


**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Brent Hibbert, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor 

**DATE:** October 12, 2021

**RE:** Re-Appointments to the KPB Resilience and Security Advisory Commission

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Pursuant to the enactment of Ordinance 2020-25, I hereby submit my recommendations for confirmation by the Assembly, of the following re-appointments to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. Applicants have been verified and reside within the areas to be represented. Applications are attached for your review:

**EAST PENINSULA** (areas of Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing)

Jen Pletz Expires 09/2024

**AT-LARGE** (any geographic area listed)

Randy Arndt Expires 09/2024

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Office of the Borough Clerk

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor  
**THRU:** Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (JB)  
**FROM:** Tatyana Shassetz, Borough Clerk Administrative Assistant (AS)  
**DATE:** September 29, 2021  
**RE:** Verification of Resilience and Security Advisory Commission Applicants

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Pursuant to the enactment of Ordinance 2020-25, the applicants listed have been verified as residents of the geographic areas described below.

The applications are being submitted for your consideration.

**EAST PENINSULA** (areas of Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing)

- Jennifer Pletz, Seward

**AT-LARGE** (any geographic area listed)

- Randy Arndt, Kachemak/Fritz Creek

cc: Land Management

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department

Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application Submitted 2021-09-22 19:24:53

Seat: East Peninsula (Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing) Term Expires 09/30/2024

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<b>Occupation or place of employment:</b>
Boat Captain
<b>How long have you lived in the area served by this Resilience &amp; Security Advisory Commission?</b>
8 years
<b>In which of the 10 areas defining the scope of the commission do you have experience?</b>
I have experience with solid waste services as I have served on this commission holding the East Peninsula seat for the past year, with my focus on the Solid Waste Subcommittee. I have been apart of a local grassroots organization called Sustainable Seward for about 3 years. We have successfully received a tin can recycling container at the Seward Transfer Station and repurposed bins for downtown recycling for the public. Those bins will be in service soon. I have also collaborated with Resurrection Recycling to include tin and other items for recycling pick up.
<b>What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to this board?</b>
I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography with an emphasis on People- Environment Interactions and a minor in Environmental Studies. In addition to my education, I have been working in the maritime industry for about 14 years and have seen many changes relating to the ocean and climate change.

**Have you, or do you currently, serve on other Kenai Peninsula Borough commissions, boards or task forces?**

Yes, I currently serve on the RSAC but my term is up September 30th of this year.

**Are you available for:**

Night meetings Day meetings

**Comments (areas of interest, additional experience or qualifications, etc.):**

I would like to continue to serve on the RSAC and I thank you for your consideration.

# Jenn Pletz "JP"

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## EDUCATION

**Master/ Mate Not More Than 200 Tons & Able Seaman Program.** AVTEC, Alaska's Institute of Technology, Maritime Training Center. Seward, AK. 1/2014- 4/2014

**B.S. Geography & Environmental Studies Certificate.** University of Wisconsin- Madison. Madison, WI. 8/2006

## QUALIFICATIONS

**State of Alaska EMT-2** 4/2017

**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians** 3/2017

**Able Seaman- Unlimited** 11/2014

**Master 100 ton Near Coastal** 11/2014

**PADI Advanced Open Water Diver** 3/2008

## EXPERIENCE

### **Boat Captain**

**2020- present**

#### **Kenai Fjords National Park, National Park Service**

**Seward, AK**

- Operate 53' National Park Service vessel, M/V Serac, within the Kenai Fjords National Park coastal area
- Perform maintenance to exterior & interior of vessel; maintain engines & auxiliary machinery
- Operate & maintain Zodiac daily; transport passengers & cargo multiple times daily to exposed beaches & shorelines in adverse weather conditions; promote small boat safety operations
- Monitor weather forecasts, tides, and currents
- Navigate coast w/ helm electronics
- Perform USCG safety drills, maintain & operate all life- saving equipment & survival gear, train all passengers in donning immersion suit & using emergency escapes, O2, epinephrine, spinal immobilization, & cold water immersion training
- Adhere to park mission & cooperate with park staff & researchers to complete trip project goals. Trip projects include marine debris clean- ups, monitoring changes in retreat & advance of glaciers, studying local flora & fauna, maintaining archaeological sites, etc.

### **Boat Captain**

**2017- present**

#### **Seward Fishing Club & Kenai Riverbend Resort**

**Seward, AK**

- Manage and operate 43'- 64' charter fishing vessels with up to 3 crew and up to 30 passengers within Blying Sound
- Determine fishing locations based on varying weather conditions, tides, & currents
- Target lingcod, rockfish, salmon, & halibut
- Maintain fishing gear & tackle; filet fish; record limits in AK Dept. of Fish & Game logbook
- Manage company social media

### **Volunteer EMT 2**

**2017- present**

#### **Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps.**

**Seward, AK**

- Respond to medical emergencies and non- emergent transfers throughout rural area
- Maintain ambulance & supplies
- Perform continuing education weekly at meetings



**Marine Naturalist/ Deckhand/ Able Seaman**

**2007- 2016**

**Hawaii & Alaska**

- Perform all deckhand & steward duties
- Operate machinery for science personnel & cargo handling operations on Limited & Unlimited size research vessels (winches, capstans, A- frames, CTDs, forklifts, etc)
- Respond quickly & calmly to medical, vessel, & weather emergencies daily
- Practice and promote general passenger and crew safety
- Complete cetacean research logs daily
- Educate passengers daily on local flora, fauna, & geography

