



**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

May 15, 2024
Wednesday
7:00 p.m.
Raven Hall

Alaska State Fair Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Alaska State Fair, Inc. provides a center for the Alaskan community to gather in a dynamic and safe atmosphere throughout the year.

Mission

Produce a traditional State Fair which educates and entertains Fairgoers. Provide stable finances through good business practices, statewide outreach, partnerships and hosting a variety of community, cultural, and business events.

Alaska State Fair, Inc.
2024 Annual Meeting
AGENDA

1. Establish Quorum
2. Call to Order: President Harkey
3. Ballot Box Presented
4. Introduction of Board and CEO
5. Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report, Aryne Randall
7. State of the Alaska State Fair Address
President Harkey
8. Election Committee Report
Jon Marc Petersen
9. Candidates Statements – 3 minute limit
10. Election – Directors
11. Call for Ballots
12. Recess
13. Door Prize Drawing
14. Final Call for Ballots
15. CEO Preview for 2024
16. Member Comments
17. Board Comments
18. Results of Director Election
19. Adjournment



April 19, 2024

Dear Members,

You are cordially invited to join us for the Annual Membership Meeting of the Alaska State Fair, taking place on Wednesday, May 15 at Raven Hall. The doors will open, and voter registration will commence at 6:30 pm.

Your presence is crucial as we require a quorum, even for those who have already submitted their ballots by mail.

The Election Committee has certified candidates for one open seat on the Alaska State Fair, Inc. Board of Directors. During our Annual Meeting, each candidate will deliver a brief presentation, and their profiles are enclosed in the accompanying booklet. The election of the Director will be the sole item on the ballot this year.

We eagerly anticipate a lively and informative evening together. Expect prizes, treats, and the chance for us all to visit and reconnect.

Serving as your President is a true honor, and I am privileged to represent each one of you. I sincerely hope to see you all on May 15 at Raven Hall.

Best Regards,

John Harkey,
President

2023 MINUTES

Alaska State Fair, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023

President Bernier called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm after establishing a quorum and asking Kiwanis to present the Ballot Box. President Bernier introduced Alaska State Fair, Inc. Board of Directors: Vice President Jason Ortiz, Treasurer Aryne Randall, Secretary Sheron Patrick, Directors John Harkey, Cody Beus, Jon Marc Peterson.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved, and Treasurer Randall presented the Alaska State Fair Treasurer's Report stating that Alaska State Fair, Inc. was in excellent financial condition.

President Bernier reported to the Membership:

- The 2022 Alaska State Fair's theme *Experience the Wonder* celebrated a record-breaking attendance of 340,000.
- Exhibit entries were up from 2021 in diverse categories; records were set for beet roots, onions, fennel, ginger root, strawberries, tomato plants and garlic with a total of nine state records set. Our record setting vegetables have garnered the world's attention with the giant pumpkin weigh-off reaching over 1.6 million people.
- All of the giant vegetables on display were picked up after the fair and become treats for the animals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.
- More than 500 vendors set up shop at the 2022 Fair. We are proud to support so many local and family run businesses and appreciate the benefits they offer the local economy in providing jobs and bringing dollars into the community.
- We recycled 93,670 pounds of materials, up 63% from 2021. Cardboard accounted for 86,000 pounds of the materials thanks to the combined effort of volunteers, vendors, and fairgoers.
- In partnership with Mat-Su Food Bank, 13,000 pounds of food was collected and vegetables from our exhibits and gardens are used to benefit Kid's Cupboard, the Alaska Zoo, and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.
- Support for our youth continues to grow - 91 animals were sold at auction raising \$419,957 for 4H and FFA youth.
- We continue to provide facilities for many other organizations to hold events throughout our grounds, such as the Christmas Factory, Scottish Highland Games and the Great Alaska Air Show! Security \$275,000
- We continued the Fair scholarship program, awarding five students a total of \$7,500.
- The 2022 Alaska Farm Family of the Year was awarded to Martha Merry, Amy Seitz, & Jane Conway, Lancashire Farm, Soldotna, AK
- As owners of the Rebarchek property, one of the first colonist farms in the Mat-Su Valley and on the National Register of Historic places, the Fair is preserving the history of agriculture in Alaska and the Mat-Su Valley and also providing land and education opportunities for sustaining agriculture now and in the future.
- As a private nonprofit, we rely on the support of our sponsors and partners whom we could not do what we do without their investments in our community.
- Thanks also to the hundreds of volunteers who have given decades of their time to help make this fair happen and provide us with the reputation of being one of the top fairs in the country.
- Thank you all for allowing me to represent you. It has truly been my honor.

