

## BARGAINING TEAM 2009-2010

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the AEA Executive Board overwhelmingly voted to approve the negotiations team for the 2009-2010 school year. Below is a list of those selected and a brief bio of each. We are hopeful that you will support the team and their efforts in the negotiating process.

### SKIP FOSTER

Skip is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Fire Lake Elementary School. He has been in the field of education for 12 years; all of those with the Anchorage School District. Skip was a bargaining team member in 2004, focusing on tracking all negotiated documents, opposing member comments, and elementary issues. His wife is also a teacher at Fire Lake Elementary School. Skip would bring experience as a past bargaining team member, interest in contract language, an elementary school teacher perspective, and an ASD mid-level career status teacher.

### BRIAN NELSON

Brian is currently at King Career Center as an Engineering Instructor. Brian taught math at East High School for 8 years, Central Middle School for 7 years, before transferring to King Career Center this year. Brian was a member of the 2006 bargaining team, focusing on secondary issues and crunching numbers. Prior to his bargaining team experience Brian was a building representative, delegate assembly representative, picket captain. He brings past bargaining experience, high school, middle school, and special school teaching perspectives, and mid-career, Tier II status.

### BILL MANS

Bill is currently an Art teacher at East High School. He has been in the field of education since 1987, with 18 years experience in the Anchorage School District. He has coached XC running and soccer. Bill has been an active AEA member at the building level organizing staff during negotiations since 1991. He has participated as a member of the Negotiations committee. Having lived in Anchorage since 1976 he has a vested interest in the high quality of Anchorage schools. Bill's wife has also been a teacher in the Anchorage School District since 1990 and is currently an elementary librarian. He has two children who are students in the Anchorage School District. Bill would bring member organization skills, specialist and high school perspectives, as well as an ASD veteran teacher status.

### CINDI CRAWFORD

Cindi is currently a Speech Pathologist at Early Intervention Services Center. She has been teaching for 30 years; 20 years with the Anchorage School District (including 2 years as a long term sub). Cindi was a member of the 2006 bargaining team focusing on special education issues and organizational tasks. She has been a building representative since 2005 and has been Negotiations committee chairperson since 2007. Cindi has assumed leadership roles by being Teacher in Charge, serving on various department task forces, and attending Key Coalition in Juneau to advocate for increased special education funding. Cindi would bring past bargaining team experience, current contract researching and organizational skills, and related services, /special education/early childhood perspectives, as well as an ASD veteran teacher status.

### ROBERT TAYLOR

Rob currently teaches Science, Chemistry, Conceptual Chemistry, and AP Chemistry at Bartlett High School. He has 25 years in the teaching profession, including an additional one year fellowship. Rob has taught in the Anchorage School District for the last 7 years. He was a member of the 2006 bargaining team focusing on secondary issues, note taking, and calculating figures. Rob has extensive bargaining experience outside of AEA. He assisted bargaining in Los Angeles to include: informational picketing organizer, strike captain, and bargaining support. Rob was the spokesperson for 1996 negotiations in Delta Junction, as well as the DGEA president. Within AEA Rob has been a building representative since 2005, PACE committee member, Negotiations committee member, and presently an AEA At Large Executive Board Member. Rob would bring bargaining experience, leadership skills, math background, as well as an ASD mid level teacher status.

### LISA LOSORDO-SANTO

Lisa is currently a special education teacher in a self-contained split 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at Mt Iliamna. She has been a special education teacher for 11 years, the last 3 years in the Anchorage School District. Lisa was involved with the educational union in New York State, prior to moving to Alaska. In New York State Lisa held leadership roles as Principal's Assistant/Teacher in Charge and coached 2 middle school level sports. In ASD, Lisa has fulfilled the role of Special Education Department Chair at Denali Elementary School and is currently a mentor for two colleagues. Lisa is new to the bargaining process. She would bring enthusiasm, past union experience, special education, and a new to district teacher perspectives.

### COREY AIST

Corey teaches at Polaris School in a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. He has been an ASD teacher for 13 years. Corey has been actively involved in many aspects of AEA. He served on the bargaining team in 2004, has been an active member of the Rights

committee with extensive rights training. spoken at numerous ASD School Board meetings, attended Delegate Assembly 3 years, Negotiation committee member, and has experience working with multiple large dynamic organizations building relationships and working together on large scale timely projects. Corey would bring his extensive AEA knowledge, past bargaining experience, and specialized training in decision-making processes and building consensus and agreement. He would lend his elementary, alternative school perspective, as well as mid-level career teacher status.