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from the President

Mabel Quilliam
September 25, 2025

Alaska FCE will hold the **fall board meeting** via Zoom on Wednesday, **November 19, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. Members may attend in person at the Mat-Su CES office.

September 18, 2025

Well, another year has passed, and I was able to go to the National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE) Annual Conference in Erlanger, Kentucky. It's sad to say, but they didn't have many more show up for it than we have at our state conference considering the 13 states that came. I wish we could get more people from Alaska to go, I know it's a lot of money, but it's nice to get to meet all the other women from the different state clubs. We have a really nice time, with good food, nice rooms, and making many new friends. About 7 or 8 First Timers attend.

In the business meeting, I learned that even though the office moved, it didn't lower the NAFCE insurance. It remains high



due to the fact that all our meetings are covered under the NAFCE policy.

Our "Heart of FCE" winner is Bonnie Shurtleff. She will receive a certificate and a pin. The pin was sent to her, but I will be giving her the certificate. We really need to congratulate these next 3 members who have been members of FCE for over 50 years. Eleanor Herrera - 50 years, Nancy Heckart - 55 years, and Rieta Walker - 60+ years. I will be giving each of them a certificate and a pin showing the years they have been members.

A hand sign that I hope everyone is familiar with was discussed at the Conference. That is the hand sign that is given if you are in a harmful place against your will. **"You tuck you thumb in and hold 4 fingers up and then close them."** We all need to be alert wherever we go, and, if we see something, say something to someone.

There is also something to say if you are at a bar; maybe you have had a little more to drink or you

are feeling drugged. This is something every bartender needs to know; so, the next time you go out for drinks, ask them if they are aware of this. Go to the bar if possible and tell the bartender about a drink you want. Ask the bartender for an:

"Angel Shot"

"Angel Shot Neat" – We will have a bouncer escort you to your car.

"Angel Shot With Ice" – We will escort the person in question out.

"Angel Shot With Lime" – We will call the police.

Don't worry we will be discreet, your safety matters to us.

Inside your bags I have given you several printouts:

- NATIONAL FCE and ACWW ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS.
- RECRUITMENT and RETENTION of members for your clubs.
- 16 DAYS of ACTIVISM Against Gender-Based Violence

Please take the time to read them, and try to do some of the things mentioned.

We were given 2 new *Heart Fire Series* leaflets #82 "Pollinators! They're Not Just Bees" and #83 "Whole Grains: Nutrient Dense Food for a Healthier Diet". As soon as they are available on the NAFCE website, I will email a copy to you.

I want to THANK ALL of the people who participated in the Conference Steering Committee meetings, and for all the work you did to make this conference possible.

Years of Service

Years of Membership

2025 Longevity Awards

Barbara Thomas

Below are the names that were announced at the annual banquet and presented by Leslie Shallcross HHHH Agent and me; those present received their longevity certificates in person. Also shown are the years of membership, the year joined, and the club.

5 years 2020

Katherine Boll Lazy River

Sena Biruchenko She-Mon-Sun

10 years 2015

Brenda Sadler 17-Mile

15 years 2010

Dianne Doody 17-Mile

Goldie Southwood 17-Mile

20 years 2005

Julie Cascio Lazy River

Jo Small 17-Mile

25 years 200

Lova O'Shea Wasilla

Elaine Link Anchorage

30 years 1995

June Cloyd 17-Mile

Jill Martinson Lazy River

35 years 1990

Doris Coffin Wasilla

Barbara Thomas Lazy River

50 years 1875

Eleanor Herrera 17-Mile

55 years 1970

Nancy Heckart Anchorage



2025 Annual Meeting Membership Report

September 25, 2025

Barbara Thomas, Membership Chair

Below is the 2025 membership by district and club. The report shows each club's membership by individual, senior, and family. Our total membership in 2025 is 89 versus 98 in 2024, down by 9. Most of our clubs were down by only one or two. However, one club concerns me; 17-Mile is down by 8 members.

Again, there is no dues increase for the 2026 membership. However, I still want to encourage clubs to help their members pay their dues with membership grants.

