

Alaska Anthropological Association Newsletter



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President's Message

Aron Crowell

First of all, congratulations (!) to Sven Haakanson for his MacArthur Foundation award, and to Dan Odess for his new leadership position with the National Park Service as Assistant Associate Director for the Park Cultural Resources Programs. Both are national news as well as important honors for two of our Alaska members (see articles on pages 19-20 in this newsletter).

Membership

Please bear with us, everyone, as aaa makes the change to our new system of combining membership with a subscription to the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (two issues per year), as approved by the board and membership. As stated on the approved ballot, the term of the new membership/subscription will be on a calendar year basis, from January 1 to December 31.

Please note that this represents a change from our existing constitution, which states that the term of membership will run for one calendar year *from the date that payment is received*. However, member approval of the new membership term (70 in favor, 30 opposed) exceeded the 2/3 majority required for a constitutional change. In our meeting on Sept. 20, the aaa board agreed to interpret this vote as an approval to make the necessary adjustment in the language of the constitution, which will now read:

Article III, Section 5: Memberships will run one calendar year, beginning from the date payment for membership is received by the association from January 1 to December 31.

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Check It Out

- 2008 Meeting News
- New Membership Form
- Updates on Journal and Web Site
- Nomination Forms and Reminders

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The new rates are included on the application form in this newsletter. Here's how your membership renewal will work:

- **If you want to become a new member or your membership has expired**, please renew at the new rate. You will receive free association membership (without journal) until January 1, 2008. Then your new combined membership will begin, including issues 5-1 and 5-2 of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* (AJA).
- **If your membership is current but expires before January 1, 2008**, then your membership will be extended free of charge until that date. Then you can renew at the new rate and will receive full benefits, including AJA issues 5-1 and 5-2.
- **If your current membership expires after January 1, 2008**, you will still need to renew by that date on the basis of the new system and rates. However, you will receive full credit for all payments (memberships or journal subscriptions) that apply past the January 1, 2008 end-date of the old system. We will let you know by email or letter the amount to be credited. In determining this we will "round up" your membership to the January 1 after its expiration, increasing the credit. Like other members, your new AJA subscription will begin with issues 5-1 and 5-2.

Alaska Journal of Anthropology

The Association has accepted a bid from Sue and Russ Mitchell and their company, Inkworks, in Fairbanks to take over production editing for the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*. Owen Mason remains the journal's esteemed Editor, but will now be free to focus entirely on the development and content of each issue while Inkworks takes on the myriad chores of design, layout, copy editing, and production. With Inkworks' help, we anticipate that both issues of Volume 5 will be produced by year's end.

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ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION

President

Aron Crowell

Board Members

Lisa Frink

Owen Mason

Daniel Montieth

Daniel Odess

Amy Steffian

Secretary - Amy Steffian

Treasurer - Dawn Biddison

The purpose of the Alaska Anthropological Association is to serve as a vehicle for maintaining communication among people interested in all branches of anthropology; to promote public awareness and education of anthropological activities and goals; to foster sympathetic appreciation of the past and present cultures of Alaskan peoples; to encourage Alaskan Natives to participate in the elucidation of their respective cultures; and to facilitate the dissemination of anthropological works in both technical and non-technical formats. Membership is open to any individual or organization indicating interest and concern for the discipline of anthropology. The Association holds its annual meeting during March or April of each year and generally publishes four newsletters each year.

The membership cycle begins each year on January 1. Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology. Dues are \$40.00 for student members and \$75.00 for regular members. Checks or money orders, in US dollars, should be made out to the Alaska Anthropological Association. To become a member, send a membership form and payment to the Alaska Anthropological Association at P.O. Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1686, USA. Items for the newsletter may be sent to the editor, Becky Saleeby, at the above address, attention "Newsletter Editor," or to becky_saleeby@nps.gov.

2008 Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association

2008 Annual Meeting in Anchorage: Alaskan Anthropology in the New Millennium

Polly Wheeler



Mark your calendars! The 35th annual meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be held February 27 to March 1, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. The organizing committee is a small group of women, headed by Polly Wheeler, involved in the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The four day meeting will include preconference workshops, professional papers, poster sessions, guest speakers, and the chance to see and visit beautiful Anchorage. The online reservation site for the Alaska Anthropological Association 2008 group is live; reservations can be made at:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ancahhf_aas/index.jhtml

Special room rates are \$88.00/night for single or double occupancy. Make your reservations early, as this rate is available only until January 23, 2008, or until the block of rooms is sold out.

Call for Symposia:

We are soliciting proposals for conference symposia. Please email your symposium abstract with a list of likely participants to program coordinator Rachel Mason (Rachel_Mason@nps.gov), 907/644-3472 by **October 30, 2007**. Abstracts for individual conference papers are due **December 30, 2007**.

Proposed Symposia and Session Chairs:

Implications of the Yeniseic-Na-Dene hypothesis - Ed Vajda, Western Washington University and Jim Kari, University of Alaska Fairbanks (ffjmk@uaf.edu)

Central Aleutians Archeology and Paleobotany Project – Dixie West, University of Kansas (dlwest@ksu.edu)

Racism in Alaska- Pat Partnow, Alaska Native Heritage Center, (ppartnow@alaskanative.net)

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Over the last two months, aaa Treasurer Dawn Biddison has done a thorough house cleaning of Association records and finances. She has updated the membership and subscription database and in the process mailed out a number of back journal issues that were owed to subscribers. However, our records may not be perfect (yet!). If you have paid for issues of AJA (through Vol. 4) that you have not received, please let us know and we will make it right.