Election Chair Jon Petersen verified all eleven candidates had been certified as eligible to run and thanked the Kiwanis for being our Election Officials and Fosselman & Associates, who provide our election support. Each of the candidates spoke to the membership.

President Bernier called for ballots and a recess at 8:00 pm and voting closed at 8:40 pm.

Call for Ballots 8:00 and Recess / 8:37 last call for ballot.

Ballot boxes were closed at 8:40 pm.

Election Results

Ballot Measures 1., 2., 3., regarding changes to the Articles and ByLaws passed.

Jason Ortiz, Carol Kenley, and William Fischer were elected to the Alaska State Fair, Inc. Board of Directors.

President Bernier Adjourned the Meeting at 9:18 pm.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Cody Beus

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INCUMBENT

Palmer

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

Serving my first term has been an incredibly fulfilling and rewarding experience. I would be honored to serve a second term. I believe that my perspective, experience, and voice on the board has continued the diverse leadership we need. I care deeply about the fair and its future. I feel placed to continue serving with energy and with an emphasis on our youth agriculture programs.

2. Summarize employment experience.

Former wildland firefighter for the State of Alaska. Greenhouse and Agricultural Program manager for the Southeast Island School District. Palmer High Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor. Knik Tribe Agriculture Technical Specialist.

3. List any volunteer activities, including board experience.

Have served as the president of the Mat-Su Chapter of the Alaska Farm Bureau. Former host of Big Cabbage radios Ag Matters program. Former member of the Boroughs agriculture advisory board. Pioneer Northland Grange #1 member. 4h parent and volunteer.

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

My earliest memories include attending the fair and falling in love. As a teenager I both worked at retail booths but also bringing livestock to be judged. I've been able to volunteer at the Mat-Su Farm Bureaus booth, volunteered with youth groups to take tickets. As a 4h parent I spend a lot of time with my children at the fair with their animals.

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

What I value most about the fair is its cultural significance for our State and its non-profit mission. I feel that it values the past, agricultural importance, and showcases the future. I care deeply about youth development and the importance of agriculture. Our vendor culture makes our fair shine and really sets us apart. Our gardens and greenery rival much larger venues and show the beauty of our area.

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

My vision for the fair is to continue the current work of the board. We value financial stability and preparation for any eventualities. The turmoil of recent events has taught us all to be prepared financially to weather any storm. The Rebarchek farm project is of special interest of mine as we continue to develop. I commend the work of the committee and our president in forwarding the search for our new CEO. I am extremely pleased with the working relationship that the board has with our CEO as he works with our incredible staff.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Zachary Gottshall

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Anchorage

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

Rooted in the vibrant atmosphere of 4H and FFA, my upbringing blossomed amidst the fair's enchanting energy. Countless cherished memories were crafted there. I am enthusiastic about contributing to the growth and prosperity of the Alaska State Fair, driven by a deep-seated passion nurtured by my experiences.

2. Summarize employment experience.

I am a Regional Sales Manager for caterpillar, representing a global brand across Alaska. I'm a retired US Army Intelligence Officer having retired in December 2019. I am a co-founder of Denali EV, co-founder of Cama'i Enterprises, Director of the Shiloh Rescue Mission and serve as Chairman of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.

3. List any volunteer activities, including board experience.

I serve as a Director of the Shiloh Rescue Mission and as Chairman of the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights.

Additionally, I am Vice Chairman of District 13 of the Alaskan Republican Party, and a Vice President of the Taku /Campbell Community Council.

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

I have participated as an exhibitor for a senate campaign in 2022. I was an exhibitor for the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights in 2022 and 2023. I have sponsored several events at the fair in 2022 and 2023 (NC Cat at the Rental Store).