I am handing out the 2026 membership packets to the clubs. Each packet includes a few membership forms, an instructions sheet, plus each club's 2025 membership list. It is helpful if you can return a copy of your member list with any changes noted so that the Treasurer does not have to review every form to see if there are any changes.

National FCE has asked us to include a place for members to

add a donation for the Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is a fund that was started in 2014 to help with expenses of our National FCE organization. The Fund is set up so that only the dividends of the Fund can be used. Donations to the Fund since 2014 are around \$65,000. Information about the Legacy Fund is included in your 2026 membership packet.

Also we have removed the request for permission for Alaska FCE and CES to use your photograph on the Alaska FCE website as we no longer have a website.

As usual, I am reminding you to send your first batch of membership forms to the Treasurer, Jill Martinson, in November, so she can meet the deadline of December 1 for the first batch to be sent to National FCE. We realize that it takes most clubs two meetings to gather all their dues and forms, but don't hold them up waiting for stragglers. Stragglers and new members can be sent in at any time.

State

Individual		42
Senior		27
Family	9 =	18
State Members Only		<u>2</u>
Total		89

Anchorage

Individual		2
Senior		<u>8</u>
Total		10

Homer

Individual		3
Senior		2
Family	1 =	<u>2</u>
Total		7

Mat-Su District

Lazy River

Individual	7	
Senior	2	
Family	5 =	10
Total		19

She-Mon-Sun

Individual	7	
Senior	2	
Family	1 =	2
Total		11

Talkeetna

Individual	3	
Senior	3	
Total		6

Wasilla

Individual	6	
Senior	2	
Total		8

Mat-Su District Total 44

Northern District

17 Mile

Individual	10	
Senior	7	
Family	2 =	4
Total		20

Tok-A-Tan

Individual	2	
Senior	2	
Total		4

Northern District Total 24

Greater Alaska

Individual	2	
State Member Only	2	
Total		4

Historian's Report

Mary Hensel, Historian

September 2025

Many thanks to all who contributed to the planning of this year's Alaska FCE Annual Conference, "Denim and Diamonds". Since last September I have received 4 obituaries to be entered in our memorial book. The history and memorial books will be on display during Conference. Articles and pictures pertaining to FCE are always welcome.

Mary Hensel

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ma_hensel@yahoo.com**Memorial Service, Remembering Deceased Members**

Mary Hensel, Historian

Wendy Couch, January 7, 1931 - November 22, 2024, grew up on a small ranch in the Yakima Valley of Washington. After earning her BS in Elementary Education from Whitworth College, she taught in Persia for 3 years. Her weekly letters home were published in the local newspaper.

Upon returning home, Wendy married a schoolmate. They transferred to Alaska in 1971 and

settled in Palmer. Wendy became the Butte 4-H leader and joined the GOLDDUSTERS Homemakers.

Wendy insisted that her husband and his hunting buddies always bring home a moose because "Moose is my favorite".

She is remembered for her beautiful, warm smile and kind, gentle manner.

Stephen Castlebury Brown, October 17, 1936 - February 23, 2025, was a professor of agriculture with the Cooperative Extension Service, UAF and a past president and director of the Alaska State Fair at Palmer. He presented programs for Homemakers at Alaska FCE Annual Conferences and club meetings and demonstrated at the Fair. Two popular classes were "Chicken University" and "Growing Giant Cabbages".

He was also passionate about mountaineering, summiting peaks on 5 continents. He ran many marathons, completing them in 37 states.

Barbara Lee Hunter Thoma, May 26, 1945 - May 19, 2025, graduated at the top of her class at Columbia Teaching Hospital. Soon after that she married Bob Thoma. He was drafted into the Army and shipped to Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. Barb joined him in Fairbanks in February 1969. When Bob's enlistment ended, they remained in North Pole. Barb worked at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and Tanana Valley Clinic.

Barbara was a skilled crafter, baker, cook, seamstress, and gardener. Her contributions to 17

MILE HOMEMAKERS and FCE are too numerous to count.

