

Annual Report



FY 2019

ASAGA from a saga because every guardianship has a story...Betty Stanley, one of the ASAGA founders

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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

The past three years have been a bit of a whirlwind but incredibly exciting as we've ventured into our new direction; providing services to the community on adult guardianship and conservatorship. If anything, the increasing number of contacts we've received have shown us what a valuable resource a guardianship assistance program has been for Alaska. From only speaking to 16 folks in the first quarter of FY2016 to over 600 contacts in FY2019, you, the community have solidified our desire to continue on strong.

This fiscal year, we say goodbye to an incredible partner who really helped put us on the map; the American Bar Endowment program. With their newly formed Opportunity Grant, we were able to secure two years' worth of funding to assist in getting the data we needed to really show how Alaska can benefit from a resource like ASAGA. It is our hope that our recent request for funding through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority comes to fruition and we'll keep you posted. Thank you to all the board members at ABE who chose us to represent what their funding has to offer. We're truly grateful.

ASAGA was excited to support the new legislation on Supported Decision Making Agreements spearheaded by the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. ASAGA promotes excellence in adult guardianship which means supporting guardianship when necessary and supporting alternatives when it is not. Having other tools and options for families and others to have access to helps the entire system. If you want to learn more about SDMA's, check out our Helpful Links section of the website under Educational Resources to a link directly to the SDMA site.

We're pleased to have a successful first outing for our Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship winner, Amanda Pagan from Wasilla! She joined many other Alaskan delegates at the 2018 NGA Conference in Palm Springs, California this year. The committee, in June 2019, chose the 2019 winner and we congratulate Mary Matthews of Fairbanks, Alaska. She'll be headed to Lexington, Kentucky in October 2019.

Lastly, ASAGA says goodbye to Marieann Vassar, long time Board Member and Court Visitor. Marieann has been an incredible asset to ASAGA over the years and been an active participant in the guardianship community for over 25 years. We wish her the best of luck as she moves towards retirement and warmer weather in Arizona this July. We thank her for all her years of service!



Financial Highlights

Our most exciting financial highlight is the second year of funding provided by the American Bar Endowment Opportunity Grant. ASAGA as selected for a second year of funding even though it is difficult to receive more than one year. ASAGA had a successful year with our silent auction and table showcases at our annual conference which goes to support the Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship. We welcome you to join supporting your guardianship community by becoming an ASAGA Ambassador. With a donation of \$25 or more, you support valuable programs like our annual report reminder and website and will receive early notice of events and our newsletter three times a year.

Looking Ahead

FY2020 will be another exciting year for ASAGA as we work towards solid sustainability. Regardless of funding, ASAGA will always work hard to remain a resource to families and others navigating the adult guardianship system. We'll exploring more trainings, more ways to get information to everyone across the State and more ways to support YOU; our communities. If you have an idea or suggestion, don't hesitate to contact us. We also welcome new board members, Jennifer Ivory and Kelley Clouser who come on board in July 2019.

FY 2019 Board of Directors

Marieann Vassar – President

Sharon Wells – Vice President and Nominating Chair

Laura Volmert – Secretary and Education Chair

Sydney Eden – Treasurer

Elizabeth Russo – Member at Large

Juan San Miguel – Member at Large

July 31, 2019



Financial Statements

Statement of Income & Expenses

Description	ASAGA	ABE	
Beginning bank balance July 1, 2019	\$6522.00	\$34,957.39	April 2018 award
Income FY 2019	\$12,111.76	\$0.00	
Expenses FY 2019	\$11,003.39	\$34191.30	
Encumbered Funds	\$6,500.00*	766.09*	
Ending ASAGA Balance June 30, 2019	\$7630.65	0.00	Grant ends

Financial Summary

- Income categories were either from our annual conference or donations from ASAGA Ambassadors
- ASAGA's encumbered funds are for translation of the Court educational videos and travel that will be done in FY2020.

ASAGA would like to thank the generous funding opportunity from the American Bar Endowment Opportunity Grant who provided generous funding for both FY18 and FY19. Without their support, ASAGA would not have been able to build the base and data for future funding requests.





Services Provided July 2018 through June 2019

SUMMARY

- ✚ 683 individuals received 864 units of service including I/R, consults and training.
- ✚ ASAGA Board provided 73.3 in volunteer hours.
- ✚ ASAGA connected with individuals in 29 Alaskan communities and out of state families.
- ✚ We had 1140 site visits to our webpage with the most visited page being Educational Resources.
- ✚ Out of the 864, 405 were family members, 5 self-advocates, 379 professionals and 75 unknowns.

Information & Referrals

ASAGA provided 236 units of information and/or referrals – 6 being professional guardians volunteering with family guardians.

Consultations

ASAGA provided 122 units of consultations. 7 of the consultations were triage where a guardianship professional assisted a family guardian and 3 were at the Court direction.

Training

ASAGA holds a monthly class on how to be a guardian, various webinars and an annual conference. We also attend speaking engagements when invited. In FY 19, we provided 506 units of training including our new partnership with the Anchorage Court.

Outreach and Online

Through IContact, we had soft contact with upwards of 1439 individuals across the State in 24 different informational emails. Through Facebook, we reached over 7000 individuals with boosted posts about our programs and progress and to date, have 304 regular followers.



“Petitioning is so intimidating and I didn’t want to do it but sitting down with you really helped.”

Consultation Participant



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 our Board of Directors that serve as our volunteers and our partners. ASAGA would like to thank our partners for their support and assistance this past year!



We thank the following supporters of ASAGA who joined us at our 2018 conference!

Midnight Sun Home Care
Hope Community Resources
Stone Soup Group



We thank our FY2019 ASAGA Ambassadors!

Lois Salontai

Nancy Alzheimer

Ramona Pearce

Elizabeth Russo

John Herbst

Janet Hansten

Debra Heiker

Teresa Holt

Marilyn Maxwell

Wyvonne Williams

Charlotte Honner

Tamara Hunter

Kevin Turkington

Theresa Welton

Janice Whalen

Cheryl Corrick

ASAGA Ambassadors have made a donation to promote ASAGA's mission to promote excellence in adult guardianship in the State of Alaska! Their donations go towards the valuable programs ASAGA offers.



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