

ALASBO News Link...

Welcome to our e-newsletter! Read on to get the latest tips and news from the Alaska Association of School Business Officials!

ALASBO Mission: To promote the highest standards in school business practices.

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Luke Fulp Receives School Business Official of Year Award by Amy Lujan

Congratulations to Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations at the Matsu Borough School District, who was named the Alaska School Business Official of the Year at ALASBO's December 2019 annual conference in Anchorage. Candidates for this prestigious award are nominated by their colleagues within the Alaska school business profession. Annually, a panel of previous recipients selects a deserving individual from the nominees submitted based upon their recognized outstanding service, innovative plan design and implementation, and the use of exemplary business practices within school business management.

[Learn more about this here.](#)



President's Message - Karen Morrison

Congratulations to Karen Morrison for being elected ALASBO president for 2020!

[Read Karen's message here.](#)



Update to a REAL ID in 2020

Starting in October 2020, you will need a REAL ID to pass through airport security. Check below for frequently asked questions, including, "What is a REAL ID?"

[Learn more about this here.](#)

If you live in an area that has limited or no DMV services, perhaps you can visit the DMV while you are in Fairbanks for Summer Leadership.

Executive Director's Message- Darcy Carter

Greetings, ALASBO!

I hope you are all having a great start to 2020. Your ALASBO team has been busy in many areas while keeping our mission in mind:

To promote the highest standards in school business practice.

[Read the rest of Darcy's message here.](#)

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LOGIN TODAY! link to: <https://network.asbointl.org/asbointl/home>

How to Determine If the ALASBO p-Card Services Will Benefit Your School District

The p-Card is an Alaska Association of School Business Officials Program that was created by and is managed by Illinois ASBO. As of 2020 the program has been available for school districts use for 15 years. It is currently being used in 22 states and has 1150 participating districts

How can a school district's administration determine if a p-Card is right for their school? Keep in mind that the "p" stands for

Kari's Law- A New Federal Law for Multi-Line Telephones

by Heather Heineken, FNSBSD

Last month I was sitting in my office minding my own business when I received an email from our local borough risk management office telling me the district is having issues with the phone system and that we are out of compliance because we have to dial "9" to call 911 so we should have a meeting. I picked up the phone and called the email sender

“payment”. There are several questions one can ask and answer that will help make this a rational decision making process. But before you get to that point, consider the following basic facts or rules of thumb about school districts.

[Learn more about the p-Card here.](#)

(Contact Melody Douglas or Darcy Carter for more information.)

and asked what in the world she was talking about. She didn’t really know, it was just the information she had received from the Director of Emergency Operations and she was passing the message along. This started my quest.

[Read the rest of Heather’s article here.](#)

(Please see Darcy’s comments in her ED Message)

Member Spotlight: Amy Stevenson

Our member spotlight shines on Amy Stevenson. Amy is the Business Manager at Hoonah City School District.



[Learn more about Amy here.](#)

Application Deadlines for Professional Development Opportunities

Richard M. Swarner: Shaping the Future Leadership Grant for two \$750 grants sponsored by the Swarner family and ALASBO. The grant is offered to ALASBO members attending the July Summer Leadership event for the first time. – application deadline June 1, 2020 - application is on the ALASBO website.

Lowell Thomas Freeman Professional Development Grant for \$2,000 sponsored by CORE, Inc. This grant is open to all ALASBO members interested in attending the ASBO Annual Conference. Application deadline is **February 28, 2020**. – application is on the ALASBO website.

ASBO Emerging Leaders Scholarship. There will be 18 \$2,000 scholarships awarded to emerging school business leaders, with less than five years experience, to attend the ASBO Annual Conference in Nashville, TN October , 2020. Application deadline is June 1 – application information is available at www.asbointl.org/scholarship.

ASBO Annual Conference Registration Grants Enter the drawing by May 21, 2020 for 1 of 16 chances to win a free registration to the ASBO Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. Register for this drawing at www.asbointl.org/SecurityBenefit. Don’t wait, register today!



Thanks to our **Power Lunch** presenters!

Recent topics include:

January 14 – GASB 84 presented by Joseph Bergene, Shareholder, Altman Rogers & Co
This reporting requirement is effective June 30, 2020 and addresses changes to reporting pupil activity fund activities. There is a PP presentation posted on the ALASBO website along with the Power Lunch recording that includes additional clarifications. ALASBO members are encouraged to review these resources to be prepared for required GASB reporting.

February 11 – Social Security Replacement Plans & Current Issues presented by Melanie Helmich, Social Security Auditor with the Alaska Department of Administration.
Information about qualifying FICA replacement plans and related information is covered in this Power Lunch discussion. The PP presentation and recording links are posted to the ALASBO website.

Next Power Lunch: Kari's Law Are you in compliance with Kari's (Direct Dial 911) & Ray Baum's Law? **Presenter: Heather Heineken, FNSBSD**
March 10, 2020, 11 AM

See the full schedule, access materials and listen to recordings of these and other sessions [HERE](#). Get them on your calendar!

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Alexie.....	Gretchen Klein.....	Yvonne Roach
Joyce Alto.....	Gretchen Kraus.....	Robin Robinson
Mary Demoski.....	Nicole Lundstrom.....	Nikki San Agustin
Daphne Fields.....	Leeann Martin.....	Tasha Skolnick
Susanne Garoutte.....	Elijah Miller.....	Lonnie Smith
Cindy Herring.....	Melissa Myers.....	Barbara Urban
Katherine Hopewell.....	Shannon Rasic.....	Bridget Weiss

ALASBO Legislative Update

In January 2020, the ALASBO Board of Directors approved the renewal of contracts for Amy Lujan, Legislative Liaison, and David Means, Legislative Analyst. Both David and Amy live in Juneau and will again assist ALASBO and the Legislative Committee as needed throughout the 2020 legislative session. These two veteran ALASBO members are able to quickly address questions when they arise.

Misinformation about available school district fund balance to address bonded debt was addressed by ACSA and ALASBO and shared with legislators. This information has been posted to Resources/Information/Legislative section of the ALASBO website. Thank you to Amy and David for their work in clarifying this issue!

[Learn more here.](#) [Read Amy's email to legislators here.](#)

New Business Manager Institute (NBMI)

NBMI participants are actively engaged in learning and are mostly keeping abreast of the NBMI commitments while keeping on top of district operations. Colleen Fitzgerald and Robin Mullins are facilitating the Managing School/District Finance Module. Holly Holman and Amy Lujan are facilitating the Managing Self Module and Dennis Niedermeyer and Patti Carlson are facilitating the Managing HR Model. All these ALASBO Honorary Members are doing a fantastic job delivering the curriculum and managing robust school business related discussions every two weeks during the NBMI Check-In Calls! Cassee Olin and Heather Heineken have also been a great help in managing the Canvas learning system used by the NBMI program.

[Learn more about NBMI here.](#)



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Advance in School Business Leadership

As the need grows to address the critical credentialing need in school business administration and to develop new, qualified business officials, the Alaska Association for School Business Officials is partnering with Wilkes University to provide degree options which focus specifically on school business administration.

The Accelerated Bachelor of Business Administration (ABBA) with a concentration in School Business combines the expertise of Wilkes University's Sidhu School of Business and Leadership and the School of Education. Designed for working professionals, classes are offered online at an affordable tuition rate.

[Learn more about Wilkes University here.](#)