

Amey Tamagni

Bio for TOTEM Election

Amey has been an employee of the Anchorage School District and member of the TOTEM Union since October 2000. Since 2007, after being asked by Past President Sharon Baker, Amey has faithfully served the members TOTEM Union as a Board member and as the elected Treasurer. This year marks her 17th year of happy service to the members. Amey began her career with ASD as a Kindergarten paraprofessional before moving on to a Special Education paraprofessional in Life Skills and then at the Alaska State School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. Since 2007, she has worked first as an Administrative Assistant in Purchasing, then in Secondary Special Education and currently in Human Resources.

Her engagement in TOTEM has included sitting as an alternate board seat for the Alaska Public Employees Association, Employee Political Information Committee (EPIC) Board at the state level union and as a TOTEM certified First Aid/CPR/AED trainer. She has been the PSP committee chair since 2007, which she finds to be very rewarding as it makes a direct positive impact on members' wages. She has served several years as a peer mentor for Administrative Assistants in the ASD Education Center.

As one of the three TOTEM Employee Representatives, Amey has received training in Union 101, Employees Representative Training 1 and 2, all which are essential to the task of representing employees in many different challenges, including working directly with Employee Relations.

Amey believes that connecting with people is of the utmost importance. Empathy, understanding, kindness and listening are necessary and imperative skills to establish trust. Acknowledging and being honest with others builds mutual respect from which other bridges can be built. While she has a softer and more mild-mannered approach to issues and situations, her ability to handle what comes her way with integrity is the norm in daily life and in any volunteer opportunities in which she serves.

As the future of TOTEM is important for all classroom and clerical support positions, Amey sees the potential for growth of the membership by working with others to welcome more members to participate in union activities and provide opportunities for non-members to see what TOTEM has to offer. She recognizes that times have changed, and it is time for TOTEM to evolve and change to meet the needs of its members and employees. With her desire to promote positive change, transparency for members, and inclusion, an updated and amazing union can shine brightly in the future.