



October 15, 2020

Dear Member:

The Annual Meeting of Members of the Anchorage Ski Club, Inc. (ASC) will be held via electronic communication on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM. You can access a link for the meeting at: <http://arcticvalley.org/anchorage-ski-club/calendar/annual-meeting/>. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will not be held in person this year in order to comply with social distancing and gathering limitations, and to ensure the safety of our members and their families. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the Board of Directors to report on the business and affairs of the Club for the current year, elect directors for expiring and recently-vacated Board seats, and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Please understand that due to the pandemic, the agenda will be in abbreviated form, and we ask that questions and comments be submitted in advance of the meeting to: vote2020@arcticvalley.org. ASC will endeavor to respond to as many questions/comments as possible given the abbreviated meeting format.

The Board of Directors has solicited nominations for election. There are currently seven seats on the Board up for election. Five current Directors and two ASC member are seeking seats on the Board. Candidate statements from all seven candidates are included with this notice. The ASC Board of Directors endorses the following candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee as qualified to serve on the Board:

- Nick Bajwa (candidate for seat expiring 2023)
- Matt Cullens (current Board Member and candidate for vacated seat expiring 2021)
- Daniel Jensen (current Board Member and Treasurer, and candidate for seat expiring 2023)
- John Koltun (current Board Member and First Vice President, and candidate for seat expiring 2023)

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- Maeve Nevins-Lavtar (current Board Member and candidate for vacated seat expiring 2022)
- Marissa Riopelle (candidate for seat expiring 2023)
- Rich Todd (current Board member and President, and candidate for seat expiring 2023)

Current ASC Directors Lee Fisher and Eric Pedersen are not seeking reelection, and we would like to thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the Anchorage Ski Club and Arctic Valley. They both put in countless hours and made significant contributions to Arctic Valley.

During the last year, the Board of Directors had two directors resign – Jason Woodward and Lindsey Whitt. Article III, § 13 *Vacancy*, provides that if a vacancy occurs on the Board, the remaining directors may appoint an ASC member to serve until the next election date. To fill those two vacant seats, the Board of Directors recently appointed Maeve Nevins-Lavtar, who will be running for the vacated seat to expire in 2022, and Matt Cullens who will be running for the vacated seat to expire in 2021.

This year, voting will only be conduct by ballot-style proxy and electronic voting. In other words, there will be no voting by ballot in person. Members 18 years of age or older in good standing 30 days prior to any election will be entitled to vote. Proxy votes may be exercised if the proxy is in writing, signed by the member, and dated within the past year. Valid proxies are to be used and exercised at ASC meetings for the purposes of establishing a quorum and casting a vote for directors in addition to any matters incident to the meeting. **Incomplete proxies will be counted for purposes of a quorum only.**

The deadline for submission of proxies is November 9, 2020. For your convenience, a proxy is enclosed with this notice. Please send your proxy to Anchorage Ski Club, Inc. Elections Committee, P.O. Box 200546, Anchorage, AK 99520-0546 or email to vote2020@arcticvalley.org. Additional information can be found here:

<http://arcticvalley.org/anchorage-ski-club/calendar/annual-meeting/>.

*****Remember, we need a quorum to transact business, so please return your proxy by November 9, 2020*****

Anchorage Ski Club Annual Meeting – November 12, 2020

Via Webcast at:

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Agenda

Review of Volunteer Awards **6:30**

Rich Todd, *President*

John Robinson-Wilson, *General Manager*

I. President’s Report (Business Meeting Begins) **6:45**

Rich Todd, *President*

II. Treasurer’s / Finance Report

Daniel Jensen, *Treasurer*

III. Operations Report

John Robinson-Wilson, *General Manager*

Luke Clement, *Second Vice President - Operations*

IV. Membership Report

John Koltun, *Membership Chair*

V. Election Results

Matt Mead, *Correspondence Secretary*

ASC current Board of Directors

Rich Todd– President

John Koltun - First Vice President

Luke Clement – Second Vice President

Daniel Jensen–Treasurer

Bryan Kirkpatrick - Secretary

Matt Mead – Correspondence Secretary

Beverly Luedke-Chan

Mark Heysell

Eric Pedersen

Matt Cullens

Lee Fisher

Maeve Nevins-Lavtar

Kevin Keeler

Kyle Culver

Adam Smith

2020 ASC Board of Directors Candidate Statements

Nick Bajwa

Nick Bajwa has lived in Alaska since 2007 where he is a commercial attorney specializing in real estate transactions and financing, in addition to other general legal matters. His current role is as commercial manager for JL Properties, Inc., the largest commercial real estate company in Alaska. Prior to that role, Nick was an attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine specializing in real estate transactions.

