



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Fairbanks Board Meeting
October 27 & 28, 2008
Election of Officers**

Andy Baker is a candidate for the position of AWIB Chair

Jim Lynch is a candidate for the position of AWIB Chair

Neal Foster is the candidate for the position of AWIB Vice -Chair

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.

Andy Baker is the Senior Vice President of Baker Aviation oversees all aspects of the business and its seventy employees. Mr. Baker owns and is president of Baker Leasing and Baker Professional services. His many years of civic involvement includes being past President of Northwest Arctic borough Assembly, Past Chairman of Arctic Circle Chamber of Commerce, past Board of Directors of Alaska Air Carriers Association. He also served on the Northwest Arctic Borough's Economic Development Commission and as Past Chair of its Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Neal Foster is the President of Bonanza Fuel, President of GBS, President of Banner Wind, Vice President of Sitnasuak Native Corporation and is the Sole Proprietor of Foster Properties. His many years of board experience include the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Sitnasuak Native Corporation and Bering Straits Native Corporation. Neal is a private pilot, enjoys camping and is running for Nome City Council.