



# Annual Report



**FY 2020**

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



*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**

FY 2020 has certainly provided its shares of successes and challenges for us all. ASAGA felt very positive starting out in July 2019 with plans to expand our in-person trainings as well as in-person contact in communities to build our networking and communication abilities. While it started off strong, ASAGA, like everyone else, has been affected by Covid-19. Being a guardian or conservator can be hard enough without the difficult now of a world-wide pandemic.

We have moved forward in offering more online options for training and adding more to our website for statewide access. We are doing 100% virtual in the fall with our annual conference, All about the M's: The Making, Management and Monitoring of the Money which will be held via Zoom on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

We're pleased to still be able to have our Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship program and the winner for 2020 is Christi Wells from Soldotna. This year, the program was opened up to family guardians but also professionals that work in the field or with family guardians. While the National Guardianship Conference will also be virtual, we hope that Christi will learn valuable insights in guardianship but possibly even for herself and her future.

ASAGA will continue to navigate our current circumstances the best we can and be as available as possible to assist our communities with guardian and conservatorship needs.

### **Financial Highlights**

FY2020 is the first year of new funding from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. We are pleased to be working with the Trust as a partner in our services and conference after two great years with the American Bar Endowment. ASAGA has a two-year funding agreement through FY2021 and hopes to be considered for a third year through FY2022. As our conference was sold out this year and our ASAGA Ambassadors increased, we have additional money in our conference scholarship fund for the Jackson Stanley Conference Scholarship and will be looking to see what opportunities this can provide.

### **Looking Ahead**

FY2021 will be another exciting but challenging year for ASAGA. With our partnerships with the Office of Public Advocacy and the Alaska Court System, we expect more work to be done in our guardianship and conservatorship system so that it is a system we as a State can be



extremely proud of by ensuring excellence in guardianship when necessary and options to assist when not. Until we can all meet again, stay safe and take care!

FY 2020 Board of Directors

Sharon Wells – President

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August 27, 2020



## Financial Statements

### Statement of Income & Expenses

Description	ASAGA		AMHTA	
Beginning bank balance July 1, 2019	\$13,364.37		\$766.09	\$766.09 left from ABE grant to be used towards travel
Income FY 2020	\$16,034.17	Conference & Donations	\$48,200.00	Full Trust Grant
Expenses FY 2020	\$11,615.00		\$45,301.60	Includes \$766.09 non-Trust Funds
Held Funds Funds	\$6000.00	AARP for Court Translation Program	3664.49	For Income and Expense Application
Ending ASAGA Balance June 30, 2020*	\$11,783.54	ASAGA funds, not including Held Funds	0.00	*9640 is due once final report approved

### Financial Summary

- Income categories for the ASAGA account were either from our annual conference or donations from ASAGA Ambassadors
- ASAGA's held funds are for translation of the Court educational videos for the ASAGA account or from the Trust account, held funds are for an Income and Expense Tracker application in development.

ASAGA would like to thank the generous funding opportunity Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority who provided generous funding for both FY20 and will again in FY21. Without their support, ASAGA would not be able to commit to the level of service that we do. In addition we want to thank the ABE Grant one last time as their funding help us build the baseline of our operations. \$766.09 was left over from FY2019 which we received permission to use towards travel in FY 2020 and did so.





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## Services Provided July 2019 through June 2020

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### SUMMARY

- ✚ 896 individuals received 1524 units of service including I/R, consults and training.
- ✚ ASAGA Board provided 83 volunteer hours.
- ✚ ASAGA connected with individuals in 21 Alaskan communities and out of state families.
- ✚ We had 12,590 site visits to our webpage with the most visited page being Educational Resources.
- ✚ Out of the 896, 462 were family members, 7 self-advocates, 434 professionals Information & Referrals

ASAGA provided 591 units of information and/or referrals plus an additional 29 were triage with volunteers assisting to provide answers

### Consultations

ASAGA provided 172 units of consultations.

### 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 and this year, held various workings around the State and a secondary workshop with an outside speaker. In FY 20, we provided 48 total trainings with 732 units of training with participants from 15 communities across the state attending.

### Outreach and Online

Through IContact, we had soft contact with upwards of 1704 individuals across the State in 62 different informational emails including our Annual Report Reminder, newsletter and monthly emails on information and offerings. Through Facebook, we reached over 52,556 duplicated individuals with boosted posts about our programs and progress and to date to which there were 1398 engagements. We currently have 393 regular followers.



**“ASAGA is a vital resource. A true lifeline.”**

**Consultation Participant**



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## Giving Thanks

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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!



A huge thanks to our Conference Partners this year who are:

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**  
**Office of Public Advocacy**  
**Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska**  
**Patrice Icardi, Attorney at Law**



**Our conference is supported by our table showcases:**



**And Last but not least, our FY2020 ASAGA Ambassadors!**

Deborah Taylor	Virginia Drais	Michael Lawler
Elizabeth Russo	Tamara Hunter	Linda Hornstein
Janet Hansten	Lisa Wawrzonek	Meg Smith
Ramona Pierce	Debra Heiker	Kevin Turkington
Charlotte Honner	Nancy Alzheimer	Teresa Holt
Sharon Wells	Sydney Eden	Cheris Haymond-Rotter
Juan San Miguel	Alvin Anchetta	Barbara Bundy
Diane Miller	Elizabeth Johnson	Gay Wellman
Jan Whalen	Jeanette Collier	Kelda Barstad
Kelly Clouser	Suzanne Hickel	Sheila Jacobsen
Ilona Besseney	Tonja Woelber	Veronica Ronnie Weddleton

**EMERALD AMBASSADORS**

**JANUARY: WOELBER & COLE**

**FEBRUARY: ANONYMOUS**



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