

# RICH SEWELL

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**AVIATION POLICY PLANNER**, Transportation Planner I, Division of Statewide Aviation, ADOT&PF. Duties:  
● Prepare briefing papers for the Deputy Commissioner of Aviation, Commissioner of DOT&PF, and Governor on Aviation issues. Review and /or draft correspondence on matters dealing with DOT&PF Statewide Aviation policy and standards, federal actions impacting aviation, navigational aid programs, and other air transportation issues.

- Assist in developing statewide capital budgets for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for 235 rural airports.
- Served as chair of two Aviation Project Evaluation Board (APEB) meetings; organized the first internet based APEB meeting, which is the new model to run APEB meetings on an as needed basis, which saves staff travel time and expense while facilitating the APEB in a timely way.
- Serve as a public contact for aviation questions for the DOT&PF.
- Represent the DOT&PF at meetings with the FAA Air Traffic Organization, NextGen Office, and Airports Division.
- Work with FAA Airports Division on AIP capital budgets, projects, safety, and certification issues.
- Managed the Platinum airport extension capital project; the first G.O. bond funded airport project in 35 years at any DOT&PF airport. Platinum runway extension was delivered ahead of schedule and under budget.
- Review draft airport master plans, Airport Layout Plans, and design specifications for sound airport planning to ensure consistency with statewide standards.
- Manage the Rural Alaska Airport Lighting Program (RALP) program including contracts that had \$44 million in earmark funding from FAA headquarters to DOT&PF for runway and taxiway lights at rural airports.
- Maintain and update FAA enplanement reports. Review reports for errors and deficiencies to ensure DOT&PF receives maximum AIP funding for our Primary airports.
- Prepare and submit comments on Essential Air Service actions by Federal DOT for 61 Alaska communities statewide, which is 1/3 of all EAS sites nationwide. Recently I was able to institute new EAS from Merrill Field to Skwentna.
- Managed statewide airport safety inspection program, known as the 5010 program, for 385 Alaska public airports. I've done safety inspections at Merrill Field, Birchwood, and Girdwood airports.
- Review any activity related to airport safety, maintenance, approach patterns, and incompatible land uses. The task requires coordination within the DOT&PF as well as with other state, federal, and local agencies. Research and develop detailed policy recommendations on a variety of aviation system airport management and airport development issues.
- Prepare draft aviation State statutes, regulations, and draft FAA reauthorization language favorable to Alaska including language that would allow FAA Airports Division to use AIP funding to pave the entire Birchwood airport runway.
- Coordinate and consult with DOT&PF Regional functions of M&O, Design, Construction, Planning, Airport Leasing, Environmental, and Right-of-Way as well as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Municipal governments, and other aviation interest groups to provide well-balanced recommendations. I provide analysis and recommendations covering a wide variety of issues that require expertise in airport planning, design standards, aviation technology, and development policy. 12-1-06 to present, 15.5 years

**PLANNER II/III**, Kuskokwim Area Planner, Central Region, ADOT&PF. Duties:

- Managed airport master plan contracts for Aniak, Crooked Creek, Lime Village, and Newtok Airport Relocation Study.
  - Reviewed and commented on *Naknek Crossing Inter-modal Economic and Airport Use Study*.
  - Prepared a web-conferencing needs analysis, analyzed software performance, selected most appropriate software, and coordinated a web-conference demo for management.
  - Worked closely with technical personnel and printers in translating technical information into effective graphic form; interprets data and information as required. Provide technical assistance to agency supervisory office and field personnel on research activities, information programs and public contact. Made field trips to Western Alaska communities to coordinate agency objectives and activities with local governments.
  - Managed public airport planning meetings in Western Alaska communities.
- Planner II 6-1-04 to 10-7-04, Planner III 10-8-04 to 11-30-06, 2.5 years

**CEO/PRESIDENT** and founder, Iceberg Seafood Company. Duties: Responsible for all aspects of the business. Wrote and successfully managed a large research grant from the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation with match totaling \$650,000 to design, build, and test a high-tech holding system for live seafood. This technology allowed us to distribute live seafood to global markets via air cargo from Anchorage, Alaska. 7.5 years

**PRESIDENT** and Chairman at Alaska Foreign Trade, Inc. Duties: International and domestic seafood sales. Process Alaska salmon. Analyze, plan, and develop markets for import and export trade. Prepare business and marketing plans. Conduct research & feasibility analyses to be presented to clients and board of directors; negotiate professional services contracts and product delivery; review and analyze potential resource development markets; plan and execute the business. Supervised staff of five employees. 8 years