Web Site

The Board is negotiating with Couloir Graphics (Anchorage) as the preferred option among several bidders for the redesign of our web site. The redesign will offer a number of new functions including on-line registration for meetings, credit card payment for memberships, job postings, and an on-line store for purchasing Aurora, back issues of the AJA, and pdf files of AJA articles.

Couloir Graphics offers its services to non-profit organizations exclusively through the Foraker Group. You can see examples of their work at <http://couloirgraphics.com/>.

Special Interest Group News



**Alaska Consortium
of Zooarchaeologists**
Debbie Corbett

ACZ activity was slow for the summer as most people were out in the field. We did manage to organize the specimens in the synoptic sea mammal and large land mammal cabinets. We also have comparative specimens arranged into bird, fish, and medium-mammal cabinets, so the new lab is shaping up nicely for increased use by UAA students during fall semester. Planning is underway for our workshop to be held the day before the aaa conference. This year's theme is "Antler, Bone and Ivory." We will work on techniques for identification and will have a guest speaker. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the meetings. We are slowly preparing skeletons and acquisitions continue to trickle in. Now that fall is here, we will resume out monthly meetings. You will receive e-mail notice of upcoming meetings if you are on the ZooArch listserve.



World Archaeological Congress

WAC-6

Ireland

University College of Dublin

June 29 - July 4, 2008

http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/site/news_wac6.php

Upcoming Meetings

Gender and Archaeology Conference (9th annual)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

October 4-6, 2007

contact Lisa Frink for more information

lisa.frink@unlv.edu

Arctic Conference 2007 (15th annual)

Integrated Northern Sciences for the 21st Century

Idaho State University- Pocatello, Idaho

November 1-3, 2007

arctic_conference@isu.edu

American Anthropological Association Conference (106th annual)

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC

November 28 – December 2, 2007

<http://www.aaanet.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm>

Society for Historical Archaeology

2008 Conference on Historical and Underwater
Archaeology

Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 9-12, 2008

<http://www.sha.org/default.htm>

Alaska Anthropological Association

(35th annual)

Anchorage Hilton

February 28 - March 1, 2008

<http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/>

Society for Applied Anthropology

(68th annual)

Memphis Marriott

March 25- 29, 2008

<http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2008.html>

American Association of Physical Anthropologists

(74th annual)

Columbus, Ohio

April 7- 13, 2008

<http://www.physanth.org/>

ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION



PLEASE FILL OUT ALL CONTACT INFORMATION FIELDS

Name _____

Please check box if
any of your contact

Mailing Address _____

information has changed

Day Phone _____

Affiliation _____

E-Mail address _____

MAIL TO:
P.O. Box 241686
Anchorage, AK
99524-1686

Membership and Journal Subscription*

Regular: 1 year \$75 _____ 2 years \$140 _____

**Student: 1 year \$40 _____ 2 years \$75 _____

Married/partners: 1 year \$100 _____ 2 years \$165 _____

(two memberships/
one subscription) Name of Partner _____

Institutional: 1 year \$150 _____ 2 years \$300 _____

Lifetime: \$1000 _____

*Please add \$8 per annual subscription for postage to Canada and \$15 outside North America

** Photocopy of current school ID required with membership form

Donations

Student
Scholarships _____

Publication
Fund _____

Public Education
Group _____

Alaska Consortium
of Zooarcheologists

Publications (see back)

Total brought forward from back _____

Grand Total

Membership/Journal Subscription, Donations, and Publications
Made check payable to Alaska Anthropological Association

For Payment by VISA or MasterCard:

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Total \$ _____

PUBLICATIONS

	Non-Member	Member	(Qty) Total
Aurora Monograph Series			
When Our Bad Season Comes by Ann Fienup-Riordan	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
Lake Minchumina Prehistory by Charles E. Holmes	\$15.00	\$12.00	_____
Bibliography and Index of Alaskan Archeology by C. Eugene West and Richard O. Stern	\$10.00	\$ 8.00	_____
The Hidden Falls Site edited by Stanley D. Davis	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
In the Belly of the Whale by Glenn W. Sheehan	\$28.00	\$22.40	_____
Ellikarrmiut: Changing Lifeways in an Alaskan Community by Dennis Griffin	\$26.00	\$20.80	_____
Alaska Journal of Anthropology			
(Back Issues)			
Volume 1, No. 1	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 1, No. 2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 2, No. 1-2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 3, No. 1	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
Volume 3, No. 2	\$20.00	\$10.00	_____
(Current Volume)			
Volume 4, No. 1-2			
Student Member	\$25		_____
Regular Member	\$35		_____
Non-Member	\$50		_____
Institution	\$150		_____
Postage (each item)			
U.S.A. (\$4)			_____
Canada (\$8)			_____
Outside North America (\$15)			_____
Total Publications			_____

PLEASE BRING THIS TOTAL FORWARD TO FRONT OF FORM

Symposium on the Dene-Yeniseic Hypothesis

Symposium Call for 2008 Meeting

James Kari

with Edward Vajda and Johanna Nichols

In several published and unpublished papers Edward J. Vajda has presented evidence that the Yeniseic language family of Central Siberia has a genetic relationship with the Na-Dene languages of North America. Na-Dene is a language stock that is defined as Athabaskan-Eyak-Tlingit (AET) but not including Haida, and Yeniseic consists of Ket (fewer than 200 speakers in 2006) along with several extinct languages (Yugh, Kott, Assan, Arin, Pumpokol). Linguists have long suspected such a connection. Ruhlen (see pg. 10 for reference) offered some potential lexical cognate sets between Yeniseic and AET as well as Haida. However, Vajda's analysis of Ket verb morphology provides the specifics that can demonstrate relatedness and anchor reconstruction of an ancestral language.

