

Alaska Public Media Welcomes Six New Members to Board of Directors

New Members Include Evelyn Abello, Jacques Annadale, Deena Bishop, Jamie Delman, Shelly Kells, Minoo Minaei

ANCHORAGE, AK – July 11, 2022 – Alaska Public Media (AKPM) is pleased to welcome six new members to their board of directors: Evelyn Abello, Jacques Annadale, Deena Bishop, Jamie Delman, Shelly Kells and Minoo Minaei. The new members come from various professional backgrounds, and each has committed to serve for three years. Board terms began July 1.

“The diversity of skills, experience, and perspectives this slate of incoming board members brings to the Alaska Public Media board will strengthen the long-term health and vitality of public broadcasting in the coming years,” said Bill Popp, Board Chair at Alaska Public Media. “The Board is committed to the future success of Alaska Public Media, and we welcome these outstanding dedicated members of the community to the board.”

“Our six new board members bring a breadth of professional, strategic, and lived experience to AKPM. I am confident they, along with our current members, will continue to strengthen and expand our reach through video, audio, and digital content of consequence that is designed to connect, inform and educate,” said Ed Ulman, President and CEO at Alaska Public Media.

Evelyn Abello

Evelyn Abello is currently a volunteer facilitator, Family & Friends Support Group for Alaska Eating Disorders Alliance (AKEDA). In addition, she is on the Mayor’s Task Force, Loussac Library Alaska Room Redesign; a member of AKEDA’s board of directors, a member of the American Counseling Association; and member/officer of the Filipino Community of Anchorage, Alaska, Inc.. She believes that support for public media is important now more than ever.

“I arrived in Alaska as an immigrant from the Philippines in the mid-seventies and instantly became an avid user of Alaska Public Media (AKPM). From AKPM’s comprehensive and factual news coverage to its intelligent and engaging entertainment, I saw and heard the faces and voices of people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in our community, state, and the world and felt a sense of belonging. As a retired clinical mental health therapist and Alaska civil rights enforcement professional, I’m excited and honored to share my experiences and passion for public service and contribute towards AKPM’s goal of serving the needs of Alaska’s diverse communities,” said Evelyn Abello.

Jacques Annadale

Jacques Annadale is a Manager of Capital Assets at Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, as well as a professional musician who has performed with Anchorage Symphony Orchestra,

the Anchorage Jazz Ensemble, the Dan Mac Band, and Quadshot, Anchorage's only saxophone quartet. He has been involved as a volunteer, patron or fundraiser for many local non-profits including Beacon Hill, Downtown Soup Kitchen, Alaska Medical Missions, Anchorage Performing Arts Center and the Spenard Jazz Festival. He hopes his diverse professional experience will provide a unique perspective to the board of directors.

"We currently live in a pivotal moment of our nation's and state's history where clear-cut, unbiased journalism is an essential resource to maintain civil discourse and respect for our fellow citizens," said Jacques Annadale. "Alaska Public Media creates this resource at the highest quality to us and our neighbors in cities and villages across the state. Becoming an Alaska Public Media Board Member is my opportunity to help grow this resource for the success of current and future Alaskan generations."

Deena Bishop

Deena Bishop is an education professional, serving in many roles across southcentral Alaska since 2006, including Anchorage School District Superintendent. As a long-time educator, she has dedicated her career to serving Alaska's community and children. In addition, she has served on many Board of Directors including for the Mat-Su Schools Foundation (MSSF), The Foraker Group, Coalition for Education Equity, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the University of Alaska Board of Regents. She hopes to use her knowledge and skills to promote and find connections to broaden AKPM's outreach to enrich the lives of others throughout Alaska.

Jamie Delman

Jamie Delman is a lawyer and partner at Shaftel Delman, LLC in Anchorage. He is also President ex-officio for the Anchorage Estate Planning Council Board of Directors and participates in developing Alaska's trust and estate legislation with the legislative drafting group Alaska Trust & Estate Professionals. A long-time fan of public radio, with many memories of staying in his car to catch the end of a story, he hopes that his legal background will help provide insight and problem-solving skills to be a part of ensuring that high quality programming on TV and radio is accessible and free to all Alaskans.

"I have been a public radio listener for as long as I can remember. When I first moved to Anchorage, I hardly knew anyone – and the local voices on KSKA made me feel connected to the local community," stated Jamie Delman. "I am honored by the opportunity to join the Board and I look forward to contributing my skills and experience to the important work of Alaska Public Media."

Shelly Kells

Raised in Fairbanks and a graduate of University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Shelly Kells is a CPA and currently the Senior Director of Finance at Cook Inlet Tribal Council. She is a strong supporter of education in all stages of life. She has tutored in both math and accounting over the last 16 years, served as a Big Sister with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and volunteered with Junior Achievement teaching finance to high school students. Currently, Kells is the Treasurer of the Clare Swan Early Learning Center assisting with stewardship of grant funding aimed at early childhood development

as well as educating and supporting families to be stronger parents. She hopes that her background will help further Alaska Public Media.

“I am honored to join such a passionate organization! My childhood was shaped by some of public media’s amazing shows like Wishbone and Kratt’s Creatures. It’s incredible, as a child, to be able to travel the world from your living room and I look forward to being a part of continuing this important educational work for future generations,” said Shelly Kells.

Minoo Minaei

Minoo Minaei is a lifelong educator, retired after teaching 33 years with the Anchorage School District, and continues her work in various Boards and Commissions. Minaei serves on the Board of Bridge Builders of Anchorage and ACLU of Alaska. She is a certified interpreter for the Farsi language, a Community Liaison for Catholic Social Services Afghani Refugees, and a member of the Anchorage School District Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC). Minaei has served as a board member to The Anchorage Literacy Project, a former Commissioner to the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (AERC), as Vice-President of Delta Kappa Gama, as a member of the Anchorage Climate Action Plan Team and recognized as a BP Teacher of Excellence.

“I am a lifelong supporter and advocate of public media. I have seen Alaska Public Media’s importance to the cities, towns, communities, and villages in Alaska as the principal source of local, state, national and world news to Alaskans,” stated Minoo Minaei. “I look forward to sharing my educational expertise and community involvement as the Board continues to evolve its outreach.”

Alaska Public Media is thrilled to welcome the talents and diverse professional backgrounds of each of our new board members, to join forces with our existing board to continue to help lead our organization.

[Full list of our Board of Directors](#)

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About Alaska Public Media

[Alaska Public Media](#) (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) member and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement, and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, PBS KIDS 24/7, and [alaskapublic.org](#). Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

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