

Annual Report



FY 2017

"Thank goodness something like this finally exists. I've been doing this alone for so long." From a Family Guardian

ALASKA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR GUARDIANSHIP & ADVOCACY

Tel 907-444-4015
Toll Free 844-944-4015

Physical:
333 W. 4th Avenue #5
Anchorage, AK 99501

Website: www.asaga.info
Email: asagaak@gci.net

Mailing
PO Box 220429
Anchorage, AK 99522

Contents

A Message from the Board of Directors	1
Strategic Highlights.....	1
Financial Highlights	1
Operating Highlights	1
Looking Ahead.....	1
Financial Statements.....	3
Statement of Comprehensive Income	3
Financial Summary.....	3
Services Provided July 2016 through June 2017	4
SUMMARY	4
Information & Referrals.....	4
Consultations.....	4
Training.....	4
Outreach and Online	5
Special Projects	5
Giving Thanks	6
Company Information	7



The purpose of this association is to provide for the interaction of ideas, education and communication between groups and individuals interested in providing or furthering services to vulnerable individuals

A Message from the Board of Directors

Strategic Highlights

Since 1992, ASAGA has worked diligently to ensure that the State of Alaska has a strong adult guardianship system in place. We've made incredible progress from where we started with new legislation that affects vulnerable adults, tighter regulations for professional organizations, educational requirements for new guardianships and public education. We know there is a great deal of work that remains and ASAGA remains committed and is proud of the past year's accomplishments.

This past year, we've expanded on our public education program and with the assistance of some dedicated volunteers, been able to offer more in the way of service provision to assist family guardians and others navigate the adult guardianship system. We've been able to offer information, referrals, consultations, trainings and presentations to the public. This kind of access on the subject of adult guardianship has never been provided in the State of Alaska in this way. With the development of our new website and webinar technology, we've been able to expand our reach across the State of Alaska.

Financial Highlights

This past year, ASAGA is partnering with the Alaska Court System as well as generous funders to develop a new educational video for non-professional guardian and conservators. This will replace the video previously developed by ASAGA in 1997 and will fulfil the education requirement for all new guardianships. The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Mat-Su Health Foundation and AARP have all contributed to the cost of the project; a total of \$74,500.00

Operating Highlights

While the majority of our hours this past year have been volunteer hours, ASAGA was chosen as a recipient of the Opportunity Grant through the American Bar Endowment Fund to assist with hiring a part time administrator, travel and translation services. This grant, a total of \$35,000 will fund ASAGA in these areas through June 2018.

Looking Ahead

We are very proud of the past year. While many states have state associations for guardianship, few offer this type of assistance to the public in a formal way. We look forward



to continuing the development of our website, traveling to areas of our great state to make contacts and offer assistance and hearing from YOU!

FY 2017 Board of Directors

Juan San Miguel – President

Marieann Vassar – Vice President

Sharon Wells – Secretary and Nominating Chair

Sydney Eden – Treasurer

Patrice Icardi – Legislative Chair

Laura Volmert – Education Chair

Elizabeth Russo – Member at Large

September 1, 2017



Financial Statements

Statement of Income & Expenses

Description	Amounts		
Beginning bank balance July 1, 2016	\$11,426.49		
Income FY 2017	\$107,035.65		
Expenses FY 2017	\$24,361.20		
Encumbered Funds	\$86,304.00		
Ending ASAGA Balance	\$7796.94		

Financial Summary

- \$64,500.00 of ASAGA's income goes directly to the video project to develop a new, hour long educational video
- ASAGA's encumbered funds are for the ABE grant FY 18 and video project.
- ASAGA would like to thank the generous funding opportunity from the American Bar Endowment Opportunity Grant. We were notified in February 2017 that our request for \$35, 000 was approved beginning in April 2017. This will provide funding for an administrative position, travel and translation services to support our goal of keeping family members involved in supporting the most vulnerable segment of our community through June 2018





Services Provided July 2016 through June 2017

SUMMARY

- ✚ 358 individuals received 488 units of service including I/R, consults and training.
- ✚ ASAGA Board and Administrator provided 301.09 volunteer hours
- ✚ ASAGA connected with individuals in 35 Alaskan communities
- ✚ We had 535 site visits to our webpage
- ✚ Out of the 488, 222 were family members, 3 self-advocates, 246 professionals and 17 unknowns.

Information & Referrals

ASAGA provided 105 units of information and/or referrals. Contacts ranged from finding necessary paperwork online, where to find educational materials or help finding available resources.

Consultations

ASAGA provided 89 consultations both over the phone and in-person. Subject matter ranged from assistance filling out petitions, annual reports or discussing duties of a guardian. ASAGA also provided consultations in a group clinic setting which we held monthly with 18 participants attending over the past year.

Training

In the past year, ASAGA took over the class originally taught by the Office of Public Advocacy in April 2017. ASAGA now does a 1 ½ hour class on the first Tuesday of each month and had 9 participants in three classes in Anchorage. We presented to four organizations to a total of 61 professionals and families. We held 14 webinars with a total of 129 professionals and families attending all over the state. In October 2016, we held our annual conference with 57 participants. Lastly, in January 2017, we held a Trust training with 20 participants in attendance.

Webinar topics included;

- ✚ Introduction to Adult Guardianship
- ✚ Introduction to ASAGA
- ✚ How to Petition
- ✚ How to Fill Out the Annual Report
- ✚ Financial Exploitation
- ✚ Making Decisions as a Guardian



“This is a confusing area sometimes. These webinars are very helpful. We don’t get a lot of training out here.”

Webinar Participant



- ✚ ABLE Accounts
- ✚ Social Security

We thank our volunteer speakers for their time in helping us make these topics available.

Outreach and Online

Through IContact, we had soft contact with almost 900 individuals across the State in 10 different informational emails. Through Facebook, we reached over 2000 individuals with posts about our programs and progress. Our website published in February 2017 and since then, there have been 535 visits with the Educational Resources being the most visited page.

Special Projects

ASAGA is proud to partner with the Alaska Court System, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Mat-Su Health Foundation and AARP on the new educational video currently being developed. This one-hour video will go over petitioning, alternatives, and the duties of guardianship in Alaska. It is currently in production with a launch date in early 2018 with the next phase to look at translation into different languages.



Giving Thanks

The Alaska State Association for Guardianship and Advocacy is a non-profit organization and largely made up of volunteers donating their time to assist families and others navigate the guardianship system. We could not do this without the support of partners and would like to thank our partners for their support and assistance!

ASAGA would like to thank the following organizations:





Company Information

ALASKA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR GUARDIANSHIP & ADVOCACY

Physical:

333 W. 4th Avenue #5
Anchorage, AK 99501

Mailing

PO Box 220429
Anchorage, AK 99522

Tel 907-444-4015 or Toll Free 1-844-944-4015

Website: www.asaga.info

