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May 12, 2021

Dear SAFE Member,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Safe and Fear-Free Environment, we are extending this invitation to you and your family to SAFE's 38th Annual Membership Meeting on Friday May 28th at 5:30 on Zoom.

The business portion of the meeting will follow along with the board election.

This year, we will be electing members to the four open seats on the Board of Directors. Incumbents Ted Krieg and Cindy Valenty have offered to continue serving on the Board and their names will appear on the ballot along with new candidates Crystal Nixon-Luckhurst, Marilyn Rosene, and Tiera Schroeder. Candidate statements and directions for absentee voting are included in this mailing.

Also included in this mailing is an invitation to you as SAFE members to nominate an individual for K. Janie Hill Memorial Scholarship.

Zoom video conferencing can be difficult to use. In order to help everyone that wants to attend, you can schedule a technical assistance with Gregg Marxmiller. He can be reached at outreach@safebristolbay.org or 907 842 2320.

We hope to see you and your family at the meeting. If you have any questions please call SAFE at 842-2320.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Casteel
SAFE Executive Director

ZOOM INVITE

Topic: SAFE Annual Board Meeting
Time: May 28, 2021 05:30 PM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting

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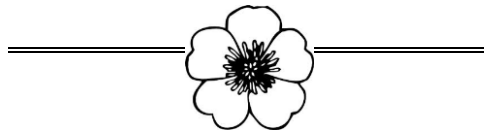


Instructions

Instead of having to type out the long web address above, you can open your smartphone's camera and hover over this code. The camera will "read" it and a notification will pop up asking if you would like to go to the website.

SAFE 38TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAFE Zoom
May 28 | 5:30 pm



BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Call to Order
- III. Establish a Quorum
- IV. President's Address
- V. Elections
 - a. Designation of Election Judges
 - b. Candidates Statements
 - c. Voting for Board Members
- VI. Adjournment

Candidate Statements 2021

Ted Krieg

Dillingham has been my home since October 4, 1992. While living in Dillingham from December of 1992 until April of 2000 I worked on Subsistence projects and issues for Bristol Bay villages while employed by the Bristol Bay Native Association, Natural Resource Department. I then worked for the Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the Dillingham Office, and retired from that position April 30, 2017. I commercial fished for salmon the summers of 1993-1999, 2012 and 2020.

I believe in the mission of SAFE and have supported that mission since I first arrived in Dillingham. I have participated in Tony's Run for most of the years that it has been a community fund raising event. I have participated in and volunteered for various SAFE functions and community events to raise awareness to the devastating effects of domestic violence on our families. SAFE has done an outstanding job of educating the public and I will continue to help that mission.

I have served on the SAFE Board of Directors since 2014 and would like to continue to serve on the Board. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you!

Cynthia R Valenty (Cindy)

My name is Cindy Valenty I was born and raised in Minneapolis Minnesota along with six other siblings My Mother was born in Alaska. When the youngest Sister graduated from High School my Mother reunited with her family here in DLG. One by one each of us moved to Alaska to be near our Mother. It gave us a chance to meet our relatives on our Mothers side. I left Dillingham in the early 80's getting a job in the newspaper industry.

After 27 years I moved back to Alaska in 2015 after semi -retiring from the newspaper. Living with my Brother and his wife in Wasilla for a year, helping them with their small business. I became anxious so I decided to return to work finding a job with Office of Children Services as their office administrator here in Dillingham while attending classes at Bristol Bay Campus. I was approached by the Child advocacy centers Director to work at BBAHC and have been there as the Advocate/case manager for three years next month. Working in Human Services has been a very humbly and rewarding job.

