

# **ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS**

## **COMMITTEE MANUAL**

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## **ALASBO'S MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote the highest standards in school business practices.

## **ALASBO'S VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**

Committees are a basic, fundamental force within the association. In fact, from top to bottom, ALASBO is organized on the *volunteer committee principle*. By definition, a committee is "a body of persons elected or appointed to attend to any matter of business referred to it, often a section of a larger body." A volunteer is "a person who enters into any service of his own free will; a person who of his own free will offer services without the stipulation of being compensated financially or otherwise."

ALASBO's committees are organized on the pyramid structure. At the top of the pyramid is the Board of Directors, with a committee composed of volunteers expressing interest in serving on a particular committee. The Board of Directors is the association's governing board and has authority to execute its duties of meeting the objectives of the association, of managing its finances and properties and of establishing necessary policies and procedures as needs arise. All committees report to the Board of Directors.

Committees, composed of ALASBO members, exist and function for specific purposes. The Association has identified specialty areas in association management and has established a committee in each as follows:

Audit  
Awards  
Bylaws  
Legislative  
Nominations  
Professional Development  
School Business Official of the Year  
Services  
Sponsorship

All qualified members are strongly encouraged to participate and share their expertise with their colleagues. Members who would like to volunteer to serve on an ALASBO committee should contact the President or the Executive Director or submit their name on the appropriate form at the annual conference.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES**

Each committee has a chair. Leadership by example is the key to the success of each

committee just as leadership is the key to the success of the association. Well-informed, willing workers are the core of each committee.

Committee members, individually or collectively, are encouraged to recommend changes in existing programs as well as recommend new programs to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has the authority and responsibility to screen, analyze and make a final determination on these recommendations.

## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Each ALASBO committee consists of a chair and a varying number of members who volunteer their time and expertise to serve their profession and their professional association.

The level of effectiveness and success of each committee is directly related to the amount of time and energy expended by committee members on activities and projects. The key factor to a committee's success is the degree to which members accept their personal and professional responsibilities as an integral part of their volunteer effort. An important factor in the success of any individual serving on an ALASBO committee is support from his or her employer.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Service on an ALASBO committee is open to any interested member, honorary member, emeritus member, or associate member of the association (as defined by the ALASBO Bylaws). Individual committee members are expected to participate in as many activities as possible.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER (VENDOR/SUPPLIER) PARTICIPATION**

In addition to practicing school business officials, ALASBO policies permit vendor representatives to serve on committees as resource persons. To be considered for appointment as a vendor representative, one must be a current associate member of the association (as defined by the ALASBO Bylaws); must be employed by a firm providing products and/or services to the school field; have the firm's support for and approval of the appointment. Vendor representatives may not hold committee chair positions.

## **APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Committee chair appointments shall be made at the conclusion of the annual meeting by the president to be effective the following January 1. Interim appointments may be made at any time to fill unexpected vacancies, but will expire on December 31 of the year of

appointment.

It is desirable that the appointments/reappointments be structured to assure that committee leadership maintains continuity by making appointments/reappointments such that all terms do not expire at the same time.

The appointment of committee leaders shall take into account the candidate's recognized leadership and technical expertise on the committee's interest area(s). Committee leaders must be active members.

### **ROLE OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The chair is the navigator of a committee. If he or she does not have a clear idea of the direction of the committee, and if he or she is not committed to reaching that goal, the committee will accomplish little.

It is the responsibility of the chair of a committee to:

- Ensure the committee's commitment to ALASBO goals
- Ensure committee efforts are coordinated and articulated to/with other committees
- Serve as advocate for the committee on the board.
- Create agendas for committee meetings and facilitate committee meetings.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Joining an ALASBO committee is a serious commitment. While committee chairs recognize members are volunteers with full-time jobs, they do expect the following:

- Promptly acknowledge all communications concerning committee work and availability for meetings.
- Accepting and completing assignments, respecting deadlines and parameters of assignments.
- Thoroughly reviewing pertinent background material and agenda prior to meetings.
- Take an active part in discussions during meetings, share relevant information, understand and respect other ideas or viewpoints, and focusing on the subject under discussion.

### **ALASBO COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS**

To accomplish the objectives of the association as specified in its Bylaws, ALASBO committees are assigned these ongoing functions:

- Chair will correspond with all committee members and the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis to insure continuation of effort and increased participation in committee activities, programs and projects.
- To hold its own Annual Meeting during the ALASBO Annual Meeting. If more than one meeting is required for some reason, it may be held, but one meeting is mandatory for each committee. In addition, it is the responsibility of each committee chair to report to the ALASBO Board of Directors.