**General Ranger GS- 05**

**2007**

**Haleakala National Park, National Park Service**

**Maui, HI**

- Prepare greenhouse gas inventory and input into the National Park Services' Climate Friendly Parks CLIP module
- Develop visitor carbon footprint model & set up interview w/ Native Energy to purchase bulk CO2 offsets
- Staff visitor centers desk & answer questions about park resources daily
- Aid in front country and backcountry trip planning; write backcountry permits
- Prepare & present formal interpretive ranger programs & guided hikes daily
- Practice & promote safe hiking & high altitude sickness procedures daily

**Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation**

**2007**

**Energy Intern**

**Madison, WI**

- Research state energy efficiency programs & carbon credit ownership
- Calculate carbon footprint for 100 person company using MS Excel & emission factors

**OTHER EXPERIENCES**

**Volunteer Area Organizer**

**2021**

**Solarize the Kenai for Solarize Seward**

**Seward, AK**

- Organize the first Solarize campaign in Seward, which is a cooperative buying program for locals interested in purchasing and installing solar systems
- Organize an RFP committee and select an area vendor
- Prepare and present formal informational online live meetings for the community
- Communicate weekly with vendor on progress
- Collaborate with local electric utility on educating the community and working together to make solar power more accessible and easier to install
- Successfully installed 20 homes/ businesses in Seward with solar power

**Commissioner**

**2020- present**

**Resilience and Security Advisory Commission**

**Seward, AK**

- Collaborate with commissioners borough- wide to address sustainability issues
- Serve on solid waste subcommittee to increase recycling and diverting of materials from the landfill
- Create resolutions for the borough code of ordinances
- Collaborate with community members and non- profit organizations to address solid waste needs of community

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application Submitted 2021-09-22 10:49:56

Seat: At-Large Term Expires 09/30/2024

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<b>Occupation or place of employment:</b> Self
<b>How long have you lived in the area served by this Resilience &amp; Security Advisory Commission?</b> 63 yrs
<b>In which of the 10 areas defining the scope of the commission do you have experience?</b> I find I am well suited to speak to all of them, having lived in Homer and worked around the State 50+ years. I have a passion for the KPB and its future.
<b>What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to this board?</b> Having spent the last year on the board, I have been exposed to the wide variety of issues facing us. My time as chairman of the Solid Waste subcommittee, has given me opportunity to work with other members and the community to reduce the size and cost of the landfills and work on composting and recycling in the local communities.

**Have you, or do you currently, serve on other Kenai Peninsula Borough commissions, boards or task forces?**

Just the current RSAC Committee.

**Are you available for:**

Night meetings

**Comments (areas of interest, additional experience or qualifications, etc.):**

I am not sending a new resume as it is the same as the one submitted last year. You can discuss my contributions to the Committee with Scott or Hig or subcommittee co-members Alex and JP.



**Randy Arndt**  
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### Objective

1. Provide background on my life to date in Alaska
2. Provide my experience of 60+ Years Living/Working in Alaska
3. Learn from others on the board
4. Help guide the KPB to develop a sound path forward for this and future generations

### Summary

1. All governments are designed to provide guidance and protection to it's Citizens. Therefore it must receive input from those it governs over and the R&SAC is one of those sources of information. It should represent all factions of the public to insure that all the needs for development and preservation of the Alaskan way of life are assured.

### Experience

1. Started working here in Homer in 1970 at the age of 14. At that time my Father ran a Construction Business doing dirtwork and building construction. We installed the Homer Water and Sewer systems over the next couple of years.
2. After High School I continued to work for the family business as we branched out to working Statewide providing Airports and Roads to developing areas from South Central to North Slope.
3. This varied and often difficult work taught me the need for an open mind when battling the diverse Alaska landscapes and challenges.
4. During this time we build 27 remote Airports and 100's of miles of roads providing much needed access for town and villages to resources; they needed to move forward and remain safe.
5. Then around 2005 as that chapter of my life closed down, I started my own business building houses here in Homer. As this developed I became more interesting in the Energy Efficiency side of building and soon was trained and installing Ground Source Heat Pumps, the second person in the State to do so, I believe.

6. This then evolved into building 6-Star rated homes, using Solar Passive designs and Passive House techniques, IAQ and other energy efficient practices. I developed a design for crystal clear high solar input windows while providing low U-Values. Last I checked I had built half of the 6-Star homes registered with the State here in Homer.

## Education

1. Graduated HHS 1974
2. Attended the following Colleges
3. Kilgore College – Kilgore TX
4. LeTourneau University – Longview TX
5. U of Wash – Seattle WA
6. I have been Educating myself since then through CE classes and now online Classes it is an never ending ride.

## Skills

1. Having being raised An Alaskan I am pretty much capable of anything.
2. Having worked in the bush most of my life I can think creatively and outside the box.
3. I am self-motivated and am continually furthering my education, have not yet met anything that completely stopped me.
4. Able to see things differently than the main stream and am a bit of an visionary on how things might or might not work out.
5. I can build things and develop ideas in my head and envision the outcome before they enter reality.
6. I am pretty good with people and pushing ideas forward.

## Reference – Upon Request

1. Lastly : When I saw this Committee, I realized that it was just up my alley, most all the things listed as objectives were also things that I care about. So I would be honored to do my civic responsibility and be part of it and help provide sound and wise advise and direction to the KPB leadership.