



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report  
February 11, 2009**

There have been a number of changes since my last Director's Report. Jim Lynch was elected as the new AWIB Chair and four new members appointed to the board. The new AWIB members are Bonnie Jo Savland from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Joey Merrick from the Laborer's International Union of North America Local 341, Mike Woods from King Career Center, and Michelle Zenger from Green's Creek/Hecla Mining Company. Please welcome our new members to the AWIB!

I would like to thank Andy Baker for his service to the board as AWIB Chair from 2004 through January of 2009, and his continued service as a member of the Executive Committee. I would also like to thank Todd Bergman, Mayfield Evans, M.J. Longley, and John Palmatier for their years of service as members of the AWIB and they will be recognized at the February AWIB meeting with a Certificate of Recognition from Chair Lynch and Commissioner Bishop.

The agenda for the February AWIB meeting and Web Binder have been posted on the AWIB website at [www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/resources02-2009.htm](http://www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/resources02-2009.htm) for review by the board prior to the meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Juneau. I have requested all presentations by February 11<sup>th</sup> which will be added to the Web Binder as soon as they are received. AWIB staff have completed travel arrangements for board members and are in the process of preparing binders for the February meeting.

The AWIB agenda on February 23<sup>rd</sup> includes a review of the 2007 Training Performance Report, Briefings on Service Delivery Programs from the Division of Business Partnerships, Employment Security Division, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Division of Public Assistance, a FY 10 Workforce Development Budget Update, a legislative update, a presentation of the STEP Task Force Report, and a Tourism Industry Panel. At the board's request, time has also been allocated for visits to the Legislature.

The AWIB agenda on February 24<sup>th</sup> includes a report from the new AWIB Chair, Jim Lynch and the Executive Director, committee meetings and reports, a brief review of Robert's Rules of Order, presentation of the AWIB Training Plan Template, proposed AWIB by-law revisions, an update on the AGIA Training Strategic Plan, an update on Registered Apprenticeship, a presentation on Centers of Excellence, a briefing on Unemployment Insurance Employer Services, and presentation of the Vocational Instructor/Administrator of the Year awards.

Three members of the AWIB were appointed as Committee Chairs by Chair Lynch at the Executive Committee meeting held February 10, 2009. Jim Laiti was appointed Chair of the Policy Planning and Assessment and Evaluation Committee, Linda Hulbert was appointed Chair of the Legislative Committee, and Betty Jo Dibble was appointed Chair of the Youth Council. The new committee chairs will serve as members of the Executive Committee and all rosters will be updated to reflect this information. I would like to thank Jim,

The Executive Committee reviewed nominations on February 10, 2009 and selected Brian Walsh, Welding Instructor from King Career Center as the recipient of the Secondary Vocational Instructor of the Year and Bret Helms, Director of the Plumber's and Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee as the recipient of the Postsecondary Vocational Instructor of the Year.

As a reminder, the 2009 APOC Financial Disclosure Forms are due from board members by March 15, 2009. A copy of the forms and instructions are located at <http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ADMIN/apoc/filer.html>.

We have a full agenda and I look forward to a productive board meeting and seeing all members in Juneau on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committees**

- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Policy Planning and Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

### **AGIA Training Strategic Plan**

The AWIB will receive an update on the AGIA Training Plan at the February AWIB meeting in Juneau.

An electronic copy of the most recent draft of the AGIA Training Strategic Plan is available at [http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA\\_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf](http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf).

AGIA Resource Documents are located at [labor.alaska.gov/AGIA\\_teams/](http://labor.alaska.gov/AGIA_teams/).