**REGIONAL ECONOMIST & RESEARCH SECTION SUPERVISOR** and Senior Planner in the Economic Development and Planning Department, Municipality of Anchorage. Hired during the Mayor George Sullivan administration. Duties: Wrote lead article and edited the *Anchorage Quarterly Economic Indicators Report*. Investigated and developed statistical series, demand forecasts, and economic models with other measures of economic activity that provided guidelines for public policy, planning, and project development decision making. Made projections and forecasts of population, labor force, resource development, public use requirements, industrial growth, and other socio-economic characteristics. Coordinated public and private agencies to develop long term forecasts used in regional plans. Initiated and managed professional service contracts and federal grant contracts. Exercised full responsibility for orientation, training, and evaluation of subordinates as well as making effective recommendations to the director on appointment, promotion, transfer, and disciplinary actions. Performed special studies such as Fiscal Impact Analyses, sensitivity analyses, cost/benefit analyses, public facilities-demand analyses, and demographic surveys. Successfully appealed the US Census Bureau population estimate that changed revenue sharing entitlement allocation for Anchorage. Managed Anchorage housing stock and population estimate databases. Used statistical packages to analyze data sets. Prepared and managed the annual budget and work program for the Research Section. Defined data, software, and hardware requirements for the Department. Presented technical, policy, and economic studies to a variety of internal and public audiences. Supervised a Demographer, Senior Planner, Research Analyst, and secretary. 3.5 years

**ECONOMIC ANALYST** at Southcentral Michigan Planning Council. Duties: Researched and prepared the Overall Economic Development Plan for Southcentral Michigan. Exercised responsibility over economic project designs, parameters, time frames, and required final products. Identified, collected, tabulated, and analyzed economic data for public and private sector studies. Conducted research on Fiscal Impact Analyses, project feasibility studies, and comparative/avoided cost studies. Prepared population forecasts and public facility demand forecasts. Established a University Data Center Consortium in concert with Western Michigan University, US Census Bureau, and State of Michigan-Office of the Budget. Used various public sector databases such as the Michigan Department of Labor ES-202 data file to analyze the economic changes happening in the region. Prepared agency computer requirements for software and hardware, managed RFP, and purchasing procedures for agency's computing needs. Prepared and disseminated a variety of economic analyses and technical reports to a wide variety of public and private sector consumers. Provided technical assistance to member agencies and businesses. Supervised college interns. 22 months

**COMPUTER SCIENCE CONSULTANT** part-time with Herman Cripe of Kalamazoo, MI. Duties: prepared software requirements. Wrote/used software for primary analysis in polygon research. 1.5 years

**COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHING ASSISTANT** for the Math Department at Kalamazoo College. Duties: assisted professor in teaching students and grading assignments/tests. Assisted beginning and intermediate students in their program design and problem solving. One academic year

**LEGAL ASSISTANT** part-time with Richard K. Burnham, Attorney at Law in Van Buren County, MI. Duties: conducted research and wrote legal briefs on a variety of commercial and criminal cases. Conducted client and witness interviews and prepared interview briefs. 6 months

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE**

**BOARD MEMBER** for the Food Bank of Alaska, Inc. a private non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. FY21 Net Assets \$18.3 million, revenue ~\$24 million and \$18.3 million with a staff of 51 employees. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting corporate strategic direction, policy, and fiscal controls. June 2021 to present

**TRUSTEE & BOARD MEMBER** for the ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Health Benefits Trust. I am one of seven fiduciary trustees for the Health Benefits Trust that pays medical claims for all state general government employees. Chair of the Elections Committee for 2021 and member of appeals committee. The trustees are responsible for setting health plan and investment policy, paying all valid claims, and are the final arbiter of members' appeals. [www.aseahealth.org](http://www.aseahealth.org) The ASEA Health Benefits Trust has accounts payable averaging ~\$10-\$12 million/month. August 2019 to present

**CORPORATE TREASURER** for the Alaska Center For Public Policy, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. Volunteer position to develop corporate strategy, annual budget, and financial management system; oversee financial management and control of the corporation; monitor expenditures and grant obligations; ensure that all corporate financial obligations are met in a timely manner. Set financial management policies and procedures. Give direction as board member to executive director on budget and financial processes. 10 years.

**CORPORATE TREASURER** at the Alaska Health Project, a private non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation. Volunteer position to develop corporate strategy, annual budget, and financial management system; oversee financial management

and control of the corporation; monitor expenditures and grant obligations; ensure that all corporate financial obligations are met in a timely manner. 10 years

**PAST-PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBER** of the University of Alaska Anchorage Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) corporation. Oversaw all aspects of organizational growth. Organized successful UAA alumni lobbying effort to support the University of Alaska funding by the state legislature. I was the president that led the first alumni capital campaign, construction, and donation of the Foucault Pendulum to the UAA/APU Consortium Library. 6 years  
<https://consortiumlibrary.org/about/building/pendulum.php>

## EDUCATION

**Master of Business Administration (MBA)**, University of Alaska Anchorage (AACSB accredited); May 1997; 3.87 GPA

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)**, Economics major, with concentrations in public policy analysis and biology.  
Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo MI; June 1979.

