

UAA Alumni Association
Report to the Assembly, November 12, 2006

Board Members: The current Board members are: Melanie Baca Osborne (President), Chris Hall (Vice President), MaryAnn Hansen (Secretary), Cathleen Hahn (Treasurer), Eileen Thompson, Chris Schutte, Sandy Camp and David Parks.

Mission and Vision: The Board has been dedicated this year to rebuilding its presence at UAA and strengthening its focus on serving its members and UAA. This has required an intense effort at self-evaluation and strategic planning. It has not been glamorous, but the Board has rolled up its sleeves and is putting systems in place that will allow the Board to achieve greater success in the future. In this vein, the Board has adopted a strategic plan for 2005-2011 and an operational plan for 2006-2007. Among the tasks outlined on these plans are (1) to analyze the Board governance structure and to study the Association's funding; (2) to adopt a communications plan for communicating with internal and external stakeholders; and (3) instituting University and Alumni traditions.

Board Activities: The Board continues to discuss its governance structure and is focusing on engaging more alumni through active and vibrant committees. The Board's current committees include: Board Governance Committee; Communications Committee; Membership Committee; Scholarship and Awards Committee; Finance Committee and Special Events Committee. Members from the Association Board are involved with each committee and are making efforts to get other alumni to participate.

Association Activities: We continue to sell Pendulum degree orders and Tradition Walk Bricks. We are currently coordinating with UAA Facilities to schedule installation of new bricks before the end of the month. The Scholarship Committee is currently in the process of selecting recipients for four \$2000 scholarships from the Association. The Association is sponsoring a Current Call on Saturday, December 2, at 6:30 in conjunction with the UAA production of *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*.

Other Alumni Outreach: The Association's new Executive Director Stacy Marsh was very busy last month with Homecoming, among other activities. Stacey engaged faculty, staff, alumni and students in a variety of activities from a Spirit Decorating Contest to Seawolf Fanatic Trivia Night, to the Tailgate Party for starters (refer to attached newsletter featuring a Homecoming 2006 recap). Stacey will be traveling to Seattle & Portland in November to do two alumni "meet and greet" events with alumni interested in organizing a Seattle/Portland alumni chapter.

Community Outreach: The Association had a presence at two large conferences in Anchorage this past month: the National Indian Education Association conference and the Alaska Federation of Natives. There, the University was able to reach out to Alaskans from all over the State. These are our alumni, our friends, and our future students.

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