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AFA ELECTS FIRST FEMALE BOARD PRESIDENT

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The Alaska Forest Association (AFA) Board of Directors announced the election of Ms. Sarah Dahlstrom as Board President. AFA is a non-profit industry trade association dedicated to advancing, restoring, promoting and maintaining a healthy, vibrant forest products industry in the state of Alaska.

Sarah is the first female Board President in AFA's history and serves on the Board as a representative of Viking Lumber Company (Viking) located in Klawock, AK. AFA Board member, and past Timber Committee Chair, Mr. Clarence Clark commented, "in less than a year, Sarah has introduced Viking to social media, had articles published in the Wall Street Journal, and had the mill's owners interviewed on Fox News. I am looking forward to being involved as Sarah leads Alaska's forest products industry into the future."



Viking is a small, multigenerational family business, and the oldest continuously operating sawmill in Alaska. Viking is owned and operated by the Dahlstrom family and supplies premium Old Growth (OG) forest products which are used in Steinway® pianos, Gibson® Guitars, helicopters, submarines, space exploration operations and fine custom home finish lumber products sold in 40 states.

Sarah grew up immersed in Alaska's timber industry at Viking. After graduating from Craig High School, she earned a Master of Education in School Counseling and went on to work for the Anchorage School District, helping students transition into careers and post-secondary opportunities. Inspired by her family's entrepreneurial spirit, Sarah and her sister also founded and operated a women's clothing boutique with locations in downtown Anchorage and Juneau.

Sarah oversees public relations and communications for Viking. In this role, she has built relationships with Viking's customers across the country and developed a deep understanding of the industry's need for a consistent and sustainable timber supply. Sarah is committed to advocating for long-term, durable solutions to timber supply challenges in the Tongass National Forest and across Alaska.

Outside of her professional roles, she and her husband own a construction business, and she enjoys spending time with their three young children—occasionally on the golf course, where she admits her skills are still a work in progress.