



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Fairbanks Board Meeting
October 25 & 26, 2011
Election of Officers**

Jim Lynch is the candidate for the position of AWIB Chair

Michelle Zenger is the candidate for the position of AWIB Vice Chair

Pearl Strub is eligible to run for office and declined.

John Maketa is eligible to run for office and declined.

Biographies

Jim Lynch is a longtime Alaskan with extensive experience in workforce development, particularly in the health-care industry. Mr. Lynch is the Chief Human Resources Officer for Banner Health's Alaska facilities, and serves as Chairman of the Interior Regional Advisory Council on Workforce Development. Jim is a member of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association's Workforce Development Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and has been a certified public accountant since 1977.

Michelle M. Zenger is Human Resources Manager for Coeur Alaska. Formerly the Senior HR Representative for Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company, she took on her new role in August 2011. Her mining industry experience, combined with recruiting, training and performance management expertise will now be put to use to help Kensington Gold Mine achieve and sustain operational success.

A long-time Juneau resident, Michelle holds a certification as a Senior Professional recognized by the Society of Human Resource Management; was awarded an Advanced Employment Law certification from the Institute for Applied Management & Law; and has fulfilled leadership roles on several industry and public boards, committees and special projects, including service on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; terms as President, Treasurer and Legislative Chair with the local chapter of the human resource professional association; and championed a successful electrical apprenticeship program in the mining industry.