## **COMMITTEE EXPENSES**

Committee chairs wanting funds for a specific program or activity should make a written request to the president detailing the costs and how the ALASBO membership would benefit. The ALASBO President and the Executive Committee will consider all requests on their merit.

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee reviews and recommends approval of financial statements prepared by a CPA firm for the association and any changes to the Internal Controls.. A copy of the written financial statement audit-report will be approved by the Board and filed with the minutes. The Board of Directors shall annually approve the membership of this committee, to include at least one Board member.

### **Awards Committee**

Funding amounts for awards programs administered by ALASBO are approved through the annual Board of Directors budget process. Awards programs may be funded through vendor sponsorship and/or designation of ALASBO funds. The Awards Committee may provide recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the awards program budgets.

The Awards Committee reviews **Lowell “Tom” Freeman Professional Development Grant** applications and awards grants according to established criteria. The committee will review the criteria periodically and make recommended changes to the selection criteria as appropriate.

The Awards Committee distributes the **McClain J. “Mack” Easton Memorial Scholarship** application to Alaskan schools. The committee reviews applications and awards scholarships according to established criteria. The committee will review the criteria periodically and make recommended changes to the selection criteria as

appropriate.

The Awards Committee oversees the **Richard M. Swarner Shaping the Future Leadership Grant** application. The committee reviews applications and awards the grant according to established criteria.

The Awards Committee may also be asked to administer other grant and scholarship programs by the ALASBO Board of Directors.

### **Bylaws Committee**

The Bylaws Committee reviews and modifies the ALASBO Bylaws as appropriate. Bylaw changes will be made in accordance with ALASBO Bylaws; Article IX: By-Law Amendment. The Board of Directors shall annually approve the membership of this committee, to include at least one Board member.

### **Legislative Committee**

This committee is responsible for coordinating ALASBO legislative activities to be responsive to legislator, ACSA, AASB, and AML requests. This committee is made up of chair, president, Immediate Past President, Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, Legislative Liaison, and Legislative Data Analyst. This committee will be supported by the Education Funding Work Group. ALASBO's primary legislative goal is to be an educational resource to the Alaska Legislature.

### **Nominations Committee**

All ALASBO members are encouraged to serve their professional organization in a leadership roll by submitting an application, available at the annual conference, to the nominations committee.

As per the ALASBO Bylaws (Article VI-2), the Nominations Committee shall consist of four members, all of whom are past ALASBO presidents. The committee shall be appointed by the current ALASBO President and shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President.

The Nominations Committee recommends a slate of officers to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting. Alaska is made up of diverse districts: REAA, City/Borough, Single Site, large districts and small districts each with their own unique needs. The Nominations Committee strives to balance the ALASBO leadership so there is representation of these diverse districts when making its recommendation at the Annual Meeting.

### **Professional Development Committee**

This committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President. Conference evaluations will be used in developing the annual conference. This committee coordinates the professional development opportunities for the Power Lunches, Summer Leadership and Annual Meeting conferences. The Associate Executive Director supports the work of this committee.

### **School Business Official of the Year Committee**

This Committee is responsible for updating the **School Business Official of the Year** application form and distributing applications statewide to all ALASBO members and superintendents. The selection committee for this award shall be made up of past award recipients. In the event no applications are received, the committee will make a recommendation who the recipient of this award will be.

### **Services Committee**

The Services Committee will assist the Executive Director in the distribution of a quarterly newsletter, The ALASBO News Link. Any ALASBO member may submit articles for publishing consideration.

The Services Committee will oversee the content of the ALASBO webpage, which will be maintained as a service to members and will include such things as:

Newsletters	Minutes of Board Meetings
Committee Manual	Strategic Plan
Exhibitor Advertisements	Policy Manual
Bylaws	Conference Programs
Photos of activities and school districts	Conference registration information
Resources for download	

The Services Committee will assist with the annual conference as requested by the Executive Director.

The Services Committee will prepare a slideshow for presentation at the annual conference, which will feature content from districts around the state and highlight ALASBO member activities.

The Historian will be a member of the Services Committee appointed annually by the ALASBO President. The Historian will record events of note for future reference.

### **Sponsorship Committee**

This committee is responsible for establishing fund raising criteria and an implementation plan. This committee is chaired by the Executive Director.