On August 7-8, 2006, the Linguistics Department of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig hosted a Na-Dene/Yeniseic Workshop. In the summary of the workshop, Bernard Comrie wrote: "New data presented by Edward Vajda on possible sound correspondences in basic vocabulary and prefixing verb structure between Yeniseic and AET offer the beginning of real potential evidence of a genetic relationship between these two families. If substantiated by additional results, this promises to become the first genetic connection between Old World and New World language families demonstrated on rigorous principles. With geographic contact being precluded, the question of a genetic link between Yeniseic and AET can now be regarded as a serious inquiry rather than merely speculation based on listing random similarities." Since that time, Vajda has marshaled additional lexical evidence for Dene-Yeniseic.

This Dene-Yeniseic symposium in Anchorage will invite discussion and scrutiny of this exciting hypothesis. Bernard Comrie will give an introduction to the symposium. Edward Vajda will give an overview of the evidence to date that the Yeniseic

languages are related to the Na-Dene language stock. Johanna Nichols will discuss the statistical soundness and some of the implications of the D-Y hypothesis. At this time we invite other scholars to participate in this symposium. Some possible topics are: What are the prehistorical and ecological implications of an ancient spread of a group of D-Y languages from North Asia to interior and coastal Alaska? Can the D-Y language stock offer new interpretations of Siberian and Alaska archaeological sites? What avenues of linguistic investigation on Yeniseic or on Na-Dene appear most promising for developing a partial reconstruction of proto-Dene-Yeniseic? What are some implications of the Dene-Yeniseic language stock for modern Dene and Ket ethnic identity, and for academic or educational work with Dene and Yeniseic languages and cultures?

Symposium participants will be sent reading lists and some articles as pdf files. Send inquiries and abstracts to James Kari, email: ffjmk@uaf.edu, tel.: 907 479-8860.

Deadline for abstracts: November 15, 2007

NOTE: a few days prior to this symposium Professors Vajda and Nichols will participate in lectures and seminars at UAF, hosted by the University.

Some suggested readings are listed on Page 10.

Scholarships and Student Paper Competition

DON'T WASTE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP OR STUDENT PAPER AWARD!!!

Rachel Mason

Student Scholarship Committee



The association offers three \$750 scholarships every year – one to an undergraduate, one for an M.A. student, and one to a Ph.D. student. The Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists awards the \$300 Christina Jenson scholarship each year. The Association also gives two \$250 awards for papers in the Edwin S. Hall Paper competition. Here's the tragedy: For the past few years, the association has had difficulty getting ANY students to apply for the annual scholarships or student paper awards. The money has sometimes gone unawarded! (Unlike the lottery, unfortunately, the prizes don't get bigger and bigger when a winner cannot be located).

Part of the problem may be that some students don't know about the awards because they are not yet members of the organization. Others might be reluctant to apply because they are insecure, timid, or modest. Those of us who teach, as well as those who don't teach but who encounter a great student paper or know an excellent candidate for one of these scholarships, need to aggressively encourage students to submit their applications.

Here are this year's deadlines: Applications for the two \$250 awards in the Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition must be received by January 15, 2008. Applications for the \$300 ACZ Christina Jensen Scholarship are due February 1, 2008. Applications for the three \$750 Association scholarships must be received by February 15, 2008. Application details are included in this newsletter. All applicants must be members of the association. See details below.

Two graduate (one M.A. student, and one Ph.D. student) scholarships and one undergraduate scholarship will be awarded for the 2008- 2009 academic year. The Association Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold one or both awards in the absence of qualified applicants. Each scholarship is \$750.

Purpose and Eligibility: These scholarships are designed to assist eligible students in their pursuit of an appropriate degree. Ordinarily the scholarship should be used to underwrite a program consisting of at least eight academic credits. If fewer credits are taken, the student must be engaged in full-time work toward a degree and be formally enrolled at an appropriate institution to be eligible for the award. Under no circumstances may this scholarship be utilized to underwrite part-time studies, nor to cover expenses of doing fieldwork not directly connected with academic courses. Applicants must be members in good standing of the Alaska Anthropological Association (i.e., current year dues must be paid at or before time of application). The scholarship may be used at any appropriate institution.

Application Procedure: The evaluation criterion is tangible evidence indicating a commitment to the academic study of anthropology. No special forms are needed to apply, but please provide:

- 1) name, current contact address, and telephone number;
- 2) current academic status (year, institution, major);
- 3) list of courses in anthropology taken to date, including course title, instructor, institution, and grade (this need not be an official transcript);

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4) (OPTIONAL) list of course titles, instructors, and grades received in courses clearly related to the anthropological interests of the applicant; 5) names, addresses, and phone numbers of two individuals willing to provide references for the applicant. Letters of reference do not have to be directly solicited by the applicant or included with the application; 6) brief statement of the applicant's personal goals and interests, and intentions with regard to anthropology. Deadline for Application: **Applications must be received by February 15, 2008** and be addressed to: Scholarship Committee, Alaska Anthropological Association, P.O. Box 241686, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1686.

Applications will be accepted for the 2008 ACZ-Christina Jensen Scholarship. Application for the \$300 scholarship is open to all undergraduate and graduate students, who are members of the Alaska Anthropological Association, working on a zooarchaeological paper or project. The evaluation criterion is based on a letter, describing the project and demonstrating a commitment to the academic study of archaeology. Please provide a letter stating: 1) name, address, telephone number, and e-mail; 2) academic status (year, institution, major); 3) a list of archaeology courses taken to date, including instructor and grade (official transcripts are not necessary); 4) names, addresses, and phone number of two references (letters of reference do not have to be included with the application); 5) a statement of the applicant's personal goals, interests, and intentions with regard to archaeology; and 6) one or two paragraphs describing the intended paper or project.