As a woman who is in recovery, I knew I needed to be part of the community and reach out and help anyone who is struggling with the same disease I am. I have been in the recovery program for 31 years. I want to let those who are suffering know. I only have 24 hours, not years

I look forward to meeting more of my relatives in the Bristol Bay Area. But most of all I look forward to helping the community in any way I can. I have learned over the years living in a

small community not only do I help my community, but my community is helping me. I am truly blessed

Thank you for your Vote

Crystal Nixon-Luckhurst

My name is Crystal Nixon-Luckhurst, I am the granddaughter of the late Henry and Alma Roehl of Dillingham, Gloria Chase of Anvik, the daughter of Charlotte And the late Jimmy Nixon of Dillingham. I am the wife of Bert Luckhurst and Mom to Chenita, Katirina, Reece, Raegan, and Little Bert. Healthy and safe family and connections are important to me. I worked as an advocate years ago and really enjoyed working with and learning from my experience there. I am interested in participating on the board for SAFE because everything that SAFE stands for and encompasses is near and dear to my heart. I am a lifelong resident of the Bristol Bay region and I would like to extend my knowledge and learn from the people we serve to continue providing services and also to bring a path for healing. We as the service providers and leaders need to also bring forth our best selves. Our children are worthy and deserve to be safe and healthy; parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, and community members all contribute to our overall wellbeing. I would like to be part of systems that create positive changes and impacts for people in the Bristol Bay region.

Marilyn Rosene

My name is Marilyn Rosene. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the S.A.F.E. Board of Directors and work to continue services for women, children, and families in Bristol Bay.

In 1982 I began teaching at Dillingham Elementary and attended S.A.F.E. Advocate training in 1983. At that time, S.A.F.E. had one staff member, and the office was in a one-bedroom apartment. I was an on-call advocate for several years. Volunteers were trailblazers in raising awareness and providing needed services for those affected by domestic violence in the region.

It has been inspiring to observe the steady growth of S.A.F.E. from a tiny apartment to an impressive shelter with services available 24 hours a day.

Over the years, in my various roles as an educator and community member, I directly observed the impact of domestic unrest and violence on children in their learning, friendships, and emotional well-being. S.A.F.E. has provided positive support and encouragement for young people to be healthy and contributing members of their communities around the region.

I have continued to support S.A.F.E.'s mission. I am in awe of the training, advocacy, friendship, and empowerment offered to all ages. I pledge time and effort to continue that mission. I would appreciate your support as a member of the S.A.F.E. Board of Directors.

Tiera Schroeder

I am writing to express my interest in running for SAFE's Board of Directors. Born and raised in Dillingham, this community and the Bristol Bay region holds my entire heart. I grew up being cared for by our people, and want nothing more than to extend that same dedication to others. For those who do not know me, my parents are Mary Barnes and the late Hugh "Baze" Schroeder. My grandparents are Daisy and the late Harry Barnes Sr., and Meg and Hudy Schroeder. My Yup'ik name, given to me by Sophie Woods, is Uqiilaq - a name that was once belonged to my late great aunt, June Kraus. I graduated from Dillingham High School in 2014 and have been working on building a skillset that will best prepare me to work with, alongside, and for our people.

Over the past few years, I have looked back on my life with heightened clarity after learning our challenging history and existence as Alaska Natives. When I was young and thinking about what I would like to do when I grow up, all I knew was that I would like to do something that benefits and strengthens our community. At the time, this guided my decision to work toward becoming a clinical psychologist. I did not yet understand that the mental and behavioral health disparities in our community are likely driven by historical trauma and continued systemic oppression. My passion for uplifting our people has grown exponentially as a result because I know that regardless of the hardships we experience as a result of colonization, we have a beautiful, rich, thriving culture with incredibly resilient and knowledgeable members.

I have also grown more confident in the applicability of my education and career goal of achieving my PhD in Clinical-Community Psychology with a Rural, Indigenous emphasis and becoming a licensed clinical psychologist. I purposefully tailored my education and training to best prepare me to serve Alaska Natives in a variety of settings, including but not limited to research, clinical, community collaboration, advocacy, organizing, and program evaluation. For research, I am conducting a qualitative study that focuses on understanding college students' perceptions of the *firewater myth* (i.e., the misconception that American Indians and Alaska Natives are more biologically vulnerable to alcohol) in an attempt to find ways to debunk this harmful belief. Similarly, I am co-lead on another qualitative project looking into stereotypes Natives have heard or experienced pertaining to Alaska Native drinking, how they harm us, what fuels them, and how we might combat them. I am also helping Alaska Native Elders and community stakeholders of various backgrounds implement a cultural identity program for undergraduate Native students at University of Alaska Anchorage that provides access to mentors, community connections, traditional activities, and social support during the school year to help foster retention and wellbeing.

