

NR Chapter Report for 10-6-2020 E-Board Meeting
Retired Public Employees of Alaska Northern Region Chapter
from NR RPEA Chapter Chair Charlie Gallagher

Meeting Summary for Thursday, September 17th -Our speaker this month was John Davies, of the Univ. of Alaska Board of Regents, who discussed at length the current circumstances and ongoing plans to deal with the University's broad fiscal and pandemic-response situation. While we expected the situation to be dire there is some positive news. For instance the enrollment at the UAF Campus was actually above that of the prior year. And while it is a bit "early" it appears the student safety protocols are meeting the community expectations. As a side note I personally observed last Saturday evening a very quiet campus with little or no traffic and just isolated, masked students walking, running, and a few playing field games (with masks) on a lovely evening. There is no question the UA is attempting to come to grips with multiple situations.

-The ZOOM meeting was hosted by NRVP Clark Milne while I managed the chat section. We were co-located at APEA's conference room while masked and socially distancing. The PowerPoint show presented by Mr. Davies for NR September Chapter meeting is loaded onto the NR tab of the RPEA website.

-Our next chapter meeting will be on Friday, October 16th, via Zoom with Mr. Jeremy Johnson, the Alaska Div. of Elections Supervisor, for Fairbanks/Interior area who will speak about the upcoming Alaska State General Election.

-Clark and I wish to thank Brad for asking APEA to use their Office as we have been for 20 years. They were glad to see us back.

-Our thanks also to the SC Region's former Chair Fran Rabago for pioneering distance Chapter management. Our Treasurer Frank Abegg successfully works with us from the Lower 48 in winter.

-There has been some discussion regarding assisting the NR Chapter in recruiting Chapter leadership. Members already recruited might be a memory jogger, but our NR Chapter members are already engaged. It would be far more useful from our past experience that if you know a retiree –a former colleague for instance, in any area of the State to simply enthusiastically contact and recruit them. Then either you, or they, may contact Clark Milne, Bob Grove, or myself. Over the years we have done this very successfully.

End of NR Report. "See" everyone next Tuesday --Charlie