Submit the letter no later than February 1, 2008 to: ACZ-Christina Jensen Scholarship, Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists, P.O. Box 240613, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-0613. The recipient of the award will be announced at the 33rd annual meetings in Kodiak, and the scholarship check mailed after these meetings. The recipient will also be expected to follow up with a letter to ACZ describing how the scholarship assisted with the project or with his/her continued studies in archaeology.

ALSO...

The Alaska Anthropological Association offers two \$250 awards for student papers under the auspices of the **Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition**. Winners to be announced at the 2008 annual meeting.

Application Procedure:

- 1) Students must be members in good standing with the Alaska Anthropological Association to be eligible for this award.
- 2) Subject: Papers must apply anthropological perspectives to a question, topic or issue of interest to northern anthropologists. Theoretical and methodological approaches may derive from any of the four subfields of anthropology. Interdisciplinary papers are welcome.
- 3) Specifications/Format: Papers should be clearly reasoned and demonstrate creative use of sources, whether from fieldwork, library, or archival research; Papers should be no more than 45 pages, typed and double-spaced; American Anthropological Association format should be used for references, notes, and citations.
- 4) Papers submitted to this competition must also be submitted for presentations at the Alaska Anthropological Association's annual meeting. Abstracts should be submitted separately to the meeting's organizers.
- 5) On separate pages, entrants must submit an abstract of not more than 150 words, and a short biography (up to 10 lines) detailing anthropological education, interests, experience, and publications, as applicable.

Deadline: **Submit THREE copies postmarked on or before January 15, 2008 to:**

Edwin S. Hall, Jr. Student Paper Competition

Alaska Anthropological Association

P.O. Box 241686

Anchorage, AK 995234-1686.

2008 Association Awards: Call for Nominations

The Alaska Anthropological Association offers annual awards in three categories: 1) Career Achievement; 2) Outstanding Service to the Association ; and 3) Outstanding Current Contribution.

Past recipients of the Career Achievement Award: 1993 - Frederica de Laguna, Margaret Lantis, and James VanStone; 1994 - Wally Olson; 1997- Don Clark; 1998 - Don Dumond; 1999 - Bob Ackerman; 2000 - Lydia Black; 2002 - Doug Anderson; 2003 - E. S. Burch, Jr. and Allen McCartney
2004 - Tom Hamilton; 2005 - Catharine McClellan; 2006 - William Workman; 2007 - AWARD TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE 2008 MEETINGS.

Past recipients of the Outstanding Service to the Association Award: 1993 - Ed Hall; 1998- Jack Lobdell; 2002 - Doug Reger; 2004 - Theresa Thibault.

Past recipients of the Outstanding Current Contribution Award: 2004 - Aron Crowell, Amy Steffian and Gordon Pullar.

Please send your nominations for 2008 awards, along with a short justification by **November 15, 2007** to:
Annual Awards Committee
Alaska Anthropological Association
P. O. Box 241686
Anchorage, AK 99524-168

Symposium Call for 2008 Meetings *continued from page 7*

Some suggested readings:

Campbell, Lyle. 1997. American Indian Languages, the Historical Linguistics of the Americas.
Oxford University Press (esp. chapters 7 & 8).

Ruhlen, Merritt, 1998. The origin of the Na-Dene. Proceedings of the National Academy of Science
of the U.S.A. 95:13994-13996.

Edward Vajda, 2007. Yeniseic Substrates and Typological Accommodation in Central Siberia (draft).
_____. in press. Siberian landscapes in Ket traditional culture. In Landscape and culture in the
Siberian North, London: University College London Press.

_____. 2005. Yeniseic diathesis. In Language Typology 9 327-339. (Review article of Die Diathese in
den Jenissej-Sprachen aus typologischer Sicht, H. Werner).

_____. 2004. Ket (Languages of the World/Materials Volume 204.) Munich: Lincom Europa.

_____. 2003. Ket verb structure in typological perspective. In Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung
56.1/2 (2003): 55-92. Berlin: Akademie Verlag.

_____. 2001. The role of position class in Ket verb morphophonology. In Word 52/3: 369-436.

_____. 2001. Yeniseian Peoples and Languages: a history of their study with an annotated
bibliography and a source guide. Surrey, England: Curzon Press.

_____. 1999. Yeniseian and Athabaskan-Eyak-Tlingit: some grammatical evidence for a genetic
relationship. Sravnitel'no-istoricheskoe i tipologicheskoe izuzhenie jazykov i kul'tur, chapter 2, pp. 22-34.
Tomsk: Tomsk Pedagogical University.

**ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD ELECTION
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Two positions will be opening on the Alaska Anthropological Board in 2008. Board members Owen Mason and Dan Odess have each served two terms so they are not eligible for nomination. **Remember that it is your responsibility to nominate only those willing to serve.** Nominees must be members of the association.

Please use this form to make nominations. The names of candidates who are nominated the most times (sometimes even it is only twice!) will appear on the ballot in the February newsletter. Candidates included on the ballot in the February newsletter will be asked to supply a few lines of biographical information.

Please return this form no later than February 1, 2008

Your nominations:

Board Member _____

Board Member _____

Current Association officers are:

President - Aron Crowell

Board Members -

Lisa Frink

Daniel Odess

Owen Mason

Daniel Monteith

Amy Steffian

Instructions for mailing: Re-fold this sheet so that your address is hidden and the Elections Committee address is showing. Then staple or tape together, add a stamp, and mail. You can also put the ORIGINAL form (no copies!!) in an envelope and mail to:

**Elections Committee
Alaska Anthropological Association
P.O. Box 241686
Anchorage, AK 99524-1686**

Note: Please fold this page for mailing in thirds, not in half!