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

The fair embodies a stage for our youth to pursue their dreams, discover new horizons, all while creating cherished memories. Confessing to my own weakness for 'fair food,' I eagerly anticipate each visit to the Alaska State Fair, relishing the diverse array of flavors and constantly seeking new culinary experiences.

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

I would like to see the fair integrate sustainable practices into Alaska State Fair operations, focusing on waste reduction, energy conservation, and eco-friendly transportation. Furthermore, I propose the development of outreach initiatives to engage rural communities statewide, fostering inclusivity and participation in the fair's activities.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Steven Loyer
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Palmer

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

I aspire to join the Board of Directors to express my gratitude towards the Alaska State Fair for the joy it has brought into my life each summer. My goal is also to give back to the community that has played a pivotal role in my personal and professional growth, enabling me to establish a successful company. Leveraging my expertise in technology and my perspective as a younger member, I believe I can contribute meaningful guidance and innovation to the board, enhancing the State Fair's impact and legacy.

2. Summarize employment experience.

My engagement with Alopex Interaction Design since 2014, culminating in a partnership by 2020, underscores my growth and commitment. Previously, as a Freelance Web Contractor, I worked with Fortune 500 companies like Scholastic and Softbank Robotics, gaining significant tech expertise. Furthermore, managing a Motocross/Supercross news outlet during my academic years broadened my skills in journalism and communication. This diverse experience, blending technology with creative storytelling, equips me with a unique perspective I am eager to bring to the Board of Directors.

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

In the past, my collaboration with the Fair through Alopex involved developing its website and supporting various initiatives, aimed at enhancing the Fair's digital presence and streamlining operations. Additionally, through Alopex, we have engaged with several of the Fair's vendors on promotions, including notable projects with MTA, further underlining our commitment to leveraging technology to enrich community experiences and foster successful vendor partnerships.

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

What I cherish most about the Fair is its ability to unify the community, igniting a collective excitement from the moment the rides begin to arrive and the show announcements are made. The anticipation builds up to the experience of being amidst the festivities, where the joy of participation and the reconnection with familiar faces remind us of our shared bonds. This celebration of community spirit and the creation of lasting memories are what I value deeply, with a particular interest in how the Fair fosters connections and brings joy to people of all ages.

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

My vision for the Fair is to preserve its small-town essence while fostering a deeper connection with our heritage, particularly among younger attendees. I envision integrating technology to meld tradition with innovation, making the fair both educational and enjoyable. Through interactive exhibits, digital storytelling, and tech-driven activities, we can engage the youth in learning about our community's history and the fair's significance. My policy goals focus on creating a seamless blend of the old and new, ensuring the Fair remains a cherished event that educates, entertains, and brings our community closer.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Wasilla

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

I am deeply passionate about the Alaska's State Fair's role in fostering community spiriting, celebrating local culture, and promoting agricultural excellence. With a background in event management and a strong commitment to community engagement, I believe I can bring valuable insights and leadership to the board of directors. I am dedicated to ensuring the fair continues to evolve and thrive, offering memorable experiences for both Alaska residents and visitors. Serving on the board would allow me to contribute my skills, experience and enthusiasm towards the fair's success and impact on the people and economy of Alaska.

2. Summarize employment experience.

My experience as both a property manager and an executive assistant to the President of an oil & gas firm has uniquely positioned me to contribute on the Board for the Alaska State Fair. As a property manager, I have skills in overseeing operations, managing budgets, collaborating with board of directors to ensure effective management & maintenance of properties, and facilitating board meetings. My experience as an executive assistant, equips me with expertise needed to coordinate the fair's diverse array of activities. I bring a strong blend of organization, attention to detail and passion for community involvement.

3. List any volunteer activities, including board experience.

In addition to facilitating hundreds of board of directors meetings, I also find passion in volunteering for TrendAlaska (a fashion show fundraiser that supports a local non-profit each year). In past years, I have coached gymnastics for a local high school. I participate annually in Citywide cleanup.

