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1. State why you wish to serve on the Board of Directors.

As an Alaska resident since 1969 and Valley resident since 1977 I've only missed one fair – because of family travel. I believe the Alaska State Fair is an institution that embodies what Alaska was and should be in wholesome and healthy character, and good family-oriented entertainment. I know it as a 'must see' destination for those who live here and who are visiting our beautiful state and Valley. I want to be a part of the guiding team for this foundation attraction and event so I can give back some of the joy it has provided me.

2. Summarize employment experience; include work with budgets and supervisory duties.

2010-Present - employed by Northern Industrial Training, LLC. I work in multiple disciplines in the equipment operation, truck driving and safety areas, as well as develop new programs in industrial safety and training.

2002-2010 - Truck driver for L.C. Wilson. I drove around 250,000 miles, mostly in-state, delivering mail to road-accessible post offices. Truck driver for BJ Watson. I drove Anchorage-Fairbanks on a regular basis pulling double-trailers with goods. Alpine Excavating, LLC. I was a partner in this company and managed an excavating crew all over the Valley.

1973-2002 - Anchorage Fire Department. I worked as a firefighter, driver, officer and command officer with five stations, nine crews and up-to 55 personnel under my command from 1996-retirement in 2002.

I have owned and managed three excavating companies with up-to three employees between 1974 and 2007, and had to do all budgeting and accounting for them.

3. List any volunteer activities, including board experience.

2011-present – member of the Midway Estates Road Service Area #9 Board of Supervisors. Presently the Primary member. (\$1.5-2M annual budget)

2010-present – member of Matanuska Electric Association Bylaws Committee (reappointed twice)

2009-present – member of Matanuska Electric Association Elections Committee (reappointed three times)

1999-present – member of the Wasilla Fire Department/Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area #31 Board of Supervisors. Vice Chair from 2008-2014 (reappointed numerous times) (\$4.5-5.5M annual budget)

1988-1992 – (founding/charter) member of Susitna Basin Charter Operators Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Secretary/Treasurer

1977-1980 – member of the Wasilla Fire Service Area #1 Board of Supervisors. (elected position [at the time])

1977-1980 – active volunteer firefighter with the Wasilla Fire Department

1975-1980 – (Charter) member of the Mat-Su Homebuilders Association

1974-1980 – member of the Alaska Sportsfishing Association Board of Directors

1974-1978 – Member of Board of Directors, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Alaska Chapter; President – 1976-78

4. How have you participated in the Fair in the past? Includes fairgoer, vendor, volunteer, exhibitor, employee, events, programs, and activities.

As noted in my 'why do you want to be a director' I've attended the fair literally every year I've been in Alaska. I think I missed it once due to an Outside family emergency. I have worked in the Pristine Products oyster booth for more than five years. I have had a few exhibits in the fair over the past 30+ years.-As an employee of Northern Industrial Training I've probably spent almost as much time in your parking lot as some of your employees have spent at work. I've also helped create more parking, the new Yellow Trail road, much of the storage area for overwintering booths, and other on-the-grounds civil projects.

5. Summarize what you value most about the Fair. State your specific areas of interest.

The Fair represents a fun, standard event that is repeatable, refreshing, enjoyable and educational. It

is the event that marks the 'end of the summer' and the beginning of fall and ushers the summer season out with a bang – and what a bang it is.

6. *What is your vision for the Fair and do you have specific goals?*

It's the only showcase for the urbanites to see the 'country' aspects of Alaska when they get to see the animal exhibits, the produce and vegetables, and the crafts that represent 'farm' Alaska. It's also a 'gathering place' for regular (and new) vendors where all Alaskans can get 'their food,' their fun and see, explore and enjoy 'old friends' and products. I've been to Pia's Woolens every year for as long as I can remember and buy six pairs of socks. She knows me by name – only from the fair; my wife gets two pair of slipper/mocs from another vendor and is likewise known. And we literally don't have to 'order' food at some of the booths as we've come to know some of 'our favorite' vendors and they've come to know us. My vision is to perpetuate the Fair as the 'standard' for clean family fun; to ensure that my grandchildren, and theirs can enjoy the events, the education and the wholesomeness of this annual family event.

My goals would be to help the Fair to keep up with and grow with the times, but remain the standard-bearer of Alaska's farming past; to see it prosper and persevere in spite of any changes in local or state politics or economy, and; to see its popularity continue as THE must attend event of this great state.