

**Alaska Anthropological Association
Board Meeting Friday 18 December 2009
Minutes**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER in Anchorage at the Arctic Studies Center at 3:00 p.m.

II. PRESENT: Aron Crowell (President); Joan Dale, Daniel Montieth, and Amy Steffian (by phone), Monty Rogers, Rita Eagle, and Owen Mason.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (14 September 2009) were accepted without changes. *

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- A. Treasurer's honorarium
- B. Kim Fleming and Travis Shinabarger donation

V. REPORTS

A. President (Aron Crowell) – none

B. Treasurer, website (Rita Eagle)

The Profit and Loss Report for the year through December 18 was submitted and reviewed. It was noted that, at -\$2,783.89, with no transfers of money from savings, the association had an almost break-even year. However, the association is behind by one journal, and may need to transfer money next year. Aron asked about the \$3000 listed under donations for ACZ. This was a NPS grant to ACZ.

The bank balance is \$22,603.59.

Owen pointed out that he had anticipated a greater savings on printing by having mailing taken care of by the printer. Those numbers need investigation. *

It was noted by Aron that our change to a combination membership/subscription format has been very successful, bringing in a steady income and no apparent drop in membership.

The success of publication and article sales brought up the question of digitizing the Aurora publications. It was agreed that there may be copyright or other similar issues involved in that.

By the next board meeting, Aron and Rita will compare the P&L for 2009 with the budget projections, and prepare projections for next year. *

The updates were made to the website, with new postage rates and donation buttons.

Amy asked about awards on the website. There may be some announcements missing, and Rita will investigate that and update the website. Also Vol. 1 still needs to be uploaded to the site. *

C. Journal (Owen Mason)

They are working on Volume 7(2), with eight papers and a Canadian theme. Owen hopes to go into production in January, with the journals ready by the meeting in March.

Three more issues are in the works, Paleolithic Technology, Displaced Persons, and Southeast Alaska.

The board discussed the possibility of getting UA Press involved in distribution of back issues. Amy was able to share her experience, with the comment that, while such an arrangement was good for distribution and exposure, it was not cost effective.

Owen would like to see a closer relationship with the CAA. Our conference is listed on their website.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Aron announced that the IRS had penalized us \$2400, for the 18 months prior to receiving our 501C3 status. Steve Mahoney, our attorney, has entered a letter for abatement of penalties. Our tax forms were filed this year, with no taxes owing.

B. The board discussed options for the 2011 meeting. The invitation from Yukon College was declined. Aron suggests that the board seek other invitations, and there was general agreement that Fairbanks would be appropriate, as the last meeting there was in 2005. *

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. The association received an Alaska Humanities Forum grant for \$2400, for a Public Education Lecture Series. Brian Fagan will be giving talks in Anchorage and Kodiak. Amy said that a large Alitak petroglyph recording project will be kicking off with Fagan's talk. Thanks to Karlene Leeper for taking the initiative and securing this grant!

B. The board reviewed a Public Education Group funding request for \$4200. The projects appeared worthy, but it was voted and approved to postpone a decision until a representative of the PEG could attend a board meeting and answer questions.* It was decided to have an additional board meeting in February.

C. Becky Saleeby has announced that she will step down from the newsletter editorship after the February issue. There was some discussion of making the newsletter smaller and less formatted, as it has some overlap with the website. The newsletter is especially appropriate for sharing field work. The board is seeking interested people for the job of newsletter editor.*

D. The treasurer's honorarium was discussed. Although most systems are in place at this time, the treasurer's job consists of website/membership database, bookkeeping, and publication distribution, which is a fairly complex set of responsibilities. It consists of 2/3 paid hours at \$20 per hour, and 1/3 volunteer hours, with a budget of 10 hours per month. Rita Eagle has been tracking her hours and has already used up the 120 hours after 8 months. It was voted and approved that she pay herself for the hours over 120 for this year*, and Rita and Aron will look at a corrected hours projection for 2010, putting it formally in the budget.

E. Kim Fleming and Travis Shinabarger, members of aaa, students at UAA, and members of the local archaeology community, had an apartment fire last week. It was voted and approved that the association donate a set of AJA and Aurora back issues to them.*

F. Two Board seats are up for election. A ballot went out in the December Newsletter, with Joan Dale and Karlene Leeper running again. There has been little response to date, and, after discussion, it was determined that the next election should include a direct email ballot.

VII. ADJOURNMENT (4:30 p.m.)

*Action item.