**Election Committee
Alaska Anthropological Association
P.O. Box 241686
Anchorage, AK 99524-1686**

Alaska Anthropological Association Board Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2007 - 10 AM Alaska/11 AM Pacific

- I. 10:03 AM Call to order – Aron Crowell - President, Owen Mason, Amy Steffian (by phone), Dan Odess (by phone), Dan Montieth (by phone), Liz Williams. Lisa Frink was not able to attend and gave her proxy to Dan Odess (quorum present).
- II. *Approval of minutes from board meeting, March 26, 2007
Minutes considered approved.
- III. *Record approval of Treasurer appointment (Dawn Biddison) and intention to award \$1000 per year for this position (already approved by email ballot but needs to be entered into the minutes)
- Aron welcomed Dawn as the association's new treasurer. The board has already approved her appointment by email, with a \$1,000 a year stipend for the position. However, Aron asked this decision to be taken in the meeting and included in the minutes. Dan M. moved to appoint Dawn Biddison as Association Treasurer with an annual stipend of \$1,000, and Dan O. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Items to be added to the agenda
- Owen asked to add a discussion of the printing contract for the next issue of the journal. Aron added this item under new business. (The item was not actually discussed because of time.)
- V. Reports and discussion
- Results of member ballot to link membership and journal subscription – Aron Crowell
Aron reported that the membership expressed overwhelming support for linking subscription and membership through the mail-in ballot sent out since the last meeting. He also received a number of useful comments on improving the journal, which he will pass on to Owen.
 - Incongruity was noted between the new membership terms (annual, January 1 – December 31) and the aaa constitution, which states that membership runs for one year from the date that payment is received. A final decision on how to resolve this matter was deferred to the next meeting.
 - RFQ for Journal Production Editor – Aron Crowell
Aron gave a progress report on the process of hiring a production editor. As approved at the last board meeting, Erica Hill sent out a request for quotations (RFQ) for the position. She will update Aron as responses come in. There are two issues of the journal waiting for publication. Aron asked how the board would like to approach selecting the production editor so that production could proceed. Dan O. suggested obtaining board consensus by email, based on Erica's recommendation. Those present agreed that this was easier than trying to call a board meeting during the busy field season.
 - Aron noted that there is an income problem for the next two issues of the journal. The association is going to have to pay for these issues before new income becomes available. Discussion ensued about how much the issues would cost and how the board should approve the funding. Dan O. suggested that the board approve a maximum funding amount. Owen suggested an amount equal to what has been paid for production in the past, about \$3,500 an issue. Dan O. noted that set up of the initial design might add some extra expense. Aron suggested the board pre-approve a higher amount for the first issues to cover contingencies.

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- Dan O. moved to authorize that we spend up to \$9,000 for redesign and production and of the next two journal issues, working with a board-approved production editor. Dan M. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Review/discussion of web site bids – Amy Steffian

Amy presented an additional quote for the new association website, obtained from Couloir Graphics, an Anchorage based design firm that provides a reduced fee for non-profit organizations that are members of the Foraker Group. She noted that the price was very reasonable and that the company had done nice work for other similar organization. However, the \$5900 bid did not include site management or all of the envisioned features. Couloir would train someone designated by the association to manage the site, but it would not provide ongoing editing services. Owen noted that the association could replace the newsletter editor position with a web master position, and Aron added that the association will continue to need an online newsletter editor. Discussion followed about specific features of the site. Amy offered to get a revised bid that includes specific estimates for the desired features. She will also discuss the potential time frame for developing the site. Those present agreed that December would be an ideal date to launch the site, if possible, in time for electronic registration for the 2008 annual meeting.

- Treasurer's report – Dawn Biddison

Dawn reported that she had updated signature cards with the bank and met with Polly Wheeler to go over files as part of assuming the treasurer responsibilities. The association's bills have been paid and she purchased a discounted copy of Quickbooks software through TechSoup to continue association financial work. She has also found a free conference calling system, for future board meetings. The Smithsonian Institution and the Anchorage Museum paid for the conference calls associated with the last two meetings.

- Dawn proposed that the association consolidate its five different checking accounts in order to streamline bookkeeping. She would also like to obtain an association credit card to assist with transactions. Dawn requested that the Association hire an accountant to review our bookkeeping and conduct an independent audit, an action approved by the previous board but never implemented.

- Amy noted that it was unclear whether the association has met its IRS filing responsibilities in past years and there are new non-profit filing rule for 2008 with which the association must comply. Owen added that it was important to have a clear picture of the association's finances and filing history before contacting the IRS. Aron noted that the Foraker Group might be able to advise us on rectifying the association's tax status if there is a problem. Dan O. moved to consolidate checking accounts with provision the different streams of revenue and expenditures (membership, journal, etc.) can be tracked. The motion passed unanimously.

- Amy moved to engage Benee Braden to undertake association accounting and appraise the tax situation. Dan O. seconded. Her quoted fee is \$60/hour. The motion passed unanimously.

- Amy moved to join Foraker group for purposes of tax advice, web production, and general support – for \$100. Dan O. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Equipment needs. The association laptop and software are very outdated, and so old that upgrades are incompatible. Dawn provided a cost estimate of \$1000. Owen moved to allow up to \$1200 expended for computer and software purchases and Dan M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

- *Authorize reimbursements and honorarium payment for Alaska Humanities Forum grant
Aron circulated the Association's final report to the Alaska Humanities Forum for the grant of \$3065.13 that we received in 2006 to support the AAA's public lecture series. The program included lectures around the state by Dr. Richard Stoffle (University of Arizona). The Association will pay its cost share of \$500 for part of the speaker's honorarium, as approved by the previous board in 2006.

