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Alaska Travel Industry Association Announces 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Anchorage, AK – The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the state's leading nonprofit trade organization for Alaska's tourism industry, announced its 2020-2021 Board of Directors on October 9 at the ATIA *VIRTUAL* Convention. The ATIA Board of Directors – comprised of regional representatives as well as Outside, At-Large, and director-elected seats – identifies the Association's priorities, approves ATIA's annual budget, guides Alaska's statewide tourism marketing program, and acts on issues important to tourism businesses and partners.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Board Chair, Bill Pedlar, Knightly Tours – Outside
Vice Chair, Scott Habberstad – Alaska Airlines – Outside
Past Chair, Dan Oberlatz, Alaska Alpine Adventures - Southwest
Secretary / Membership Chair, Craig Jennison, TEMSCO Helicopters – Southeast
Treasurer / Finance Chair, Dave McGlothlin, Holland America Group - Outside
Marketing Chair, Colleen Stephens, Stan Stephens Glacier & Wildlife Cruises – At-Large
Government Relations Co-Chair, Julie Saupe, Visit Anchorage – Southcentral
Government Relations Co-Chair, Holly Johnson, Wings of Alaska & Taku Glacier Lodge – Southeast
Tourism Policy & Planning Chair, Josh Howes, Premier Alaska Tours - Southcentral
President & CEO, Sarah Leonard, ATIA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Adriel Butler, Aurora Expeditions and Borealis Base Camp – Southcentral Dan Rough, Holland America Line - Outside Deb Hickok, Explore Fairbanks – Interior Dennis McDonnell, Alaska Coach Tours - Southeast Elizabeth Hall, John Hall's Alaska Cruises & Tours – At-Large Emily Edenshaw, Alaska Native Heritage Center – At-Large John Binkley, Riverboat Discovery – At-Large Kory Eberhardt, A Taste of Alaska Lodge – Interior Matt Atkinson, Northern Alaska Tour Company – Arctic Patti Mackey, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau – Southeast

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BOARD ELECTED SEATS – 1-YEAR TERM

Lalanya Downs, Cruise Line Industry Association – Alaska Camille Ferguson, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Dennis McDonnell, Alaska Coach Tours Thomas Stark, Wells Fargo

The ATIA Board of Directors is made up of members representing tourism businesses large and small, as well as different sectors of the travel industry. Board of Director elections are held annually each fall.

ATIA is Alaska's largest statewide membership trade association for the travel industry and represents more than 600 members and businesses supporting Alaska tourism. ATIA promotes Alaska's travel industry as one of the state's major economic forces and advocates for the growth of the industry while remaining attentive to Alaska's natural environment, diverse cultures, and unique quality of life.

For more information, visit <u>www.AlaskaTIA.org</u> or contact 907.306.2331.

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