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Alaska Public Media Selects Tara Riemer as Senior Director of Finance

Riemer will be responsible for strategic and tactical matters relating to budget management, cost-benefit analysis, and financial forecasting.

ANCHORAGE, AK – June 26, 2024 – Alaska Public Media (AKPM) is pleased to announce that Tara Riemer has accepted an offer to serve as the organization’s Senior Director of Finance. This is a new position for AKPM. A community leader, Riemer joins AKPM after 21 years at the Alaska SeaLife Center, including 12 years as President and CEO. She brings extensive experience with nonprofit accounting and federal grants management.

Riemer will serve as principal finance leader of Alaska Public Media and will be the chief financial liaison with the board of directors. She will report directly to the Chief Operations Officer & Vice President of Administration (COO), assisting on all strategic and tactical matters as they relate to budget management, grants management, cost-benefit analysis, and financial forecasting.

When asked about the new position, Riemer said, “I am thrilled to join an Alaska non-profit that I have supported as a member for over twenty years. The passionate team at Alaska Public Media serves the entire state, providing vital communications that have kept me informed for years.”

Riemer will also work collaboratively with the COO and the CEO’s Chief Executive Assistant to promote administrative project completion.

“We are delighted that Tara will be joining us as the Senior Director of Finance for AKPM,” said Dorothy McGrath, COO for AKPM. “Tara is a proven strategic and operational leader with a track record of implementing process improvement and building highly successful relationships with key stakeholders, such as auditors and boards. We look forward to working with Tara to advance our strategic roadmap and achieve our long-term objectives.”

Tara joined the Alaska SeaLife Center in 2003 and was named President and CEO in July 2012. Tara previously served the Center as Chief Operating Officer, Director of Research and Grant Operations, Grants and Contracts Manager, and Research Administrator.

Her past board service includes the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the North Pacific Research Board. She is also an active volunteer for the National Panhellenic



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Conference, Alpha Phi Fraternity, Seward Rotary Club, and various local community groups in Seward, Alaska.

Prior to moving to Alaska in 2002, Tara worked as a strategic management consultant for McKinsey and Company in Boston and Auckland, New Zealand. Tara received a B.S. in biomedical and electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and holds a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Tara lives in Seward, loves hiking local trails, and has been a member of Alaska Public Media since 2003.

[Headshot for media use](#)

Credit: Photo courtesy of Tara Riemer

About Alaska Public Media

[Alaska Public Media](#) (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) member and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement, and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, PBS KIDS 24/7, and alaskapublic.org. Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

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