Murkowski was reading the FBI investigation report at the Capitol building, so we ended up telling our story to a senior staffer. Our survivor stories brought her to tears, and I truly appreciate her ability to deeply empathize. She took copious notes throughout the interaction, and stated she would relay to Senator Murkowski our stories and our arguments for voting no. When I learned she did not vote yes, I felt pride and I can't help but think that me and the dozens of other Alaskans who made the trek to Washington DC really helped make the difference." - Joel Dolphin



So your voice does count!

Alaska Day, is October 18, 2018, and ASEA members and family members will be partaking in a Day of Service at the Food Bank of Alaska, Anchorage, please come and join us. There will be two shifts, 12p.m.-1:30p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-7:00p.m. Everyday we as public service members give our best in supporting the services we provide to communities in our State. There is so many things we can do to support your community and show our UNION STRONG.

I would like to welcome one of our Sister affiliates to our Anchorage Headquarters office, Alaska Municipal Employees Association (AMEA)/AFSCME Local 16. AMEA represents nearly 600 Anchorage Municipal Employees, proudly providing essential Public Services that keep Anchorage working twenty-four hours a day - seven days a week.

I am happy to report members are getting involved in our Statewide committees and we have a few more vacancies that you can join. Our Presidents have shared that their members are participating in local chapter activities and sharing ideas. Sisters and Brothers your involvement matters and we additionally would like you to tell your story of what you do as a State employee and an ASEA Member and how our Union is AFSCME Strong. Contact me so I can share your story.

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for the work that you do. We will continue to **Engage** collectively with one another through our worksites, our union involvement and community partnerships and **Inspire** one another to make a difference in our Union, because you can. I will continue to reach out to you and I hope you will do the same. My challenge to you is ask yourself, "how can you help your union" and to reach out to me and let me know how you want to be involved. Until next time, remember we are strong collectively and "UNITY" is in our **COMMUNITY. RISE UP!**

In Friendship & Solidarity!

Dawn Bundick, ASEA President



Happy Halloween!