- Karlene Leeper would like to organize another program and wondered if the board would approve another \$2,000. Dan O. suggested that this should be deferred because of the Association's other financial commitments.

VI. New Business

- *Proposal to hold 2009 annual meeting in Juneau – Daniel Monteith
Dan M. gave an update of progress on planning the 2009 association annual meetings, and discussed two possible venues. He's looking at dates in the middle of March (about the same as this past year). Owen expressed concern that the meeting did not coincide with Easter / Passover break. Dan M. reported that the Baranof Hotel was one possible venue, and that he was trying to get a quote. Another option is Centennial Hall, which is expensive but has adequate space. Amy asked about UAS as a site for the meeting. This created some debate. Dan M. says others he polled like the idea of having the conference downtown. After some discussion the consensus was that Dan M. should pursue a contract with Centennial Hall. Dan M. asked for input on the dates of the conference.

- Aron asked that we move to select Juneau as the location of the 2009 meeting. Amy made this motion and Dan O. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment 11:59 AM

* Action item

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Thursday, September 20, 2007 – 1 PM Alaska/2 PM Pacific

- I. Call to order – Aron Crowell called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM
- II. Roll call – Aron Crowell, Owen Mason, Amy Steffian, Dawn Biddison, Dan Odess, Lisa Frink, and Dan Monteith (full attendance).
- III. Approval of minutes from board meeting, June 13, 2007
Lisa moved to accept the minutes as presented, Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- IV. Items to be added to the agenda – none added.
- V. Reports and discussion
 - aaa speaker program – Karlene Leeper was not present to discuss a possible speakers program. Aron noted that Karlene had approached him about writing a grant to the Alaska Humanities Forum to support a speaker's program for 2008. She would write the grant if the Association wanted to sponsor such a program.
 - Newsletter Statement re: changes in terms of membership and journal subscription – Aron will write a piece for the upcoming newsletter about the changes in membership and journal subscription that will start in 2008. He went through the new options for subscriptions and how people will be credited for membership fees already paid in advance. As noted in the previous meeting, the AAA constitution states that membership runs for one calendar year from date payment received, rather than for a true calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) as approved by membership vote. However, the constitution also states that 2/3 member approval is required for changes, and this proportion was actually exceeded in the recent ballot (70 in favor, 30 opposed). Aron suggested that a separate vote on this technical issue is therefore not necessary, and that the board therefore has the authority to amend the constitution to reflect the new terms. Owen moved to adopt this interpretation and action, seconded by Dan M. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Dawn reported that she has rewritten the membership form to reflect the new membership set up. She explained the changes. Aron asked for comments. He noted that the changes cover gaps in the existing form and bring it up to date. The new form will be in the next newsletter.
 - Dawn looked into the issue of the organization's tax status. The aaa tax exempt status lapsed in 1992 and we have apparently never filed taxes. Dawn has brought all of our accounting up to date and the bills are paid. She will meet with accountant Benee Braden within the next week to consult re: an outside audit and a tax approach. Owen asked how the Association lost its tax exempt status. In 1992, the IRS sent a form that the association never received, due to a bad address. Due to non-response, our status was dropped. The matter was never addressed by subsequent board action. Aron said that he would forward information on this situation to board members when available. Amy noted that the association could be facing some serious fines.

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- Update on membership list and journal subscriptions

Aron noted that all the lists for membership and subscriptions are up to date. Dawn has worked hard to create these updated lists.

- Dawn reported that we now have one general bank account, with ca. \$50K, and that our Vanguard account has ca. 88K.

- Annual Budget – Aron noted that the association has apparently been operating for years without any annual budget, but that this is basic and essential for proper management of our finances, taxes, and programs. He will review present and future commitments and prepare a draft budget for board approval at the next meeting.

- Dawn reported that the association will be getting an Alaska Airlines credit card, which comes with 20,000 free air miles. This will help with transporting a speaker to Alaska for the annual conference.

V. Old Business

- Review of proposals for AJA production editor – Owen Mason

The board reviewed two proposals for production editing of the Alaska Journal of Anthropology, as well as previous work produced by the two firms. It also considered the third option of continuing with past production arrangements.

- A bid from Inkworks in Fairbanks of \$3455 per issue for comprehensive production management, and \$1000 as a one-time redesign fee, received favorable review. This quote is well within the board's previously approved \$9000 budget for journal issues 5-1 and 5-2. The other bid (\$5408/issue) from Detta Penna Design and Production (Vancouver) was too high. The board withheld approval of the Inkworks bid until assurance that that work on both issues could be completed by the end of December, 2007.

[9/22/07 update: Sue Mitchell of Inkworks said that her company could produce both issues by December, as requested. The board voted by email to accept the Inkworks bids for design and production. The vote tally was four in favor (Monteith, Odess, Frink, Steffian) and one abstention (Mason).]

- Review of Couloir Graphics proposal for AAA web site – Amy briefly explained the revised bid she acquired from Billy Finley of Couloir. The price increased to \$7,800 but now includes an electronic newsletter template that could be sent directly from the web site. The board members liked this idea. Amy noted that the next step is to create an outline of the site and to decide who will pull together what parts of the content. Finley won't begin work on the site till the content is together, but then the process of developing the site is relatively fast. Aron suggested Amy create the outline and then each board member could work on pulling together some of the content. Amy agreed. Aron noted that when the content was coming together the association could enter into a contract with Couloir through the Foraker group.

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VI. New Business

Decision on funding for speaker program in 2008 - Tabled.

- Changes to existing web site to post new membership forms – Biddison

Aron noted that the current association web site has outdated information about membership. Dawn wants to update the site with the new membership information and form. Owen noted that Matt Ganley made changes to site in the past. Dawn will talk to Matt and ask for his help with this small change.

- Student conference internship?