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

As a fairgoer, I have explored exhibits, enjoyed live performances, indulged in as many food vendors as one's stomach allows, rooted on the prized agricultural displays, cooed on our animal friends, and supported the vendors and artisans that make it all happen. I've also volunteered my time to help vendors at their booths.

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

I value the Alaska State Fair's concerts for providing unforgettable entertainment experiences and showcasing diverse talent. I also appreciate the FOOD. The fair has always served as a melting pot of cultures on all fronts; providing a platform for people to share their culture, art, and cuisine. Together, these elements have created an immerse and enriching environment that I've had the opportunity to be a part of since I was a child.

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

My vision for the Alaska State Fair is to elevate it as a premier cultural and agricultural event while fostering sustainability and inclusivity. Specific goals would include implementing more eco-friendly practices to minimize environmental impact. Additionally, it would be great to enhance educational programs that highlight Alaska's heritage so we can ensure the fair remains a cherished tradition for generations to come.

Year-Round Events & Facility Rentals

In keeping with our Mission Statement, the fairgrounds provide a dynamic and safe atmosphere for many different events. With fenced and gated grounds, we provide a secure space for both private and ticketed events. There is always something going on at the Alaska State Fairgrounds! Check our Events Calendar online.

- Some of the events that you might have attended in the early spring, (late winter?) of 2023 were AMMC youth snocross, Bella Kids online sale pick up, the Mat Valley Sportsmen's Gun Show, The Wedding Show, Denali Destroyers Roller Derby, the Palmer Lions Gun Show, The Children's Place fundraiser, the FFA convention, and Consign 49. We hope you showed support for our local baseball team at the Mat-Su Miners' Dinner Raffles in February and April.
- May features the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering, where you can let your inner child dream of flying, and your adult self can dream of owning a new airplane. In 2023 dump truck drivers tested their skills in the Red parking lot at the Truck Rodeo. Then a lot of shopping and feasting is always to be had at the Alaska Vintage Market and Food Truck Fest. Every year you can browse the slightly used kids' clothing at Bella Kids consignment sale and on the last weekend in May, Rodeo Alaska is kicking and bucking at the Grandstands. Raven Hall and Hoskins will be housing a new event, "Hanibi Con" over the three-day weekend, as well.
- In June, come out and cast your vote at the MTA Annual Meeting. While you are out enjoying the City of Palmer's Colony Days celebration, you can come check out the Chickaloon Health Fair! Then watch happy dogs fly through the air and run the course at the Summer Solstice Flyball Dog event. Followed by the Scottish Highland Games hosted by the Alaska Scottish Club,
- July brings us more dogs with the Cook Inlet Kennel Club dog show. The Fiber Fest is a wonderful event to squeeze lots of yarn, pet sheep and bunnies, and drool over knitting and weaving tools. Don't forget to come out and show support for the Cardboard City fundraiser for the homeless.
- The fall season brings more consignment sales. We now have two weekends of our Holiday Bazaar, with over 150 vendors of handmade items. You can dance up a storm in your polar bear costume, while drinking craft beer at the Boo Fest and bring the kids out for a safe night of trick or treating at Halloween Hollow.
- Winter brings enchanting happenings! Bring the little ones out to the Christmas Factory over the holiday season. You really won't want to miss the magic they bring. We also hope you'll support the AKSCTP gun show, which supports statewide youth clay target shooting teams. Alaska State Fair, Inc. and the Christmas Factory have a surprise in store for some holiday fun in 2024. Watch for the announcement later in the year!!

Let Us Host Your Next Event

Raven Hall is our largest building at 20,000 square feet. It's perfect for fundraisers, trade shows, dog shows, receptions, memorials, and many other events. It has a catering kitchen, easy access for loading and unloading, and a spacious parking area. At Christmas the Hall is decorated for the holiday season in the event you are interested in holding a holiday party, without the work of decorating! Early reservations are highly encouraged, as we host many parties during the busy holiday season and now a holiday gun show as well!

Colony Theatre is ideal for small receptions, classes, and meetings. It has a quaint, rustic atmosphere.

Hoskins Building is great for groups too large for our smaller venues, but not large enough to fill Raven Hall.

