

Michael C. Harper-Deputy Director Rural Energy; joined AIDEA/AEA in June 2001 after spending 10 years as President /CEO of The Kuskokwim Corporation, an ANCSA Village Corporation. Mr. Harper enjoys seeking ways to improve life in rural Alaska especially through sustainable economic development, wise energy use and development , and education . He has pursued these goals throughout his career both in public and private sector. Past work experience includes jobs with Rural Alaska Community Action Program, State of Alaska (DCRA & Governor's Office) and United Bank Alaska. Harper enjoys serving with community groups such as, Salvation Army Board, Rotary, and Alaska Village Initiatives. Past service includes Beans Café, Doyon LTD Board, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board, and Commonwealth North Board. Married to Jane, both enjoy escaping to their cabin in the woods as often as possible for bird watching, boating, and cross-country skiing and reading.