

HISTORY – FAIRBANKS CHAPTER

The first chapter of the Alaska Society of Independent Accountants was chartered in Fairbanks on May 20, 1983 and named ASIA NORTH. Charter members, representing 9 firms, were Joanne Beal, Carl Benson, Lew Beyer, Nancy Bishop, Terry Burris, Phyllis Church, Judy Clark, Donna Higdon, Bernadette Illichmann, Jeannette James, Mary Maxwell, Jeannie Smith, David Stephenson, and Tom Wells. Chris and Lorelei Christensen, Jim Coombs, and then-president Dwain Skipworth traveled to Fairbanks to assist at the organizational/chartering meeting.

In January 1986, ASIA NORTH hosted the Nuts and Bolts Tax Seminar in Fairbanks. Previously, the traditional annual seminar had been held only in Anchorage. The addition of the second site greatly increased educational opportunities for Interior residents.

In November 1986, the chapter presented a Client Tax Seminar outlining the changes in the 1986 Tax Reform Act. ASIA NORTH members presented the various topics to the audience of 500, which included tax clients of all member firms. The enthusiastic success of this event provided the chapter with a real focus for teamwork as well as a substantial treasury for years to come.

In November 1990 the chapter presented a Client Seminar for Estate Planning. As part of this seminar, ASIA NORTH published an “Estate Planning Directory” to be given at the seminar and for members to give to their clients during interviews. The Directory was also made available to members of the Anchorage Chapter.

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