Sheldon Events Center and the brand-new **Sluice Box** are available during the summer months. They are all perfect for receptions, dances, and smaller sales functions.

The Grounds are excellent if you don't need a building, but you are looking for a secure area with plenty of parking. Our enclosed lawn areas are perfect for large functions, picnics, retreats, dog training or conventions.

For more information on facility rentals, check our Facilities page on AlaskaStateFair.org, or email sheri@alaskastatefair.org.

France Equestrian Center

France Equestrian Center is on the southeast corner of the Alaska State Fairgrounds, surrounded by serene mountain views. This peaceful, expansive facility consists of four arenas, three barns, paddocks and several other amenities which can hold up to 98 horses at a time. France Equestrian Center has been a fundamental part of the Alaskan equestrian community for many years. This facility is used by all ages of equestrians for a variety of events, including camps, clinics, playdays, horse shows and rodeos. A few of the organizations that utilize France Equestrian Center include Rodeo Alaska, 907 Barrel Racers, Alaska State Quarter Horse Association, Pony Club, private local barns and local 4-H clubs.

France Equestrian Center is an outdoor facility and open seasonally, as Alaskan weather allows - May through October. Watch the schedule for weekly events throughout the open summer season. When this facility is not fully booked for private events, it is also available to the public for haul-in open arena riding at a small fee. France Equestrian Center is an important training and conditioning area for many local riders. In addition to the barns and arenas, the center also has restrooms, an office, a kitchen, a historic cabin, outbuildings, and arena equipment to accommodate any equestrian event needs.

France Equestrian Center is eager for continued growth and adaptation in accordance with the local community's vision. The facility is looking forward to another great summer season, continuing to serve Alaskans in 2024!

For more information, please email Sierra at sierra@alaskastatefair.org or visit **France Equestrian Center's website at <https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/facility-rental/france-equestrian-center/>**

Please consider booking France Equestrian Center for your next outdoor equestrian event!

2023 Alaska State Fair Farm Family of the Year

Alaska's 2023 Farm Family Marja Smets & Bo Varsano Farragut Farm, Petersburg, AK

Alaska's "Farm Family of the Year" for 2023 is Bo Varsano and Marja Smets, who own and operate Farragut Farm located near Petersburg. The award was established in 2000 by DNR's Division of Agriculture and the Alaska State Fair to honor an Alaska Grown farm family that best epitomizes the spirit of the industry that year, and to showcase hard-working Alaskans committed to agriculture through nominations by their peers.

"Bo and Marja being recognized with this award is especially impressive when you consider that they're first generation famers who only started Farragut Farm in 2010," said Bryan Scoresby, Director of the Division of Agriculture. "I'm personally inspired by Bo and Marja's future goal of providing fresh carrots to all the school districts in Southeast Alaska!"

Farragut Farm is located in the remote Farragut Bay, approximately 35 miles north of Petersburg by boat. There are no roads or other forms of development on this land, so Bo and Marja use a 27-foot catamaran to bring their produce to market with a 4 to 5 hour boat trip. They sell from their farmstand in Petersburg to local customers as well as wholesale to schools, grocery stores and value-added food producers in Petersburg, Juneau and Wrangell.

"We love providing locally-grown vegetables to Southeast Alaska residents because there are not that many farms in our location, so the fresh produce is much appreciated," said Marja Smets, who grew up in Wisconsin and moved to Alaska 23 years ago. "That's one of the reasons we founded the Southeast Alaska Farmers Summit and continue to help with planning and execution of the biennial agricultural event."

Marja and Bo co-manage the organic farm together, doing most of the work themselves. Marja is responsible for crop planning, marketing and accounting, while Bo takes care of repairs, maintenance, tool building/creation and efficiency enhancement projects. They farm on just over one acre of land, using hand tools and building their farm's soils by sourcing local amendments such as seaweed, compost and fish scraps.

"I love farming in Alaska because we can spend our days outdoors in such a beautiful part of the world," said Bo Varsano, who was raised in Massachusetts and has lived in Alaska for 30 years. "We enjoy the freedom to set the rhythm and flow of our days, make a living from home and the creative problem-solving of challenges inherent in farming."

