Significant Events in the History of the Alaska Association of School Business Officials

1974 • ALASBO founded by Lowell Thomas Freeman
1975 • By-Laws adopted
  • Incorporated in State of Alaska
1976 • Established Accounting, Basic Foundation Program Study, By-Laws, Conference Planning, Educational, Legislative, and Nominations committees
1977 • First Treasurer appointed
  • ALASBO President starts attending ASBO Annual Conference
  • Post-conference Board Meeting established
  • Exhibitors invited to participate in Annual Conference
1980 • ALASBO establishes Executive Director position
  • Scholarship Committee established
  • ALASBO begins sending president to ASBO Annual Leadership Conference
1981 • ALASBO included in Department of Education Directory
  • Duane Oliphant appointed Executive Director
1982 • Tom Freeman elected to ASBO Board of Directors
1983 • ALASBO holds first Board Meeting via teleconference
  • ALASBO invited by DOE to review State Finance Study data
1984 • Guy Belleville appointed Executive Director
1985 • Tom Freeman candidate for ASBO Vice President
1986 • Duane Oliphant appointed Executive Director
1987 • Tom Bibeau appointed Executive Director
1989 • Mack Easton Memorial Scholarship established
1991 • ALASBO invited by DOE to participate in Chart of Accounts Revision
  • President Laraine Glenn appointed to Special Presidential Committee of Education
1992 • Tom Wolfe appointed Executive Director
1993 • ALASBO joins Alaska Council of School Administrators
1994 • ALASBO contracted with DOE to revise Chart of Accounts
  • Walt Ramsey appointed Executive Director
1995 • Tom Freeman appointed Executive Director
1996 • ALASBO Newslink initiated
  • Tom Bibeau appointed Executive Director
1997 • Professional Development Grants initiated
  • Lowell Thomas ‘Tom’ Freeman, Richard ‘Dick’ Swarner, Duane Oliphant, and John ‘Jake’ Rogers named honorary lifetime members
1998 • Annual Conference moved from April to December
  • Exhibitors Committee established
  • Website established
  • ALASBO’s 1st Summer Meeting held in Seward, with a skills training focus
  • Melody Douglas appointed Executive Director
1999 • ALASBO established Board/District liaisons
  • ALASBO contracted by EED to develop OASIS project
  • Blood Bank of Alaska blood drive initiated at Annual Conference
  • Exhibitors Professional Development Grant initiated
  • School Business Official of the Year award program initiated, sponsored by PenAir
2000 • ALASBO worked with EED on Chart of Accounts Revision
  • ALASBO contracted with EED to complete OASIS II
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2000
- 1st Annual Legislative Workshop held in Juneau
- John Tongen named honorary lifetime member
- Melody Douglas elected to ASBO Board of Directors
- Professional Development Grants renamed in honor of Lowell Thomas Freeman
- Strategic Plan developed

2001
- Melody Douglas chaired ASBO International's Affiliate Executive Directors Group
- ALASBO contracted by EED for continued development of OASIS project

2002
- Policy Manual Adopted
- Committee Manual Revised
- ALASBO work group worked with AIR consultants on School Cost Study survey instrument
- Implemented formal Financial Statements

2003
- Dave Jones received ASBO Eagle Award for Service to Community
- Melody Douglas elected as Vice President of ASBO International, to serve in 2004
- Tammy White appointed Executive Director
- Resource CD developed for new business managers

2004
- Melody Douglas serves as Vice President of ASBO International
- Dave Jones serves as Vice Chair of ASBO International Legal Aspects Committee

2005
- Melody Douglas serves as President-Elect of ASBO International
- Power Lunch program launched
- Lucienne Smith serves as Vice Chair of the ASBO International Purchasing and Supply Management Committee
- ALASBO Board held the first Summer Leadership meeting and completed reorganization of the committees and the election process
- CORE, Inc. becomes sponsor for the Lowell Thomas Freeman Professional Development Grant

2006
- Melody Douglas presided as President of ASBO International during the ASBO Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Pittsburgh, PA “Shaping the Future”
- Lucienne Smith honored with Pinnacle of Achievement award at ASBO International Conference
- Board held the second Summer Leadership meeting to review and revise ALASBO's Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. The end result was a plan to hire a part time Executive Director

