

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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April 11, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Parnell,

I would like to be considered for the Workers' Compensation Board in the position of Southern Panel/1st JD/Industry.

I have lived and worked on Southeast Alaska for over 20 years, with the majority of that period being self employed with several employees of my own. The issues of worker's compensation are a real life issue for me as they have affected both my life and my career. To be better positioned in the world's economy Alaska must stay competitive in the business environment.

For business to succeed in Alaska we must be allowed to control our fixed costs. This will be impacted greatly by the cost of labor and the availability of labor. The main issue is controlling these fixed costs while protecting our labor force. This board has a great impact on that factor and I feel I can bring both expertise and balance to this issue.

My record will show that I have supported my employees and their workplace environment and have been on record against over regulation of small business in Alaska. As a long time member of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and Juneau Economic Development Council I have supported expanding local business, helping new business start ups, and welcoming new vendors to Southeast Alaska. I have been willing to facilitate the integration of differing ideas in divergent groups and am known as a good listener even to ideas to which I could not agree with. My support for local mining is a shining example of the tenaciousness of my spirit in what I believe, yet many of my peers who were not supportive of my views still speak to the compassion I had for their views. My belief is that for Alaska to succeed we must find a way to work together for the good of our people and for the future of our State.

Please consider my request to participate on the Workers' Compensation board to support business in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,



Charles Collins

cc: Jason Hooley, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor

Charles M Collins



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Education

Syracuse High School, Syracuse, Kansas

Garden City Junior College, Garden City, Kansas; Certified Electronic Technician

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas; Engineering Curriculum

Experience

Electronic technician, Southwest Business Systems, Garden City, KS. 1982 until 1988.

Service Manager, Yukon Office Supply, Southeast Alaska, 1988 to 1991.

Partner and Manager, Yukon Office Supply, Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka, AK. 1991 until 1996.

Owner Copy Express, Copy Works and Sign Pro, Juneau, AK 1996 until 2009.

Interim Executive Director United Way of Southeast, Juneau, AK 2006.

Interim Executive Director of Juneau Economic Development Council, Juneau, AK 2007.

Branch Manager Key Bank Juneau, AK 2009 to present.

Volunteer Record

Served on the Board of United Way of Southeast, President.

Served on the Foracker guidance Board.

President of local Gideon chapter.

Juneau Chamber of Commerce Board President.

Served on Juneau Economic Development Board.

Mayor's Task Force for West Douglas Development.

Expertise

Proficient at operation of office equipment, payroll, time management, bookkeeping and office suite software. Managed everything from garbage to accounts payable, employees, customers and vendors.

Operation of heavy equipment, including front end loaders, excavators and road graders. Hours of time logged in operating heavy trucks.

I have managed teams of people both remotely and first hand. Successfully molded teams from people of diverse backgrounds and attitudes into working groups.

Mediated public meetings and guided diverse groups to an agreeable common goal.

Successfully led organizations in the placement of new leadership and renewal of mission plans for long term growth.

References

Available upon request.

Contact information

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