Bo and Marja hope to continue to provide healthy, fresh vegetables to their customers for many years to come, and are currently focusing on expanding their garlic and carrot crops.

Alaska Farm Families Over the Years

- 2000 Paul & Bernice Huppert Family – Palmer, AK
- 2001 Ben & Suus VanderWeele Family – Vanderweele Farms, Palmer, AK
- 2002 Bob & Jeane Havemeister Family – Havemeister Farms, Palmer, AK
- 2003 Mark & Tammy Rempel Family – Palmer, AK
- 2004 Paul & Peggy Dinkins – P & M Gardens, Eagle River, AK
- 2005 Tom Zimmer & Susan Willsrud Family – Calypso Farm & Ecology Center, Ester, AK
- 2006 Rex & Shirlene Wrigley Family – Delta Junction, AK
- 2007 Brenda and Randy & Becky Peterson Families – Insanity Acres, Delta Junction, AK
- 2008 Brad & Pam Lewis Family – Palmer, AK
- 2009 June & Clyde Oberg and Carol Kenley, Palmer, AK
- 2010 Ted & Katie Pyrah Family– Pyrah’s Pioneer Peak Farm, Palmer, AK
- 2011 Craige & Kathy Baker, The Baker Family – Gray Owl Farms, Palmer, AK
- 2012 Carrol and JoAnne Martin – Diamond M Ranch, Ninilchik or Kenai, AK
- 2013 Vern Stockwell and Becky Gardner – Stockwell Farms, Palmer, AK
- 2014 Michael & Paula Williams Family - EagleSong Family Peony Farm, Wasilla, AK
- 2015 Todd Pettit/Jack Seeman Family – Little Pitchford Ranch, Palmer, AK
- 2016 Scott & Connie Plagerman Family – Scott Plagerman Farms, Delta Junction, AK
- 2017 The McCollums & Pinkelmans – Northwest Land & Livestock, Delta Meat & Sausage, Inc. Delta Junction, AK
- 2018 Brian & Laurie Olsen Family, Alaska Berries – Soldotna, AK
- 2019 Brad and Christine St. Pierre, Goosefoot Farm - Fairbanks, AK
- 2020 Greg and Weatherly Bates, The Bates Family - Alaska Shellfish Farm, Halibut Cove, AK
- 2021 Allie Barker and Jed Workman - Chugach Farm, Chickaloon, AK
- 2022 Martha Merry, Amy Seitz, & Jane Conway, Lancashire Farm, Soldotna, AK
- 2023 Marja Smets & Bo Varsano, Farragut Farm, Petersburg, AK

The “Farm Family of the Year” award was established in 2000 by the Alaska Division of Agriculture and Alaska State Fair, Inc. with the intent to honor an Alaska farm family that best epitomizes the spirit of the industry that year, and to show appreciation for hard-working Alaskans committed to agriculture, including Alaska’s growing aquaculture segment.

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ALASKA STATE FAIR, INC.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 15, 2024
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out your ballot, insert in the return envelope, seal, and SIGN the back side. Remember, your **BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE ENVELOPE**. There are 4 candidates. Vote for **Up to One (1) only**.

2. Please drop your ballot in the U.S. Mail or deliver to Fosselman & Associates CPAS, 610 S Bailey St, Palmer, AK 99645 – **we cannot accept ballots at the Alaska State Fair office**. Be sure to allow enough time for mailing, as your ballot needs to be **received by 5:00 pm, May 14, 2024, to be counted**.

3. The ballot you received in the mail cannot be used to vote the day of the Annual Meeting. You will be issued a special ballot to vote at the meeting if Fosselman & Associates CPAS has not received a mail-in ballot from you.

4. Even if you have mailed in your ballot, when you come to the meeting, we will ask you to PLEASE SIGN IN. We need to determine if we have a quorum, and we would like you to verify that your contact information is correct at that time as well.

Your attendance is still most important at the Annual Meeting. Please do not use mail-in as a reason to not attend. Be part of the tradition at the Alaska State Fair!

Notes