



**To: Members of the Alaska Society of CPAs**

**From: Nominations Committee, Lance Bodeen, Chairman**

**Election of Officers & Directors**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The following are brief resumes and background information profiles on the nominees for the Officers and Directors of the Alaska Society of CPAs. Please review and use this information to aid in your selection of the persons you would like to represent the Alaska Society and you during the 2024 – 2025 term.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**Michael Fink, CPA**

I am a Partner in KPMG’s Anchorage office with approximately 20 years of experience in both public accounting and private industry. I grew up in Alaska and have lived and worked in Anchorage since 2009.

I have an extensive background in public company audits under PCAOB standards relating to both financial statement and internal control, as well as audits of private companies under AICPA standards. My industry experience includes providing services to a variety of companies in multiple industries, including the manufacturing, retail, and telecommunications sectors. Over the course of my career, I have worked as an internal auditor, an external auditor, and as a member of a management team as a controller level employee.

I have previously served on the board of directors of the Alaska Center and Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis and currently serve on the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Management Accounting Advisory Board and the Alaska Society of CPA’s board. I live in Anchorage with my wife Claire, daughter Fiona, and our dogs Cherie and Mia.

**TREASURER**

**Dominique Kurth, CPA**

Dominique grew up in Anchorage and moved to the lower 48 in her early 20s to capture adventures living in Utah, Oregon, and Hawaii. In 2003, she returned permanently to Alaska after concluding there is no substitute for the abundant opportunities provided in our great State. She graduated from UAA in Spring 2016 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration with emphasis on accounting and finance. She excelled in her studies and was inducted into a few honor societies, was active in Accounting Club during her time at UAA serving as Vice President and continues to encourage and mentor younger students long after graduating. In June of 2018 she became a licensed CPA in Alaska. She enjoys being active in the Alaska CPA society and is completing her second year as Treasurer.

## SECRETARY

### **Kelly Mayes, CPA**

Kelly Mayes began her career in public accounting at a local firm in Mobile, Alabama in February 2007. Given Kelly's extensive background in automobile dealership accounting, Kelly started her career in public accounting performing audits and tax returns for automobile dealerships and then branched out into performing audits for various industries including for-profit, nonprofit and governmental entities. Kelly chose to expand her horizon and moved to Birmingham, Alabama and continued her career in public accounting at Deloitte & Touche to gain public company audit and SOX experience. Kelly transitioned to a southeast regional firm, Warren Averett LLP and assisted in building the practice in Mobile, Alabama and continued to gain valuable knowledge through audits of municipal governments and assisting with internal controls testing for public companies.

Kelly is a military spouse and transferred with her husband to Kodiak, Alaska in 2015 where they currently reside today. At that time, she became the finance director for the City of Kodiak, Alaska. Kelly never forgot her love of public accounting and transitioned to BDO USA, LLP in January 2021 where she is an audit senior manager.

Kelly received her BSBA at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama in December 2006. Kelly is currently attending Arizona State University for a second bachelor's in Information Technology.

Kelly has been a member of the Alabama State Society of CPAs since January 2007 where she previously served as the treasurer and second vice president for the Mobile chapter of the ASCPA Board of Directors. Kelly has been a member of the Alaska State Society of CPAs since January 2021. Kelly earned her CPA license in the State of Alabama in June 2008 and received a reciprocal Alaska CPA license in August 2021. Kelly is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Anchorage chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA).

## DIRECTORS

### **Cindy Castoe, CPA**

Cindy relocated to Fort Greely, Alaska with her family in 1982 and has resided in Alaska, mostly in the Fairbanks area since.

Before becoming a CPA, Cindy enjoyed careers in property management and as a bookkeeper before pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Cindy graduated from UAF with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in December 2012. At which time she relocated to Anchorage after accepting a position at Alban and Company, CPAs, focusing mostly on audit and reviews. Where she received her CPA license in May 2015. In September 2017, she accepted a position at Laughlin, Ogle and Rodgers, CPAs where she has focused on reviews and compilations as well as taxes for 1120, 1120S, 1065, and 990s. Cindy became a partner at Laughlin, Ogle and Rodgers in 2023.

Cindy is a member of the Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants (AKCPA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

### **Matthew Curley, CPA**

Matthew Curley began his career in public accounting with the team at Walsh, Kelliher & Sharp in January 2014. Matt's interests have him working with clients at all stages of the business cycle from formation to mergers and acquisitions to succession and transition planning. Matt is responsible for corporate, partnership, and individual tax returns as well as reviews and compilations of business financial statements.

He graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in May of 2014 and a Master's in Business Administration in December of 2017. Matt earned his CPA license in 2019.

Matt is a member of the Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants (AKCPA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Taxation Division of the AICPA, the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA), and the Fairbanks Estate Planning Council. Matt is also currently serving on the AICPA's Tax Practice Management Committee.

Being a military brat, Matt was born in Victorville, California and spent his first 14 years relocating to different Air Force bases across the west coast. His family settled in Fairbanks in 2003 and they fell in love with the community, where he remains today. Today, his wife and two children spend as much time as possible taking advantage of everything this great state has to offer.

### **Glen Dunn, CPA**

Glen is a lifelong Alaskan, having been raised in Wasilla and Anchorage. He graduated from West Anchorage High School in May of 2011 and then began pursuing a degree in Accounting from the University of Anchorage Alaska (UAA) in the fall of 2011. Glen graduated from UAA with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in May of 2017, while doing internships with a national CPA firm. After graduating, Glen assumed a full-time position where he primarily was involved in audits of state and local governments. In 2018, Glen began working for the Brandon Skinner Group and currently is an Audit and Accounting Manager. In his spare time, Glen enjoys fishing, hiking, and spending time outdoors with his family.

