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Alaska Community Share announces the selection of a new Board President and appointment of a new Board Member. Steve Cleary has been elected to the office of President and Craig Perham has been appointed to fill a vacant board position with Alaska Community Share.

Steve Cleary, AkPIRG Executive Director is a graduate of St. John's University (MN) with a degree in government studies. He did graduate work in Panama while on a Fulbright scholarship. After coming to Alaska, he worked for the American Red Cross, a local newspaper, the 2000 Census, as a private Spanish tutor and on a statewide, political campaign. He began working at AkPIRG in December of 2000 as the Development Director. Steve was named Executive Director in January of 2003 after Steve Conn retired from serving as director for ten years.

Craig Perham is a Wildlife Biologist for US Fish and Wildlife Service located in Anchorage. He was born and raised in Alaska and is a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and holds a Masters degree in Wildlife Management. Craig serves as a board member of the Anchorage Police Department's Search Team as the treasurer and is a volunteer searcher in the Anchorage area with the APD Search Team.

Steve and Craig join other AkCS Board Members; Barb Seibel - Alaska Conservation Foundation, Tracy Lohman – Alaska Marine Conservation Council, and Deborah Griffeth – Lupus Foundation. Also, Kris Perry – Alzheimer's Association, Brian Connors - RurAL CAP, Arlee Cada - Alaska Center for the Blind, and Michele Miller - Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Alaska Community Share is a coalition of Alaska-based non-profit, social, educational, health, arts and environmental organizations cooperating to raise funds through workplace giving. Member agencies help people in need, create social change, advocate for women's issues, promote cultural awareness, promote basic and affordable health care, and protect our environment.

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