Bonnie Lou Anderson Dinkel, April 26, 1934 - September 7, 2025, was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, in 1934, and later that year the family moved to a farm near Blooming Prairie. She graduated high school there and enrolled at the University of Minnesota majoring in Home Economics. In college she met Don, and they were married the day after Don graduated. They then headed for Alaska with all their worldly possessions packed into a 2-door Ford.

Don served 20 months in the Army in Anchorage, and they then returned to Minnesota where Don obtained his PhD. Then they returned and stayed in Alaska. Bonnie completed her BS in Home Economics at UAF in 1972.

In retirement Bonnie remained active in the community with FCE, Pioneers of Alaska, quilting guilds, and her church.

from FaCEs Editor

October 2025

Rieta Walker

Greetings to everyone.

I was not able to attend the Alaska FCE Annual Conference this year. Items about the Conference were written by others. Please remember that each of you may send items for FaCEs at any time. Send items to

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OR

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Homer AK 99603-7452

Although I wasn't at the Conference, I did send 2 bags that I received at other conferences. One was made from a jean's pant leg and had written on it with white fabric paint "Sharing the Silver" for the 25th conference. That's 50 years ago! I use that bag for carrying my laptop computer.

The other bag has machine embroidery stating that it was made for the 36th annual conference. Someone who could do embroidery by machine "wrote" that, perhaps Liz Rettke. Or was it Rosie?

2025 Alaska FCE Annual Conference Denim and Diamonds



Our 75th conference is in the bag! The planning process turned out well, and I am thankful Homer FCE didn't have to be responsible for the whole thing. The classes and speakers were interesting; the activities were fun; the conference setting was beautiful; rooms were nice; and the food was nourishing; but the best part of conference was being together with FCE friends whose genuine concern, love and support warmly flowed. I noticed the compassion for folks during the session on

abuse, concern for others with physical and emotional issues and, of course, all the extra help given to Erless and me during the week.

Our connection to others is the best part of our organization.

Sincerely, Rosie Burgess



Loretta Braden reported that the conference was very nice and that she enjoyed it very much. She enjoyed seeing the friendly, smiling faces again. A few of the women were sporting canes; she was so glad to see that they came.

Sharon Taylor lead the devotions. For me it was a lovely way to begin the day.

Doris Coffin showed us how to make spring rolls - not fried, with a side of Thai sweet chili sauce, which I really enjoyed!

The class on Alaska Native kuspuks was especially good.

The Farm Update was also great. He told us about how generous many of the other farmers were about sending the Farm plants such as varieties of potatoes and strawberry plants that were still bearing in September.

Another exceptional class was Barbara Thomas's presentation on the origin of the Cooperative Extension Service and how it relates to Alaska and to us

The Denim and Diamonds fashion show with Rosie and the models was for me the highlight of the evening. I could tell that Rosie was genuinely interested in re-working old jeans and lace. Another thing that made me happy was to see Jaleyne, 9 months pregnant, as one of the models! And also Stephanie Harry was an outstanding model.

I also enjoyed belting out a few songs with TJ on the way to the "mess hall". Two of the songs were "Home on the Range" and "You Are My Sunshine".



From Secretary TammyJean Barnes:

The Conference went fine. Some of us were a little tired or ill and had to take time to be on our own. Mostly, we had fun being together, doing projects, sharing ideas and experiences, and that's what really matters in my opinion. Connecting, sharing and caring...what more could we ask?

I do think there were two real highlights to this year's conference. One was the guest speaker Minister Sarah Mitchell. Although the description she wrote up for us about her talk "History of Alaska Native Kuspuks" wasn't exactly on point, we actually got a lot more information than just that, (although more specific information on that may have been what we were looking for) because she brought in items to pass around and the information went far beyond just kuspuks. We did all enjoy the presentation and most of us have follow up questions already!

The other highlight, to me, was Rosie's fashion show. Rosie brought us all out of our comfort zones by asking for volunteers as she had outfits but few models. There were more models and outfits for the show than in the audience! When we finished our fashion walk, we joined the audience to see what came next. It was great! How creative our Rosie is!

