

A summary of Northern Region's 2019-20 Meetings

September 19th: Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Bryce J. Ward Topics: Budget Matters: Property tax, the senior exemption, climate and EPA issues
Clark's note-- the EPA Administration will be in town that day too. The emphasis was on the establishment of a Public Facilities Priority system discussion and enactment which occurred in late fall.

October 17th: Vice-Chair of the Retiree Health Care Advisory Board, Ms. Cammy Taylor -Attorney

Topics: Our former RPEA Medical Committee Volunteer talked about the Board's establishment, activities, and roll in our Alaska Retiree Health Care.

November 21st: The Annual Luncheon with the Legislators and Aides

This offers NR RPEA Members and Legislators an opportunity to discuss the issues facing the new legislative session. This came off very well with Senator Coghill and Representative Wool chairing and sharing a very lively hour and a half session of Q&A, Opinions, and Perspectives with the Guests and RPEA Members. It was difficult to close it down and fun –just what we want!

January 16th 2020: Ms. Donna of the Fairbanks Co-op Market and Deli

She spoke about the Food Security and delivery Chain from their Associates in Washington State to the Port of Anchorage and Trucking to Fairbanks. Tips on delivery Tuesdays etc. This later became invaluable in March for the audience to appreciate the food chain during the attack of the COVID-19 virus!

February 20th : Mr Robb Johnson Chair of the Alaska Retirement

Management Board. By this time the Corona Virus was becoming alarming and we had fewer attendees; however we did put out the minutes to our members. In retrospect, it must be remembered the rosy picture of February has been savaged by pandemic effects on financial markets. But when Robb reported to us the gist of his talk was that our Alaska Pensions were in good shape and compared favorably with other similar pension systems.

March 19th: Dr. John Davies, Member and recent Chair of the University of Alaska Board of Regents. NR Chair Charlie Gallagher and Vice Chair Clark Milne decided at noon on Thursday the 12th to respect the 450 Residents of our host facility Raven Landing (as well as ourselves) and postponed our NR meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19 issue. We apologize to our speaker but by the 19th everything was shut down anyways.

This means the rest of this season.

Stay Safe-

Charlie Gallagher, NR Chair & Clark Milne, NR Vice-chair