

KISAR January 20, 2026 BoD Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:52 PM at Bayside Fire Hall

Minutes prepared by: Tschersich

Directors present: Tschersich, Szabo, Boyle, Wielebski, Ferris

The upcoming election of board members and officers was discussed. Board Officers had contacted current directors about their intention and ability to continue in their duties. The candidates suggested (continuing or -> replacements?) were as follows:

Steve Wielebski, President

Josh Boyle, VP

Nick Szabo, Treasurer

Philip Tschersich, Secretary

Bryan Ferris

Joletta Silva -> Brian Baader?

Jason McGrath -> Shanna McGrath?

Josh mentioned an upcoming USCG Air Station Kodiak joint training with other AK air stations and Canadian Maritime SAR resources scheduled for February 10-11. There may be an opportunity for up to 6 KISAR members to participate with details to follow.

Blaine Smith is available to teach a variety of 1-day rescue topics like avalanche rescue among others.

Philip gave an update on the progress with his, Josh, and Joletta's SARTopo training. To date, they had conducted an online meeting with the statewide administrators and were set up with SARTopo admin accounts. Having a professional SARTopo trainer visit Kodiak to get the admins and membership acquainted with the software was identified as a priority.

Philip gave an update on the KISAR training committee's low level of progress in identifying and scheduling training for 2026. Philip suggested that each board member be encouraged to lead one training in 2026 to more equitably distribute the organizational and logistical burdens.

Philip mentioned his discussions with Myra Scholze and her SAR K9 in training, Delilah. He said KISAR could conduct field training with Myra and Delilah to assist in the K9 training and familiarization with KISAR.

Steve discussed the Alaska Avalanche School visiting Kodiak to teach snow safety courses to USCG personnel.

Deb Ajango's April 4-5 WFA full certification in Kodiak was discussed.

Numerous other training topics and opportunities were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.