Nick is married to Paulina Larenas-Bajwa and they have four children. Two of those children (Santiago and Sachin) are avid skiers on the Arctic Valley ski team and as a result, Nick spends most weekends at Arctic Valley. Nick is very supportive of this unique asset for the Anchorage community and is invested in developing Arctic Valley in a sustainable way that will benefit future generations.

Matty Cullens

Matty Cullens has been involved in the ski/snowboard industry on and off for over 3 decades. Learning to ski as a teenager at Mt. Ashland (Mt. A) Oregon, he fell in love (as we all did) with the freedom it provided and the like-minded friends he made. At the age of 16 he got his first job at Mt. A and bought a snowboard from a friend with a broken leg.

As a young adult he spent time bumming in the Tetons and working at Grand Targhee Resort, but the Pacific Northwest couldn't be left behind. Returning to his roots at Mt. A, he became the driving force behind Mt A's commitment of providing enhanced terrain features for the public and terrain parks for slopestyle competition.

His ski area experience spans a variety of service positions including lift operator/maintenance, rental shop tech, burger-flipper, snowboard and ski instruction, retail, events/race department, parking enforcement, and terrain park coordinator/shoveler/jump-tester.

Whether it's making sure the guest has the right equipment, teaching those new to the sport how to enjoy the slopes, or raking out a bumpy unloading ramp, throughout these roles he has a desire to create a positive experience for each guest. In recent years you may have been greeted by Matty at the top of Chair 2 buffing out the "snowboarder friendly" unloading ramp while his favorite lines are

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getting tracked up. It's rumored he's been spotted ripping the mountain on skis, but prefers to ride one of his 75 snowboards.

Matty works a full time job and owns/operates a successful local business. His proudest accomplishment is raising a teenager with his wife Tanya whom he followed to Alaska and wrote this bio for him.

He is truly honored to be a member of the Arctic Valley Board of Directors to provide his outdoor operations and snowboarding perspective, as well as helping to sustain the forward momentum of a place he truly loves.

Matty has been a loyal Anchorage Ski Club and Arctic Valley volunteer and has been awarded the following:

- Rookie of the year (2017)
- Arctic Valley Black Diamond Award (2017 and 2018)
- Liftie of the year (2019)
- Arctic Valley Golden Shovel Award (2016-2020)

Daniel Jensen

Daniel has been in Alaska since 2012 after slowly working his way farther and farther north. Growing up in Steamboat Springs, Colorado he was able to work through various disciplines as a competitive skier: racing, freestyle, and freeride. After graduating from high school he wasn't ready to give up the ski bum life so he spent time working for the resort as a terrain park attendant. Eventually the malnutrition caused by ramen and PBR led him to college where he completed a BS-Business and an MPAc (Masters of Professional Accountancy) from Montana State University. During his time at MSU he completed a 40-hour per week semester internship in the marketing department back in Steamboat, while also participating in various volunteer organizations such as Beta Alpha Psi (accounting honorary organization) and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Association). Wanting to move somewhere with career prospects but also an ability to quickly access the outdoors, Daniel moved to Anchorage to work with one of the largest accounting firms on a local, national, and global level while obtaining his CPA license. Daniel currently works as Director, Business Development at Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Daniel's passion for Anchorage Ski Club and Arctic Valley stems from his love of skiing. After joining as a member and skiing at Arctic Valley, it was quickly

apparent how unique the area was in terms of community. His knowledge in finance and accounting would bring a needed diversity to the board. Daniel would like to volunteer his time to help preserve what makes Arctic Valley so special while also helping to see that the club is sustainable for future generations.