The board discussed the idea of establishing a paid internship for a student who would work during the spring semester to help with the organization of the association's conference. The student would be from a university campus in the community where the meeting was being held. However, no action on this proposal was taken pending approval of an annual budget at the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment. Aron adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Anthropologists in the News

Alutiiq Anthropologist Honored as a MacArthur ‘Genius’

Anchorage Daily News (excerpt)

Mike Dunham - September 24, 2007

An Alaska Native anthropologist from the Kodiak Island village of Old Harbor has received one of the most prestigious -- and lucrative -- awards for intellectual achievement in America. Sven Haakanson, 41, is among 24 new MacArthur Fellows announced Monday. A press release from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Fellows Program called Haakanson "the driving force behind the revitalization of indigenous language, culture and customs in an isolated region of North America." It also mentioned his artistic accomplishments as a mask carver and photographer. The so-called "Genius Award" comes with a \$500,000 grant that recipients may spend as they see fit. The selection process is famed for its secrecy and candidates usually have no clue that they are under consideration...

For 20 years, Haakanson earned money as a commercial fisherman. He is the son of the late Sven Haakanson Sr., the longtime mayor of Old Harbor and a respected elder. The younger Haakanson said his interest in anthropology began when he attended a youth conference in Denmark in 1988 and heard University of Alaska Fairbanks professor Lydia Black speak about the history of "Aleut people." "I thought to myself, 'Why am I on the other side of the world learning about my culture when I should be at home doing that?'" After the lecture, he sat and talked with Black for an hour or more.

Inspired by Black, he attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where he received a bachelor's in English in 1992. He then went on to graduate studies at Harvard University, where he earned his master's and doctorate in anthropology. He was selected as the executive director of the new Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak in 1999, a year before receiving his doctorate, and had to defer taking the post until he could finish his degree.



Sven Haakanson - Anchorage Daily News photograph

Through the museum, Haakanson has spearheaded efforts to acquire and exhibit rare items from Alutiiq history scattered in collections around the world. His recent projects include taking a group of Kodiak elders and artists to France to inspect Alutiiq masks collected in Alaska in the 19th century. As a result of that trip, some of those masks will be displayed in Kodiak, then in Anchorage next year. He's also in the process of identifying a trove of petroglyphs and other stone carvings near the village of Akhiok, on the south coast of Kodiak. Working with villagers, he said, he has been able to locate 800 such carvings in recent years...

This is the second time an Alaskan has won a MacArthur Fellowship. In 2004, Katherine Gottlieb, president of Southcentral Foundation, received the award for helping to streamline the health care services for Alaska Natives. Also on this year's list of 24 "geniuses" named by the MacArthur Foundation today are scientists, engineers and artists, including short-story writer Stuart Dybek, blues musician Corey Harris, historian Jay Rubenstein and painter Joan Snyder.

Anthropologists in the News

Daniel Odess Selected as Assistant Associate Director, Park Cultural Resources Programs

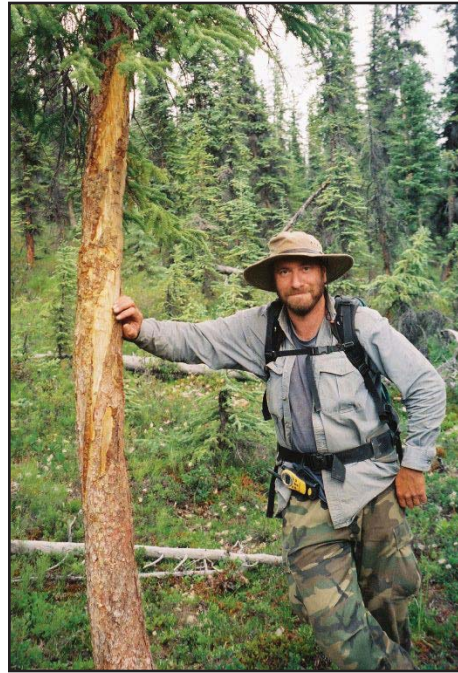
National Park Service New Release
Washington, D.C.

David Barna – September 18, 2007

The National Park Service (NPS) today announced the selection of Dr. Daniel Odess as Assistant Associate Director, Park Cultural Resources Programs. In this position, Dr. Odess will coordinate the park cultural resources programs including the Park Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes, Park History, Park Museum Management, Archeology, and Park Ethnography programs. Dr. Odess will begin his new position October 29.

Dr. Odess has been Curator of Archaeology at the University of Alaska Museum since 2001 and was promoted to assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2007. In this position, he has served as department head and curator of a collection of 850,000 objects. While at the University of Alaska Museum, Dr. Odess has supervised the museum's collections management, supervised staff and students, and established and maintained relationships between the museum and tribal and other governmental agencies. He secured grant support from the National Park Service and the National Science Foundation for archeological research, as well as funding through cooperative agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Dr. Odess holds a Ph.D. degree in anthropology from Brown University.

“We are pleased that Dr. Odess will be joining the Washington, DC offices of the National Park Service,” said Janet Snyder Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources. “We look forward to working with him as he develops the programs and priorities for the five disciplines represented by Park Cultural Resources.”



Daniel Odess - National Park Service photograph

Dr. Odess began his career as an archeological crew member on the Saint John Island Project in Newfoundland, Canada. Subsequent positions included museum studies instructor, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University; NAGPRA consultant, Milwaukee Public Museum; post-doctoral research archeologist, Arctic Studies Center, National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution); and visiting and adjunct professorships at Brown University and George Washington University.

Dr. Odess is co-editor of *Honoring Our Elders: A History of Eastern Arctic Archaeology* and author of numerous articles on archeology of Alaska and the Arctic region.

