

**Alaska Anthropological Association
Board Meeting Friday 13 March 2009
Minutes**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER in Juneau at the Pioneer Hotel at 12:05pm.

II. PRESENT: Aron Crowell (President), Karlene Leeper, Joan Dale (by phone), Amy Steffian, Daniel Montieth, Monty Rogers (new member). Five of five board members were present, providing a quorum. Guests included Owen Mason (journal), Jennifer Tobey and Richard VanderHoek (Public Education Group).

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (9 October 2008) were accepted without changes.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Document retention plan

B. 2011 meeting location (discussion)

V. REPORTS

A. Election results: Monty Rogers was welcomed as a new board member. Amy Steffian and Dan Montieth were reelected to the board. Rita Eagle was appointed as the new treasurer.

B. President (Aron Crowell): This year the aaa combined membership with journal subscriptions. We received incorporation and a business license through the State of Alaska in October.

C. Treasurer' Report: Rita Eagle is the new treasurer. Aron Crowell spoke on her behalf.

D. Awards: Aron Crowell provided news about awards on behalf of Theresa Thibault and the awards committee. Currently serving on the awards committee are Bob Shaw, Rachel Mason, Ken Pratt and Theresa Thibault. There were nine applications for scholarships. Bill Hanable is receiving the Career Achievement award. Owen Mason is receiving the Outstanding Service to the Association award.

E. Alaska Journal of Anthropology: Owen Mason provided an update on the aaa journal. Volume 6 (1 &2), the Workman festschrift, was published in December 2008. Kerry Feldman is editing volume 7 on applied anthropology. Owen would like to get more participation from our colleagues in the Yukon Territory. Norm Easton will help solicit contributions from Yukon anthropologists. Steve Langdon is writing a review of Tom Thornton's book. The journal editors are trying to improve proof reading issues. Mark Cassell is assisting with proofreading.

F. Annual Meeting 2009: Dan Montieth, the conference organizer, reports that there are approximately 150 people attending the conference. Thank you to the University of Alaska

Southeast Chancellor's Fund for their financial support of this year's conference. Thank you also to Erica Hill, the program coordinator for the conference.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. IRS 501 (c) (3) application: We have officially applied for our 501 (c) (3) non-profit status.

B. Back issue AJA price for authors: The author issue price for additional issues of the journal was set at the back issue price.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public education group request for funding: Richard Vanderhoek and Jennifer Tobey asked the association to fund the Public Education Group for up to \$3000.00 for the poster and up to \$1500.00 for the speaker series. The poster was funded by BLM this year and no additional money is requested for the poster.

B. Fixes and updates to the website: Thank you to Amy Steffian for coordinating construction of the website. Needed repairs include adding an instrument for collecting donations. We also need a place to add links for field school and other announcements. Approved motion to spend up to \$500.00 to make these changes to the web site.

C. 2009 Budget: The aaa has rejoined the Foraker Group, but dropped membership to Archaeological Legacy. The budget was approved as amended.

D. Documentation retention plan: Amy Steffian recommends a document retention plan. Documents and extra journals are now stored in a storage unit. Can we get a less expensive or better storage unit for records and journals?

E. 2011 meeting location: Norm Easton submitted a letter of interest in holding the 2011 annual meeting in Dawson City or Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Other suggestions include Chena Hot Springs and Ketchikan.

VIII. Adjournment: The next board meeting is scheduled for September 10. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.