Although much of the conference was memorable, these two really stood out to me as excellent. It got me excited about the planning

of next year's conference and that is indeed a very good thing.



From Stephanie Harry

I took these classes: Nutrients for Healthy Aging, Denim Angels, Taking Photos with an iPhone, Did you know?, and Making Spring Rolls.

[Stephanie showed me the angel ornament she made from a jeans pocket and lace and a few other items, very cute.]

Our room was cold; the heat was not working and the refrigerator was not working. [The heat was turned on but went off again.]

I won 4 moose item in ways & means.

National FE Hosts

ACWW USA Area Conference

Barbara Thomas, Mat-Su FCE

September 2025

In July Mabel and I attended the National FCE Annual Conference in Erlanger, Kentucky. The Conference this year included Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) USA Societies. The opening day of the Conference featured FCE's annual meeting, which included the business session, awards presentations, and recognitions such as the Heart of FCE, First timers, and years of membership. I will let Mabel report on all of this, and I am focusing on the participation of ACWW and the classes and workshops.

For those of you who are wondering who ACWW is and what they do, there is *Hearth Fire Series #71* "What is ACWW and how does FCE fit in?" Also you can learn about ACWW from our National FCE website www.nafce.org.

There is a link to the ACWW website, www.acww.org.uk.

As FCE members we are members of ACWW.

Some of you long time members will remember ACWW projects that Alaska FCE worked on, such as the India project. The purpose of the India project was to help the rural women to create ways to make money to provide for their families. The India project included collecting embroidery floss, fund raising to send treadle sewing machines, and to pay a doctor's salary. Another project was the Romania project. We collected yarn and knitting and crochet supplies for the women to make warm clothes for their families and to have some way to earn money. And the Ugandan project focused on sanitary facilities for improved menstrual hygiene in schools. Also for Uganda we sewed pad holders shaped to hold sanitary pads. Pennies for Friendship is still around but is now called Coins for Friendship. Clubs can still donate to Coins for Friendship through the National organization or our Treasurer can collect them and send them with our membership or at any time.

Women Walk the World is an annual fund raiser for Coins for Friendship. Every year, women world wide celebrate April 29 as ACWW Day. Members and their friends gather to walk together to raise funds and share information about their programs and the work they do in their communities.

Here are the names of some of the ACWW Societies in the US.
Colorado Master Farm Homemakers Guild

Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild
Oklahoma Home and Community Education
Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education
Washington State Home and Community Educators
Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council
Indiana Extension Homemakers Association
Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

You will notice that there are some that are using the term Extension Homemakers in their title. After the name change, FCE still held the patent and trademark for Extension Homemakers. After a few years, it became too expensive to continue to pay for and defend the trademark.

Attending the Conference was the ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock, from South Africa, and Executive Director Tish Collens from the ACWW London Headquarters.

Here is a list of classes and projects that were presented. I have a set of them to make available for our Mat-Su clubs. Mabel also has a set, and they are available on the FCE website.

A program that is FCE and ACWW's focus for the next few years is "16 Days of Activision" against gender-based violence. The definition of gender-based violence is "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including

threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life." (While women as targets numbers are significantly higher than those for men, men have been targets as well) The "16 Days of Activision" will begin November 25 each year.

Other learning session presented were:

Pollinators! They're Not Just Bees

Whole Grains, Nutrient Dense Food for a Healthier Diet

Horticulture Therapy and Wellness in Nature

Environmental Wellness

3-2-1 Contact Your Officials... elected or appointed

There was also a morning for crafting classes.



District Reports

Anchorage

No written report. See minutes of annual meeting.

Homer

Rosie Burgess, President

September 25, 2025

Since our Spring Retreat, "Fair Time", which was held in March at the Kenai Quality Inn, our club has been meeting only once a month. Our members have been scattered in our personal lives and even talked about disbanding our club. We all agreed that we enjoy each other's company so much, that we still wanted to meet as a club. Several of us also stated that we didn't want to give up our friend connections on the state level. As a result we decided to explore Homer's quirky food truck industry and support our local home grown businesses by eating out for lunch and carrying on the business we needed to do at those lunch meetings.

