



ASEA/ AFSCME Local 52 Monthly Bulletin: June 2019



President's Message

I would like to start off with humility and enthusiasm, and provide and a heartfelt thank you for reelecting me as your ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 state president. I am so humbled and am ready to serve you these next three years.

Over the last few months, our chapter presidents and union leaders attended the P.E.L. conference, learned about our legislative process and networked with our legislators to encourage them to support our ratified contracts and stop the privatization of API.

Many of our legislative allies supported our efforts. But we need to expand our network of supporters. Therefore, we need help! Please contact your legislators and share your support for our sisters and brothers at API.

I want to thank you all for the work that you do. Because of your membership, solidarity and camaraderie, our communities are safer and Alaskans are getting the resources they need.

We are more powerful together than individually. We have 21 chapters in our local and we are embracing our retired ASEA/AFSCME members and other AFL-CIO affiliates who help us when we need them. But it's up to all of us to become more informed, engaged and to resist the negativity to help build ASEA/AFSCME Local 52. Be strong and proud to belong to your union.

Once again RISE UP, NEVER QUIT and FIND YOUR VOICE!

In friendship and solidarity,

Dawn Bundick,
ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 president

Save the Date

June 7 – Anchorage Chapter Hot Friday

June 15 - Solidarity Night at the Ball Park

June 28 - Anchorage Family Movie Night

June 29 - Anchorage PrideFest Equality Parade

Share Your Upcoming Events at
ASEAHQ@afscmelocal52.org

[View our online calendar for more events!](#)



Budget Update from Jake Metcalfe

As of today, it is unlikely that the governor will sign a state operating budget before June 1. However, ASEA is in communication with the administration and the legislature to ensure that an budget is in place for the new fiscal year. That means **even if layoff notices are issued, ASEA is optimistic that**

a budget will be signed into law prior to July 1, 2019, and no layoffs will take place.

But we need your help! Write or call your legislators and the governor to demand that they agree to a budget that prioritizes public programs and services as well as the state's economy. I hope your message gives pause to the lawmakers who have expressed support for the governor's plans to out-source jobs and transfer constitutionally mandated responsibilities to out-of-state corporations. If you don't know who your legislators are, call ASEA at (907) 277-5200 or (800) 478-2732 toll free, and we'll provide the email addresses or phone numbers for your legislator and the governor's office.



ASEA Health Trust: Open Enrollement is May 20 - June 7

Your health plan contribution rates will NOT increase for the next plan year thanks to members using benefits wisely, and thanks to the ASEA Health Trust for absorbing cost increases. Details about the open enrollment were mailed in mid-May and includes details about plan options, benefit changes for the 2019/2020 Plan Year, and how to enroll.

Enroll by June 7 if you want to change your plan choice, add/drop dependents, cover your spouse in Plan A, or have an HCRA for the 2019/2020 plan year. You do NOT need to enroll if you want to keep your current coverage.

Coalition Health Centers: Now Open Saturdays

CHCs offer convenient health services at no cost to you. Licensed practitioners provide care for routine or urgent health concerns, offer preventive services, prescribe medication and dispense generic drugs.

The CHCs are now open Saturdays from 8 AM - 2 PM (appointments only), and Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM. Make an appointment at coalitionhealthcenter.com or call 907-264-1370 (Anchorage) or 907-450-3300 (Fairbanks). There is now a \$75 no-show fee for missed appointments, so cancel if you can't make it.

Midnight Sun Scholarship Recipients



ASEA Midnight Sun Chapter announces the 2019 scholarship winners:

- Lisa Larson, a Midnight Sun member.
- Riley Kulash, a dependent of a Midnight Sun member.



Congratulations to the Winners!

From Left to Right: Midnight Sun Chapter's Executive Board Mike Laiti, Robert Kinnard, Tom Benjamin, Stephanie Matez, Beth Siegel, Jennifer Chambers; presenting to Lisa Larson (Top) and Riley Kulash (Bottom).

ASEA Legal Services Has A New Direct Phone Line

To verify eligibility for the ASEA legal Services benefits, all you have to do is:

Call (866) 678-8647 or Email Asealegal-eligibility@ltsalaska.com