John Koltun

John started skiing when he was 6 years old at a small resort in California's Sierra Nevada. He has spent most of his free time in the intervening winters pursuing powder, including a short stint on the National Ski Patrol in Lassen National Park in northern California. He is the owner of Integrated Geospatial, a technology consulting firm specializing in computer-aided mapping technologies, software development, and natural resource management. Undeterred by the rigors of self-employment, his search for snow and adventure brought him to Alaska in 1996. Soon after his arrival, he began skiing at Arctic Valley, attracted by the open terrain and lack of crowds. He began volunteering at Arctic Valley in the early 2000's and contributed whenever possible (and sometimes when not). John is the past President of the Anchorage Ski Club and Chair of the Auction and Technology committees. He is also a member of the National Ski Patrol and volunteers on the Denali Patrol at Arctic Valley, doing his best to keep you safe.

Maeve Nevins-Lavtar

As a lifelong skier, Maeve has stitched together a background in skiing and outdoor recreation, from competing, guiding, and coaching to building mountain communities and ski resorts. This passion for outdoors and construction evolved from hard-hats to drafting tools and blueprints, as she became a professional designer in the Outdoor Recreation Planning and Landscape Architecture industry. Since 2005, Maeve has been fortunate to work with several distinguished international ski resort design firms, including the [SE Group](#) and [Hart Howerton](#).

In 2012, she and her now husband, Karl Lavtar, left their home in Colorado and chased an epic snow season north to Alaska, finding herself in her dream job as the Senior Park Planner for the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department. Since then, she has built a diverse portfolio of all scales with an emphasis on barrier-free "inclusive" design and project management.

If you've ever biked, skied or walked along any of Anchorage's greenbelt trails, singletrack mountain bike trails, or visited the woolly mammoth-themed playground then you've likely experienced her work. Maeve wrote the risk

program for mountain biking in the Anchorage bowl and as a "Gold Star" sister, she has developed multiple military collaborative projects, including the naming of *Gold Star Peak* in Eklutna and the design/construction of the Blue Star commemorative garden in Eagle River's Chief Alex Park. Maeve credits her success to her remarkable team and strong community relations, believing that we can all accomplish our dreams by empowering others.

Maeve holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from Colorado State University and is a graduate of the Alaska Humanities Forum Leadership Anchorage program. She is currently the board secretary with the Alaska Chapter of Landscape Architects. She is a frequent guest speaker at Alaskan conferences, volunteers with military humanitarian groups, and is a steep skiing and mountain bike coach. With her contagious enthusiasm for community, education and outdoor recreation, Maeve hopes to infect the Anchorage Ski Club (ASC) and Arctic Valley family with her wave of creative energy, as she is currently leading the ASC board's Strategic Planning Committee.

Marissa Riopelle

I grew up skiing on the icy Blue Mountains in Ontario, Canada. I ski raced for the Ontario ski team and travelled to race internationally. I went to university and ski raced for the Montana State Ski Team and raced in the National NCAA championships in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

I moved to Alaska four years ago and have volunteered at ski races and coached in the state. Professionally, I am a Certified Public Accountant and work as a Senior Audit Associate at KPMG. I hope to bring financial perspective and ski race knowledge to the board. I am passionate about snow and skiing.

I think that Arctic Valley is unique with so much potential and I am excited to get more involved!

Rich Todd

Rich Todd grew up in West Virginia skiing as a kid on neighborhood sledding hills on a pair of skis with cable bindings from Sears. His older sister taught him to ski at small ski areas in WV, MD and VA. In high school, Rich took a job at a local ski shop tuning skis by hand so he could buy new equipment. Studying Resort Management at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, Rich skied every day in the mythic "Champagne Powder". He worked in several hotels

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and restaurants before going back to school at West Virginia University to study Geology and guide whitewater rafts. In 2002, Rich moved to Anchorage and began skiing at Alpenglow to learn "backcountry skills" on tele skis.

When ASC called for the Emergency Meeting in 2009, Rich decided to volunteer and become more involved in Arctic Valley. He was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill a vacant seat in 2010 and was duly elected in 2011. Rich has been involved in all aspects of the ski area and lodge operations. He also became an ASC Life Member in 2018.

Rich currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Anchorage Ski Club and would be honored to serve another term if elected.