We still have *Hearth Fire Series* lessons, produce and gift our Raise-a-Reader® packets to South Peninsula Hospital and made quilts for Haven House, the women's shelter.

Several members have been active on the Alaska FCE Annual Conference steering committee, and members helped make decorations for the Annual Banquet at Conference.

Five grants have been given to members to attend the Conference this year.

The theme for next year's retreat will be "Tea Party". Jill Martinson and TJ Barnes offered to be in charge of the program and food. Homer FCE will secure

the venue and generally help out. Look for the announcement of the dates. Come join the fun!!

Mat-Su

Barbara Thomas, President
September 25, 2025

Here in Mat-Su we think this summer has gone by way too fast. It started out a little cool but warmed up. The best part was not much wind during the state fair.

We had a busy and successful State Fair. There were three weekends making for a long Fair. We had help from the Valley Quilters that took care of the demonstrations on Sundays and Mondays. Plus, the Fair was closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This year's Fair had the earliest possible start date of August 15 and ended on Labor Day, September 1. The Fair tracks from Labor Day which is always the first Monday in September. This dates back to the early days of the Fair when it was held just over Labor Day weekend. So next year it will be the latest possible start date, August 21 as Labor Day will be September 7. Also, next year will be the 90th anniversary of the Fair, 1936 to 2026. It will also be the 90th anniversary of Mat Valley FCE and our presenting demonstrations. You may remember from our history that our name then was Home Demonstration Clubs and that the Home Economics Agents were called Home Demonstration Agents.

Here are more activities and exhibits that we were involved

in. We again sponsored the Homemade Pie Contest. The category this year was Berry, and our theme was "A Berry Good Pie". The filling had to include berries of any kind and have a double crust. Our Willow She-Mon-Sun club members had a display in the crops exhibits and won second place.

Julie Cascio is still the Canning Exhibit Superintendent. Many of our members helped Julie take in and judge entries. Patty Miller is the Superintendent of Handwork & Needlework and added the Superintendent of Crops this year. Many of our members helped Julie and Patty with entries intake and judging.

All these State Fair activities rally rack up our volunteer hours. It also provides an opportunity to educate the public about who we are and what we do. We receive publicity from having our demonstration schedule and Pie Contest information on the Fair's website, the Fair's large Fair booklet, and the daily schedule. It is also good opportunity to attract new members. We think we will have one or two from this Fair.

We continue to volunteer at the Vally Community Recycling Center in Palmer and in the recycling educational booth at the Fair. The big news is that the glass crusher arrived this summer, and the Center started receiving and crushing glass on September 9. No more trips to Anchorage or Eagle River to recycle glass. We are still adjusting to Julie Cascio's retirement. A CES

Director has been appointed, and we hope they will soon be posting Julie's position. Nelson Crone, who was taking care of both the Farm and CES, will just be Director of the Farm.

In our spring board report, I bragged about our annual report to National FCE. Well, in July I attended the National FCE Annual Conference and was surprised to receive recognition and a certificate for our State Fair Program and the State Scholarship report. The scholarship report included Mat-Su District scholarships and the Alaska FCE scholarships compiled by Treasurer Jill Martinson. It also included Talkeetna's scholarship given to non-members. It was nice to hear that all the work we do in keeping track and reporting volunteer hours is recognized and appreciated.

Northern 17-Mile

Brenda Sadler, President

No written report. See minutes of the annual meeting.



Jennifer Wagaman CES Director

Jennifer (Jenn) Wagaman has been named director of the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service, a part of the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension (IANRE). She spoke



to Alaska FCE members via Zoom at the annual banquet.

Wagaman's degrees are in anthropology, art, and communications all from UAF. Since 2022 she has been the communications manager at IANRE.

Wagaman has been an adjunct professor teaching various courses for more than 20 years. Also through her consulting business she provides training to caregivers and professionals working with persons with complex neurobehavioral conditions.