Clinically, I have interned at Child and Family Developmental Services at Southcentral Foundation, administering and interpreting psychological assessments for Alaska Native families from across the state. I also intend to complete my final clinical internship in Alaska, ideally at Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome or Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association in Anchorage. As for my home community, I have been a long-term advocate for the sanctity of our lands and waters, continually contributing to efforts opposing the proposed Pebble Mine as I believe continued participation in our subsistence way of life is vital to our wellbeing. I am also helping organize a group of people advocating for and developing both short- and long-term solutions to homelessness and housing instability in Dillingham. Additionally, I have spent the last year doing my community internship at First Alaskans Institute learning about Alaska Native

policy, advocacy, government relationships, how to challenge oppressive regulations, and how to be a good relative and do good work for our people. In terms of program evaluation, I am working with relevant stakeholders to evaluate Rural Human Services, an education program situated in Bethel designed to reflect and align with Native values and traditions to support folks interested in helping professions.

In sum, I am extremely dedicated to my education, career, and life goal of working with and alongside other Alaska Natives to effect positive change in a collaborative manner that prioritizes relationships, strengths, and cultural values. Over the next academic year, I will be working on my dissertation, and the year following I will be completing clinical internship – the final milestones toward obtaining my PhD in the spring of 2023. As the next year is entirely virtual, I have returned home to Dillingham to be with family, fish, hunt, pick berries, foster community relationships, and learn Yugtun.

As I have the great fortune of being able to complete a portion of my studies at home, I am hopeful that I can begin implementing some of the knowledge and skills I have learned to benefit our community. I am confident that my education, training, values, and background have prepared me well to do so. If you find that I would be a good fit to advocate for the values and mission of SAFE as a member of the Board of Directors, I would be more than happy to do so with the humblest of gratitude. Quyanaqvaa, thank you very much.

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2021 Membership Meeting – Board Elections Instructions for Voting Absentee

You may complete an absentee ballot in one of four ways:

1. In person at the SAFE office
2. Mail the completed ballot to SAFE at PO Box 94 Dillingham, AK 99576
3. Fax the ballot to the SAFE office at 907-842-2198, to the attention of Gregg Marxmiller, Outreach Coordinator
4. Email the completed ballot to outreach@safebristolbay.org

ALL Absentee BALLOTS ARE DUE BY Friday May 28th BY 5:00 PM

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Membership Verification for mailed, faxed, or scanned ballot

(Staff will remove the member name prior to including the ballot to be counted with the general election.)

Members Printed Name: _____

Members Signature: _____

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Safe & fear-Free Environment, Inc. 2021 Board of Directors Election Official Ballot

Please vote for no more than four (4) people to serve on the SAFE Board of Directors. Persons marked with an * are incumbents.

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| () Ted Krieg* | () Marilyn Rosene |
| () Cindy Valenty* | () Tiera Schroeder |
| () Crystal Nixon-Luckhurst | |

*Denotes Incumbent Candidates



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K. Janie Hill Memorial Award

The 18th Annual Janie Hill Memorial Award will be awarded in December to a person who has demonstrated leadership, community activism and/or personal commitment to ending domestic violence, sexual assault or related abuse and to promoting non-violence.

The scholarship was established in memory of Janie Hill, who served on SAFE's Board of Directors for seven years including five years as our President. Janie was a teacher with a profound and lifelong dedication to learning in all its forms.

The \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in whole or in part directly to one or more recipients to use to further or support their education in whatever form it may take.

To be eligible, an applicant must be at least 16 years old, a resident of Bristol Bay and be nominated by a member of SAFE. SAFE members can nominate only one person for each scholarship year.

Deadline for nomination is Friday May 28th at 5:00 pm. Mail or fax your nomination(s) to the above address. For further information call Gregg at 907-842-2320 or 1-800-478-2316 or by email: outreach@safebristolbay.org

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Background Information on Nominee:

Reasons why nominee should receive this award:

Nominated by: _____
(Printed name of current SAFE member) (Signature of current SAFE Member)

Contact Info: _____

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38th Annual Membership Meeting Agenda & Absentee Ballot
K. Janie Hill Memorial Award Nomination Form