2007
- Melody Douglas served her last year on the Board of ASBO International as the Immediate Past President
- Duane Guiley hired as ALASBO’s first paid part-time Executive Director
- Dave Jones began a 2-year term as Chair of the ASBO Legal Aspects Committee
- ALASBO begins participating in Illinois ASBO procurement card (p-card) program

2008
- The first School Business Academy is held
- Melody Douglas received ASBO’s Distinguished Professional Eagle Award for Service
- Richard M. Swarner: Shaping the Future Leadership Grant is announced, sponsored by the Swarner family
- Kerry Jarrell, Clara Langton, and Betty Zablewski are named honorary lifetime members

2009
- Melody Douglas, Duane Guiley and Dennis Niedermeyer named honorary lifetime members
- Amy Lujan hired as part-time Executive Director
- Shift to development of Legislative Joint Position Statements and closer involvement with ACSA
- Jenny Martens serves ASBO International on the Job Task Analysis Panel to begin the work of what will become ASBO’s Certification in School Finance and Operations (SFO) program

2010
- ALASBO adopted ASBO International Professional Standards and Code of Ethics
- Janet Stokesbary named honorary lifetime member
- Jenny Martens and Dave Jones serve ASBO International on the Certification Exam Committee and Dennis Niedermeyer serves on the Cut Score Committee for the SFO program
- ALASBO members take SFO beta test
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Significant Events in the History of the Alaska Association of School Business Officials

2011
- Eddy Jeans named honorary lifetime member

2012
- ALASBO celebrates 40th annual conference
- Management Review Ad Hoc Committee established to create program to assist school districts with a review of business operations
- Patti Carlson named honorary lifetime member

2013
- Lisa Pearce serves as Vice Chair of ASBO International School Food & Nutrition Committee
- Cindy Reilly serves as Vice Chair of ASBO International Professional Development Committee
- René Spracklen and Pam Chenier named honorary lifetime members
- ALASBO announces SFO certification scholarship sponsored by Douglas Business Management Services

2014
- ALASBO Improvement Model (AIM) Introduced

2015
- ALASBO launches new website
- Tammy White named honorary lifetime member

2016
- Loreen Kramer, Robin Mullins and Karen Goodwin named honorary lifetime members

2017
- Laurie Olson, Colleen Fitzgerald and John Sanbei named honorary lifetime members
- Chart of Accounts Ad Hoc Committee established to recommend changes to the State Chart of Accounts

2018
- Holly Holman, David Means, Jenny Martens and Pam Roop named Honorary Lifetime Members
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Committee releases SOP template documents integrated with AIM rubric
- DCR Forfeitures Ad Hoc Committee formed to help resolve FY18 accounting issues
- New Business Manager Institute (NBMI) Ad Hoc Committee prepares and launches new training program December 1st
- Melody Douglas appointed Associate Executive Director
- Cvent conference registration system implemented

2019
- Amy Lujan named honorary lifetime member
- Melody Douglas named Interim Executive Director in January
- Darcy Carter named Executive Director in September
- Legislative Liaisons added to support the Legislative Committee
- ALASBO newsletter upgraded to electronic format
- Ad-hoc Board Policy/Standard Operating Procedures Committee established
- Bylaws were reviewed, revised and presented to the membership for action
- Revised Internal Controls
- Quickbooks software implemented to account for ALASBO financial activity
- Meetings previously held by phone conference calls were updated to being held on Zoom
- The Alaska Community was established on the ASBO International platform which provides an excellent communication tool for our members
- First ever Virtual Summer Leadership Conference held
- First ever Virtual Annual Conference held
- Revised the Committee Manual
- Adopted a new sponsorship model
- Updated ALASBO job descriptions
- Approved a new ALASBO logo
- Revised Board Policy
- Extended complimentary registration to superintendents to attend the ALASBO Annual Conference
- Initiated exploration of expanding professional development offerings to ALASBO members
- Jim Anderson, Anchorage School District, honored with Pinnacle of Achievement Award from ASBO International