

Meet the Board Candidates *(see both sides)*

Bill Hand

Bill Hand is a lifelong Alaskan, born in Anchorage and now a long-time resident of Homer. After earning a degree in Psychology from Adams State University and completing a year of graduate study in Community Counseling, he returned to Alaska and worked at South Peninsula Behavioral Health Center before finding his passion in building homes. In 2004, he and his father started Two Hands Construction, and he continues to work in construction and property management today.

In 2020, Bill earned his degree in Civil Engineering from UAA and passed the FE exam. Deeply connected to family and community, Bill has cared for loved ones, built a life around hard work, and takes pride in giving back.

When he's not working, Bill enjoys halibut fishing, playing pool, ping pong, hiking, and attending local events. He loves staying active and involved in the community whenever time allows.

Kolby Bayless, RN

Kolby Bayless has been dedicated to serving seniors since his first job at a senior living facility at age 17. After relocating to Homer in 2018, he worked as an Activities Aid at the Homer Senior Center—an experience that shaped both his career path and personal growth. Inspired by the residents he served, including a 95-year-old retired nurse, Kolby pursued a career in nursing and is now a Registered Nurse with South Peninsula Hospital, where he works as a Home Health RN.

His time at the Senior Center left a lasting impression, and he credits it as a pivotal part of his development. With deep gratitude and a passion for community care, Kolby is committed to supporting the continued growth and revival of Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. He brings energy, compassion, and firsthand experience to his service, and is eager to give back to the place that gave so much to him.

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Jen Hankins

With over seven years of experience providing in-home care to elders and individuals with advanced care needs, Jen Hankins brings a deeply compassionate and hands-on perspective to supporting seniors. Her expertise includes dementia and Alzheimer's care, advance care planning, family mediation, safety training, and end-of-life doula support. Through her work, she has built lasting trust with families and elders alike—connections that have shaped her commitment to enhancing the lives of seniors in our community. Although new to board service, Jen has held multiple leadership and management roles, including running two RV resorts, one of which served a retirement community and co-managing the ZenDen Cafe. She has also contributed locally by volunteering to teach yoga to seniors and children at SPARC.

Driven by integrity, adaptability, and a passion for health and vitality, she believes in creating strong, responsive systems of care for aging adults. Currently pursuing admission to the UAA nursing program, Jen remains active in the Homer community, where she enjoys hiking, cold water dips, wild foraging native plants for her small tea business, and community connection.

Michael Kennedy

Michael Kennedy arrived in Homer in 1972 at age 22 and has called it home ever since.

Michael has long been known for his dedication to sustainability, having managed Last Chance Recycling and been involved in crane work, construction, and community-based projects that reflect his “waste not, want not” philosophy.

Michael has always had a connection with elders—and now proudly counts himself among them. He's followed the work of Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. for years and is committed to helping the center grow and thrive. With a focus on compassionate senior care, including important end-of-life conversations, he hopes to bring a thoughtful voice to the board.

Known for his humor, common sense, and caring nature, Michael is excited to give back to the community that has given him so much. “I might live here someday,” he says, “and I want to make sure this is the best senior center it can be.”