

Alaska Historical Commission Members:

**Lt. Governor Byron Mallott**

The Lt. Governor is chair of the Alaska Historical Commission. Lt. Gov. Mallott's ancestral home is Yakutat in southeast Alaska. He started his public service work there when he was elected mayor at age 22. Later, he was mayor of Juneau. He has served as co-chair of the Commission on Rural Governance and Empowerment. A Native leader, Lt. Gov. Mallott has been president and CEO of Sealaska Corporation, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and president and CEO of First Alaskans Institute. He has banking and investment experience, and has been the executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation. Lt. Gov. Mallott is experienced in commercial fishing, aviation, timber, and communications industries. In the nonprofit world, he has been chair of the Nature Conservancy in Alaska. He is currently clan leader of the Kwaashkikwaan Raven Tlingit people of Yakutat

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**Judith E. Bittner, State Historic Preservation Officer**

State Historic Preservation Officer and chief of the Office of History and Archaeology since 1983, Judy serves by statute on the commission. Judy was raised in Anchorage and left for college. She has a graduate degree in anthropology and conducted research in the Bethel area in the 1970s. She has worked since 1983 to preserve and protect historic and archaeological properties, as well as promote the research and writing about Alaska's past. Judy has been active with numerous national, state and local organizations over the years, and is currently active with the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, Inc. and on the Board of Directors of Alaska Geographic and the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

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**TERMS EXPIRE 7/1/2016:**

**Jonathon Ross (Alaska Native representative)**

Jon is the president and principal consultant for Tsiltan Management Group. He was the director of the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage for eight years. Now living in Chugiak and Kasilof, Jonathon grew up in Kenai, Kodiak, and British Columbia. He has an MBA from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He is a Dena'ina Athabaskan, member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and former elected council member, and speaks the Dena'ina language. He is currently the elected vice-chair of the Alaska Historical Commission.

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### **Douglas Veltre (Archaeologist)**

Doug is a Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of Alaska Anchorage, although still teaching part-time at the college. He has lived in Anchorage since 1974. Doug has researched and written extensively about Alaska historic and prehistoric archaeology. His particular research interests are in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands and of the Unangan people. He has served as president of the Alaska Anthropological Association and been active with the statewide organization for many years.

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### **TERMS EXPIRE 7/1/2017:**

### **Terrence M. Cole (Public Member)**

Terrence is a professor of history and director of the Office of Public History at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has written extensively about Alaska history, including award-winning books *Crooked Past: The History of Frontier Fairbanks* and *Fighting for the Forty-Ninth Star: C. W. Sneddon and the Crusade for Alaska Statehood*. Among his many writings is an important monograph *Blinded by Riches: The Permanent Funding Problem and Prudhoe Bay Effect* in 2004. Terrence has been an editor, writer, researcher, and speaker for more than 25 years. He has promoted history in throughout the state, and organized programs for students at all grade levels and adults.

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### **Michael Hawfield (Alaska Historical Society)**

Mike is an associate professor of history and political science at the Kachemak Bay campus of Kenai Peninsula College, University of Alaska Anchorage. He has lived in Homer since 1997. He is the former executive director of Museums Alaska and of the Pratt Museum in Homer, and for ten years was the administrator of the Arts Acquisition Program for the Rasmuson Foundation and Museums Alaska. He is the author of several books, articles, and radio/television programs on local history, including “Not Yet! Alaska Voices Opposed to Statehood” a radio program that was a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska statehood project. Mike is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Historical Society, and is its treasurer and awards chair.

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**Wayne Jensen (Architect)**

Wayne is the senior partner of Jensen Yorba Lott, Inc., the oldest continuing architectural firm in Alaska having been founded in 1935. He has lived in Juneau since the 1970s. He has been president of the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors. With his interest in historic buildings, he has worked on a number of rehabilitation projects including the Alaska Governor's House, State Capitol, Thomas Stewart and Terry Miller legislative office buildings, the Pack Train Inn and the Treadwell Mine Pump House. Wayne is a member of the American Institute of Architects, past president and member of the Juneau Rotary Club and the Treadwell Preservation and Restoration Society.

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**TERM EXPIRES 7/1/2018****Candy Waugaman (Alaska Historical Society)**

An Alaskan collector and real estate agent, Candy has lived in Fairbanks since 1969. She has been active in many local and state historical societies and civic organizations, and assists countless researchers seeking information and photographs. Her particular areas of expertise are photographs, pyrography, and interior Alaska places and people. She has a weekly column in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* Heartland section. Candy served several terms as president of the Alaska Historical Society.

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**Vacant (Historian)**