Around the Alaskan Table An Alaskan Cookbook Project Karen Sobolesky, Laurie Evans- Dinneen, and Angela Libal

Humans are nomadic by nature, and we all come from somewhere, Indigenous or not, following food, family, oil, gold, spouse. Alaska is no different, and while some of us have been here longer than others, we all brought our food with us, or at least the idea of comforting foods as part of the home culture we left behind.

Now, new generations have added their own mark, literally, on some famous and household recipes at the table and in the kitchen,

that place where cultures coalesce, and conversations happen.

From traditional to Indigenous fusion and from old sourdough and fish camp recipes to modern cuisine, Alaskans share their stories and their part of Alaska's history through their foods. Come, join us at the table.

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We invite you to submit a recipe and a family story that goes with it.

What we would like to know:

1. What brought your family to Alaska (military, industry, adventure) and when? Or what is your family story of living in Alaska if your family is Indigenous?
2. What recipe is a family favorite? Did your family always make the recipe for holidays, birthdays, or special events? Is it a comfort food from 'home' to your home?
3. Is there something special, interesting, or historical about the recipe that you would like to share?

Please send us a picture of the recipe card or page as written in your hand or a relative's hand if possible - typed is also fine. And if your recipe card is like ours, it likely has cooking stains and notes on it, so much the better. We plan to pair recipes with family stories about living in Alaska then and now with a dash of Alaskan history thrown in for good measure.



Thanks for participating in our project.

Questions: Please email us at aroundthetable@gmail.com

[When you scan this QR code with your cell phone camera, it will take you to an online interactive form. It would be good to have your recipe and its story ready.]





Group photo taken at 75th Alaska FCE Annual Conference

All Conference photos courtesy of Marleyne Hunter



Historian Elect Sharon Taylor and Vice President
Elect Rosie Burgess
Did Sharon paint that bottle in Rosie's class?



Mary Hensel, fashion model and
long time Historian

Alaska Association for Family & Community Education
Annual Business Meeting
Minutes
September 25, 2025

Call to order: 9:17 a.m.

Pledge recited by all.

Alaska Homemakers Creed read by Mabel Quilliam.

Roll Call sign-in sheet passed by Secretary TJ Barnes includes: Mabel Quilliam, Sue Selk, TJ Barnes, Jill Martinson, Mary Hansel, Barbara Thomas, Dianne Doody, Elaine Link, Loretta Braden, Linn Vander Molen, Bea Combs, Bonnie Shurtleff, Kathy Huston, Sharon Taylor, Anita Harry, Sue Reed, Lina Lopez, Brenda Sadler, Mary Addie Lazarus, Barbara Walters, Stephanie Harry, Rosie Burgess and Marleyne Hunter. We have a quorum.

Barbara Thomas agreed to be Parliamentarian.

Approval of the Agenda: Barbara Thomas asked to add her report from the NAFCE Annual Conference to be given after the Historian's report. There was a correction under Officer Reports to reflect Audit of 2024 Books, corrected from 2025 Books. Other corrected items will be noted as they appear in due course. Brenda Sadler motioned to approve the corrected Agenda, and Sharon Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion to accept passes.

Approval of the Minutes as printed in *FaCEs*: President called for objections. Hearing none, motion to accept the minutes as printed in *FaCEs* passes.

Reports: All written copies will be printed in *FaCEs*.

Officer Reports:

President-Mabel Quilliam-Secretary received a written copy.

Vice President-Sue Selk-Did not submit a written copy to the Secretary. Requests that all Conference 2025 Evaluation forms be turned in to her tonight or to TJ tomorrow morning.

Secretary-TJ Barnes-Directs members to look for minutes of this meeting in *FaCEs*.

Treasurer-Jill Martinson-Secretary received emailed and printed copy and welcomes anyone who wishes to participate to help audit the 2024 books.

Historian-Mary Hensel-Secretary received a written copy.

Barbara Thomas-Attended the National FCE Conference and reported on the ACWW US Societies participation in the conference and provided a written report to the Secretary.