**Certified Member (C.M.)**, American Association of Airport Executives, December 2010 to present. First C.M. at DOT&PF and managed to have DOT&PF join the AAAE Foundation program to reward staff who achieve their A.A.E accreditation

### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training

- IS-100.b, Introduction to Incident Command System, Aug 2014
- IS-200.b, Single Resources and Initial Action Incident, Aug 2014
- IS-201, Forms Used for the Development of the Incident Action Plan, Sept 2019
- ICS-300, Incident Command Systems, Intermediate, FEMA, Oct 2014
- ICS-300, Intermediate Incident Command for Expanding Incidents, Nov 2019
- ICS-400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff Complex Incidents, Mar 2015
- ICS-400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff Complex Incidents, April 2021
- IS-700.a, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Sept 2014
- IS-800.b, National Response Framework, Sept 2014

### Other

- ACRP Ambassador, Airport Cooperative Research Program, National Academy of Sciences, Jan 2014 to present
- National Academy of Sciences, Airport Cooperative Research Program Strategic/Tactical Planning panel, 9-2016
- Enrolled in the Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) program of the American Association of Airport Executives
- Civil Air Patrol, Alaska Wing, Polaris Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., October 2013 to present
  - General Emergency Services
  - Scanner Certification, Observer training in progress
- Advanced Airport Safety & Operations Specialist training, May 2009
- Private Pilot Ground School, UAA, May 2005
- Student Pilot Certificate, May 2005, renewed (3999219) May 1, 2017 to present
- BasicMed flight medical, First person in Alaska to have BasicMed, April 2017
- Community Impact Assessment, NIH, June 2006
- Certificate, Professional Services Agreement Training Class, ADOT/PF, March 2006
- Cumulative Effects Assessment, NIH, March 2006
- Federal Highway Aid 101, NIH, February 2006
- NEPA for Transportation Decision Making, Dec 2005
- Writing Skills Workshop, ADOT/PF, Nov 2005
- Certificate, Functional Wetlands Assessment, FHWA, August 2004
- Certificate, Population Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau, 1982
- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Certification #6083-041598-10376, April 15, 1998

Languages: English fluent; Spanish good; French fair; Yup'ik poor  
Exchange student at Colegio Calasanz in Santiago, Chile, 1973.

## PUBLICATIONS

*The Effect of the Differential Privacy Disclosure Avoidance System Proposed by the Census Bureau on 2020 Census Products: Four Case Studies of Census Blocks in Alaska.* Paper presented at the Symposium on Data Science & Statistics June 2021, American Statistical Association. David A. Swanson, T.M. Bryan, and Richard Sewell

*Airside Snow Removal Issues for Small Airports* Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP), Project Panel Member, Synthesis S14-09-06 FY2014

*1980 Census Profile, Volume 1.* Municipality of Anchorage; editor, 3/1983.

*1980 Census Profile, Volume 2.* Municipality of Anchorage; editor, 12/1983.

*1980 Census Profile, Volume 3.* Municipality of Anchorage; editor, 7/1983.

*Quarterly Economic Indicator Report,* Municipality of Anchorage, Community Planning Department, MOA. Lead Article Author and editor.

*Fiscal Impact Analysis: Paradoxes, Plagues, and Panaceas.* Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan; 4/1981.

*Overall Economic Development Program, Annual Report-1981.* Southcentral Michigan Planning Council; Co-Author, 4/1981.

*Fiscal Impact Analysis: Land Use Alternatives, Battle Creek Township, Michigan.* Southcentral Michigan Planning Council; 5/1980.

*Fiscal Impact Analysis: 5600 West Dickman Road, Battle Creek, Michigan.* Southcentral Michigan Planning Council; 10/1980.

*Overall Economic Development Program for Southcentral Michigan.* Southcentral Michigan Planning Council; Co-author, 4/1980.

*Fiscal Impact Analysis: The Rose Development Company's Garden Apartment Complex--Emmett Township, Michigan.* Southcentral Michigan Planning Council; 10/1979.

## AWARDS

Denali Award Peak Performance Nomination, Exceptional Performance Team Newtok Planning Group, 2008

*Phi Kappa Phi* National Honor Society, May 1997

*Beta Gamma Sigma* The International Business Honor Society that recognizes and honors top students from business schools accredited by the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business, May 1997.

## CONTACT

