Karen (Ryals) Polley

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Big Game Commercial Services Board

*Summary of Qualifications*

Over 25 years of experience in education including teaching, administration, leadership, planning, and development of adult education, vocational education, and employment training programs. My employment has given me experience in policy development and regulations at the state and national levels. I have had the opportunity to develop extensive service on boards and commissions including the Professional Teaching Practices Commission, The Glacier Highway Electric Association Board, National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education, the Juneau Community Garden Association, The University of Alaska Vocational Education Advisory Board, Alaska Nutrition Education Training Program Advisory Committee, and the Alaska Home Economics Association Board. My professional positions enabled me to be instrumental in the initiation and establishment of multiple agency collaborative efforts including the Departments of Education, Health and Social Service, Labor, Community and Regional Affairs, municipal governments and the private sector. In my leisure time I enjoy hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

*Employment*

2005- Present Self employment: Stone Soup Alaska Designs

1999-2005 University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus Director, Ketchikan

*1997-1998* Owner/ Operator, Polley’s Waterbug Service

1995-1996 Interim Director, School of Career Education, University of Alaska Southeast

1994-1996 Consultant with Ernest Polley and Associates

1992-1993 Program Coordinator, Southeast Regional Resource Center, Juneau

1987-1991 Director of Adult and Vocational Education, Alaska Department of Education, Juneau

1978-1987 Education Administrator Career and Vocational Education, Alaska Department of Education, Juneau

1974-1978 Instructor, Juneau Douglas Community College

1968-1974 Home Economics Teacher, City and Borough of Juneau School District, Juneau

*Education*

*United State Merchant Marine License* 50 ton qualification 1998-2008

*Certificate Basic Facilitator,* Association for Quality and Participation 1992

*Principals Credential,* University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau 1998

M. Ed Secondary Education, University of Alaska Juneau, 1978

BA Home Economics and BA in Home Economics Education, Eastern Washington State University, Cheney, 1968

*Awards*

*Excellence in Education for Work, 1987 the* Alaska Committee

*Alaska Home Economist Outstanding Contributions Award 1983,* Alaska Home Economics Association

*Leadership in Vocational Education Award 1980,*  Alaska State Vocational Association

*Home Economist of the Year, 1991,* Alaska Home Economic Association

*Meritorious Service Award for Outstanding Service, 1991* from the Alaska State Vocational Association