CES Update: No CES Representative was present.

District Presidents:

Anchorage-Loretta Braden for Nancy Heckart: Report photographed by Secretary included: We sell Fur Rondy pins and make donations to charities such as the food bank, Nine Star Enterprises and Hope where we have donated around 30-35 blankets.

Homer (corrected from Kenai Peninsula)-Rosie Burgess: Secretary received written report and printed in *FaCEs*.

Mat-Su-Barbara Thomas: Secretary received written and printed in *FaCEs*.

Northern-Brenda Sadler: Secretary requested written report through Linn Vander Molen and received it.

Standing Committee Reports:

FaCEs-Rosie Burgess for Rieta Walker-Via email. All articles are due by October 10th!

Finance and Budget-Jill Martinson for Nancy Heckart-This report will be available after the November Fall State Board Meeting.

Membership-Barbara Thomas-Reported on 2025 Membership results and distributed the 2026 Membership materials. Secretary received written report, and it is printed in *FaCEs*.

A ten minute recess was called at 10:40 a.m. Meeting brought back into session at 10:53 a.m.

Nominating Committee Chair Bonnie Shurtleff acknowledges Anita Harry of Homer who announced Rosie Burgess is willing to run for Vice President.

Scholarship-There was a question from Barbara Thomas and it was answered by looking back at the Budget Report. There was no further discussion regarding Scholarship.

Special Committees:

Heart of FCE-Kathy Huston announced that Bonnie Shurtleff was the winner.

Spirit of Alaska Women books and Budget Committee were listed on the Agenda but as Nancy Heckart is not able to be with us, they were not discussed.

Conference: Thank you to all who participated in accomplishing this year's conference organization. Your efforts are appreciated!

Any other person wishing to give a report at this time was taken up by Sharon Taylor who encouraged us to record our volunteer hours. Mabel said she would get the reports to the club presidents for the Fall State Board Meeting. Rosie suggested that the reports be published in *FaCEs*.

Unfinished Business: None discussed.

New Business:

Conference 2026: Mat-Su District wishes to organize the next conference on their own rather than follow the previous year's template of all the state officers and at least one representative from each district being the organizers. We will be asking John Miller for dates to return here to Camp Maranatha in Big Lake again next year. It was mentioned that it would be nice to travel to Fairbanks for the 2027 Conference and much discussion took place.

2026 State Officer Nominations: Rosie Burgess for Vice President. All in favor. Congrats Rosie! Sharon Taylor offered to be Historian and Sue Selk volunteered to store the records. All in favor. Congrats Sharon! (and thank you Sue.)

Heart of FCE: Kathy Huston agreed to continue as Chair but will not be responsible for the scrapbook.

Correspondence & Announcements:

Fall State Board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Mabel will reserve the CES room 208 for those who would like to attend in person.

Additionally, Rosie Burgess is asking us to participate in a cookbook initiative by Karen Sobolesky, Laurie Evans-Dinneen and Angela Libal called *Around the Alaskan Table*. We are invited to submit a family recipe and a story that goes with it for the project. Details will be submitted to Rieta for publishing in *FaCEs* including their email at aroundthetableak@gmail.com.

Also, Jill reminds us all to submit our eligible receipts for reimbursement for conference expenses as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Alaska FCE Treasurer's Report

Jill Martinson

September 18, 2025

Bank balance as of April 27, 2024		\$8406.57
Income: National Membership	\$35.00	
State Membership	13.50	
Council State dues	150.00	
Conference Registrations	<u>10,789.00</u>	
Total income	\$10987.50	
Balance plus Income		\$19,394.07
Expenses: NAFCE Membership	\$35.00	
Conference Scholarships	<u>800.00</u>	
Total expenses	\$835.00	
Final Balance		\$18,559.07
Dedicated Funds		
State Scholarship fund	\$1000.00	
National Delegate Fund	\$3500.00	
State Conference Development Fund	<u>\$1300.00</u>	
Total Dedicated funds	\$5800.00	
Working budget		\$12,759.07

[See More from Rieta Walker](#)