### **Hailey Gundersen, CPA**

Hailey Gundersen, formerly Messick, was born and raised in a small farming town in Northern California. She started her college days swinging a tennis racket at Mesa College in San Diego before trading the sunny courts for the northern lights of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Economics with a minor in Accounting.

Her journey into public accounting started at Robinson & Ward, as an intern then associate upon graduation. She then moved to Walsh, Keliher, and Sharp, where she was able to continue growing her tax knowledge before dabbling in the private sector. Ultimately, she circled back to her true calling—public accounting—by founding her own firm, Chinook Accounting, with her partner Caitlin Deutsch.

Outside of her professional work, she serves as a mentor and advisor for young professionals in the accounting field and coaches a local high school tennis team. She cares deeply for her community and volunteers as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Breast Cancer Detection Center of Alaska. She enjoys traveling with her husband Bryan, coaching tennis, and spending summer days at the lake with her family and their dogs, Bentley and Mikko.

**Tim Lewis, CPA**

Tim is passionate about accounting and helping others navigate financial matters. Tim has worked at Elgee Rehfeld, a public accounting firm in Juneau, AK, since August 2018, splitting his time between the audit and tax realms. In the summer of 2023, Tim began focusing exclusively on tax preparation and advisory services for individuals and small businesses.

Tim loves accounting because he likes puzzles and helping people. He was inspired to pursue accounting by his uncle, a CPA/tax preparer, while growing up in Maryland. Tim's initial accounting pursuit hit a roadblock when taking an accounting home school course as a high schooler, teaching himself handwritten T-accounts, and deciding to forgo the course as he had other, more important things to do. This detour led to a non-traditional path into accounting and no regrets! Tim graduated with a bachelor's in Intercultural Studies from Houghton College in western NY in 2011. Unable to shake off the allure of Southeast Alaska from previous volunteer summer opportunities, Tim planted roots in Juneau and became employed by the State of Alaska, working with incarcerated youth and then children and families in crisis for 6 years. After deciding to renew his pursuit of accounting after finding his "why," Tim earned an Occupational Endorsement in Accounting from University of Alaska Southeast (2018) and took additional accounting courses to meet CPA requirements.

Tim is a licensed CPA in the State of Alaska (February 2022) and a member of the AKCPA and AICPA. In 2023, Tim was selected for the AKCPA Leadership Academy as well as the AICPA Leadership Academy. Tim walked away from these experiences with a deeper appreciation for the accounting profession, lifelong friendships with like-minded professionals in AK and across the US, and an excitement for the future of accounting. Tim would love to give back to the accounting profession and state society and provide similar opportunities for the next generation of accountants. Tim currently serves on the Supervisory Committee for True North Federal Credit Union, volunteers for local Financial Reality Fairs, and coaches' soccer at the local parks and rec, middle school, high school, and club levels. My amazing wife Alison and I are raising three awesome kids, Ellie, Jesse, and Benny, as well as our goofy golden doodle, Grizzly.

**Heather Schrage, CPA**

Heather Schrage, CPA, is the founder of HRS LLC, a woman-owned and led public accounting firm located in Anchorage, Alaska. Heather has extensive experience in tax services, including individual, partnership, corporate, fiduciary, and non-profit returns, and has developed a passion for working with female entrepreneurs.

Heather graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, where she received UAA Leadership Honors.

Heather is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and is an active member of her community. Since 2021, she has served on the Board of the Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants (AKCPA) and as the Treasurer of the AKCPA Political Action Committee. She also serves as the Treasurer of the Abbott Loop Community Council.

In her free time, Heather enjoys reading, cooking, and exploring Alaska with her husband, Calvin, and their amazing daughter.

**Kelly Ward, CPA, CGMA, MBA**

Originally from Mississippi, I moved to Fairbanks in 2006 where I found my new home. I started working for and am now owner Robinson & Ward, PC (previously Robinson & Associates, PC). In addition, I was an Adjunct Instructor at the UAF Community and Technical College from 2008 until 2019 in applied accounting. I have been fortunate to have been selected for and graduated from several leadership academies such as the AICPA Leadership Academy, the AKCPA Leadership Academy, the Inspire Leadership Academy, and Leadership Fairbanks. Having been a part of the inaugural AKCPA Leadership Academy, I was privileged to be one of the founding members of our AKCPA NextGen group! I was also selected as a 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 Top 40 Under 40 in the Accounting Profession by the CPA Practice Advisor magazine.

I have served as President of the Board of the Alaska Society of CPAs and also serve on several committees at both the Alaska CPA and national AICPA level. I have served as Treasurer and am currently President of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. I have had the pleasure of presenting both in my community, across the state, and nationally in financial literacy, small business and personal development, and money management sessions. I realize that not everyone is fortunate enough to say they love what they do for a living, but I am one of those who truly does love my chosen career path and am passionate about it.

**HAGELBARGER DIRECTOR****Errol Russell, CPA**

I have been a member of the AKCPA since 2013 when I was still a student of accounting. I joined the Technology Committee, have been a board member, Treasurer, and President. I've experienced firsthand the positive impact our professional community and its volunteers have had on subsequent classes of CPAs and am privileged to help welcome the next professionals into our community.

Though my roots are in tax I am now the Chief Financial Officer for a commercial real estate investment company headquartered in Anchorage. I grew up in Fairbanks and attended UAF where I earned Bachelor degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics. After fumbling around for a minute, I pursued a career in accounting and I've since thrived, and have been a CPA since 2016. In my free time I dabble in a few hobbies like firearms, trading cards, and online computer gaming (where I even met my wife).