



George Vakalis, Vakalis & Associates

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2004, Board Chair | George Vakalis is a long-time resident of Anchorage and graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He holds Master's Degrees in Personnel Management and Public Administration from Central Michigan University. George's first career culminated after 28 years in the Army, as the Garrison Commander in Alaska. George went on to serve as the Operations Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage from 1994 through 1998 and then as the Municipal Manager for the City of Anchorage, which included serving as Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, until his retirement in 2015. In 2015, he founded Vakalis & Associates, LLC, a management consulting firm.

George has volunteered his time in numerous ways including Chairman of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and member of their board since 1991, a member of the Northeast Community Council, Armed Services YMCA, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing, and Susitna Council of Girl Scouts.



Shalon Harrington, Ambler Metals

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2016, Vice Chair | Shalon is a lifelong Alaskan. She grew up in Eagle River and is now raising her own family there. Shalon graduated from University of Nevada Reno with a Bachelors' Degree in Political Science. After graduating college, Shalon moved to Washington DC and worked for Congress for two years before moving back home to Alaska. Over a fifteen-year span, Shalon worked for the Legislature as the Chief of Staff to a State Senator, the Governor as a Legislative Liaison to the Department of Corrections and for the Mayor of Anchorage as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 2015, Shalon made a move to the private sector and worked as the Director of Government Affairs for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) for two years before moving into her role as the Chief of Staff for Pebble Partnership, and she now works as the Director of External Affairs at Ambler Metals. Shalon enjoys spending time with her family, fly fishing, hiking, making jewelry, and gardening.



Audrey Lance, Thomas Head & Greisen

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2015, Treasurer | Audrey Lance has been in public accounting for 9 years and is currently a Manager of audit and taxation at Thomas, Head & Greisen. Audrey graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from the University of Northern Colorado. She has experience in supervising, planning, and performing financial statement reviews and audits and single audits, financial statement preparation, accounting training, and tax services. She also has extensive experience with non-profit organizations. She is a member

of the Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants and has received her Not-For-Profit Certificates I and II from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Tanya Iden, Agnew::Beck

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2020, Secretary | Tanya's dedication to her community is galvanized by deep Alaska roots, as a third generation Alaskan raising her family in Anchorage. She loves helping people articulate shared strengths and values and find solutions that maintain our economic, environmental, and cultural integrity for future generations. Tanya applies her understanding of strategic planning, community development, and communications in projects ranging from revitalizing neighborhoods to helping agencies and communities be more efficient, effective, and mission

driven. Tanya's training and experience as a project manager complements her natural skill as a community-minded facilitator, developing a harmonious rapport with diverse teams and stakeholders.



Jodi Harskamp, Captain, Alaska Airlines

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2018 | Jodi is a native Californian transplanted to Anchorage twelve years ago. Jodi attended UC Berkeley, majoring in International Area Studies, focusing on economics in Latin America. She has been flying for over 20 years and is currently a Captain for Alaska Airlines. She enjoys volunteering for organizations such as Women in Aviation, International, 99s, Read on the Fly, Girl Scouts, and the Airline Pilots Association. She is a living kidney donor, she donated her kidney

altruistically in March of 2017. She enjoys discussing organ donation with anyone who will listen and is a huge advocate for organ donor awareness. Jodi enjoys running mountains, participating in triathlons, and spending most of her free time outdoors in the Alaska wilderness with her husband and 2 children. She recently summited Mt. Kilimanjaro and enjoys breaking the glass ceiling daily.



Mariajose Echeverria-Stewart, Yuit Comms

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2019 | Mariajose Echeverria-Stewart is co-founder and creative director at Yuit Communications, one of Alaska's top public relations and advertising agencies. She is a recognized leader in her field and has won numerous awards for her creative campaigns on behalf of top brands in Alaska, the Lower 48, Hawaii, and the Caribbean.

Mariajose was named one of the Alaska Journal of Commerce's 2017 Top Forty Under 40 statewide business leaders. She supports numerous community causes and charities with both her talents and her time, even dedicating additional resources from her business to help non-profit organizations thrive. Mariajose is passionate about empowering women and setting examples for young girls to follow so they can grow and thrive with confidence and purpose.



Marit Carlson-Van Dort, NANA Regional Corp.

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2018 | Marit Carlson-Van Dort was born in Alaska and was raised in between Southeast Alaska and the Alaska Peninsula. Marit has a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduate work in Fisheries Science and Secondary Education.

Marit has spent the past several years working in both the public and private sectors in public and government affairs with an emphasis on state and federal regulation, environmental policy, permitting, development, and community outreach and engagement. Currently she is employed at NANA Regional Corporation as the Director of External Affairs. She has also serves as the President and CEO of an ANCSA village corporation, its wholly owned subsidiary companies and shareholder trust.



Nigel Kibodeaux, Software Engineer

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2020 | Nigel Kibodeaux has been a software engineer for over 15 years. He currently works remotely for Broadly (based in Oakland, CA), who acquired his previous employer, about.me. He started his software career here in Anchorage at Pango Technology and has also worked locally for Resource Data.

Contracting through those companies, he's had the opportunity to work with various state and municipal agencies and some local businesses. He has previously served as a co-captain of the local Code for Anchorage brigade and helped to create a bus tracking app for the citizens of Anchorage. Nigel was born in Houston, Texas and spent his early life there before attending high school in Anchorage at A.J. Dimond. He attended college at the University of Texas at Austin and received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Nigel has two daughters and is frequently attending their swim meets.



Paula Reiswig, Municipality of Anchorage

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2020 | Paula Reiswig has lived in Alaska most of her life. She received her Bachelor of Administration in Accounting from the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 1999 and has worked in various management positions ever since, including Finance Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska. Paula developed a love for non-profit organizations and helping her community through local non-profit and government work. She is currently the Deputy Treasurer and Program Tax Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage, where she has worked since 2018. Paula spends most of her working and playing with her two dogs, Lexi and Uber.



Barry Wilson, Ret. Alaska State Troopers

BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2020 | Barry Wilson is recently retired after a long career with the Alaska State Troopers, where he rose to the rank of Colonel and served as the director of the Division of AST. Barry is a long-term Alaskan for more than 50+ years and has lived in Anchorage, Girdwood, and Soldotna. He has traveled extensively across the state of Alaska from Ketchikan to Barrow to the Aleutian chain and a significant portion of the rural communities of the state. Barry is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy and the president of the FBINA Associates in Alaska and is a past board member with several law enforcement organizations and support groups. He is also a board member of the Law Enforcement Torch Run which supports the Special Olympics both locally and across the State and Nation. Barry enjoys traveling and looks forward to his first summer traveling the state and visiting his children and grandchildren in retirement.