Fieldwork Notes

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Summer Projects

Debra Corbett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Regional Archaeologist

The Fish and Wildlife Service hosted a number of interesting projects with several partners this summer. Our long time partner, the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository in Kodiak, conducted surveys of the Olga Lakes area on southern Kodiak, and tested a Kachemak/Koniag transition site there. Curator Patrick Saltonstall also surveyed Service lands on Afognak. In addition the ongoing Alaska Heritage Stewardship Program monitored sites around the coast of Kodiak reporting newly discovered sites and describing site conditions. One result of this annual monitoring effort is a dramatic decline in the incidence of vandalism and looting of prehistoric sites.

Dr. Diane Hanson of the University of Alaska Anchorage cooperated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a survey of southern Adak Island June 4 -11, 2007. A crew of four, including Diane Hanson, Kim Fleming, volunteer David Staley, and myself, surveyed inland areas around the head of the Bay of Waterfalls, extending east to Hatchet Lake, north to Three Arm Bay, and down the Yakak Peninsula. The goal was to document prehistoric Unangan (Aleut) use of areas away from the traditional coastal zones generally targeted in survey efforts. The surveyors discovered 16 previously unrecorded sites, eight of which were inland in a variety of contexts, including the shores of lakes, mountain passes and high river valleys. Tests pits dug at two sites produced a few flakes, small amounts of fish bone and charcoal. We have not yet received results from the dating of the charcoal. Further work needs to be done in the interior of Aleutian Islands. Opportunistic work by Hanson and Corbett later in the summer resulted in the documentation of sites in inland areas of Tanaga and Kiska Islands as well.



Dirk Spennemann documenting Japanese WWII guns on Kiska - National Park Service photograph

The Kenai National Wildlife refuge hosted graduate student Richard Galloway in an excavation of a historic cabin site south of Skilak Lake, June 26-29. The cabin was allegedly built in 1898 by a group of would-be miners from Brooklyn New York, called the Kings County Expedition. They never made it to the goldfields and only lasted a couple of years in Alaska. Their cabin site was later used by big game guides, and fur farmers. The survey and excavation located an associated cache and ample evidence of the later hunting uses, but we are still looking for evidence of the earlier miners.

One final project was a cooperative effort with the National Park Service (NPS) to inventory and describe the World War II guns left behind by the Japanese on Kiska Island. Bruce Greenwood (NPS Superintendent of Affiliated Areas), Kent Sundseth (Aleutian Islands Unit Manager), and I assisted Australian gun expert, Dirk Spennemann, in measuring a couple dozen guns around Kiska Harbor. We found two batteries of 6-inch coastal defense guns, some and 90-mm coastal defense guns, and 25- mm and 75- and 76-mm antiaircraft guns. A few 20-mm machine guns remain in isolated areas of the island and there are also two mobile mountain artillery pieces. Compared to weapons left on islands in the south Pacific, the Kiska guns are in fine shape. Dr. Spennemann will prepare a report on the guns' history and condition and offer advice on preservation and interpretation.

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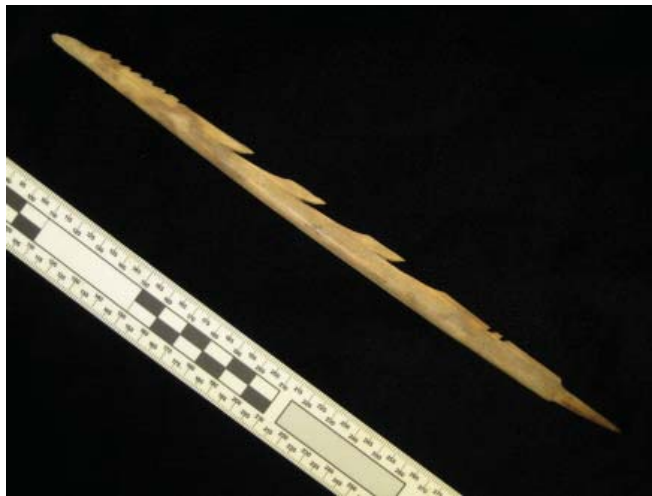
Alaska Office of History and Archaeology Activities on the Denali Highway, 2007

Richard VanderHoek, Office of History and Archaeology(OHA)

This season was a busy one for OHA archaeologists working in the Denali Highway region. OHA personnel partnered with archaeologists from BLM Glennallen to conduct a joint archaeological survey of both BLM lands in the Delta Wild and Scenic River Corridor and the adjacent state lands. A new bedrock argillite source was discovered east of Lower Tangle Lake, with twelve new sites located between the bedrock source and the lake.

OHA worked with a DNR trails crew in laying out and monitoring construction of a 3.2 mile rerouted section of the Glacier Gap Trail, located in the northern section of the Tangle Lakes Archaeological District. The trail reroute will keep OHV riders from pioneering new trails around swampy sections of the old trail, and provide the state with an interesting and sustainable OHV trail. Additional survey in the Glacier Gap region discovered sites associated with the historic Paxson Trail and the prehistoric native trail that preceded it. Several bog cores were taken in the Glacier Gap basin, one providing evidence of two tephras.

OHA personnel monitored ice patches north of the Denali Highway that had previously produced cultural material. Ice patch melting in 2007 was moderate, similar in scale to 2003. A complete antler arrow point was found eroding from caribou dung under a recently melted ice patch which had previously produced lithic projectile points and a fragment of arrow shaft.



Antler arrow point recovered from caribou dung at base of melting ice patch, Denali Highway region, August 28, 2007.
Photo by Randolph Tedor, Office of History and Archaeology

15th Arctic Conference 2007

Integrated Northern Sciences for the 21st Century

November 1-3, 2007

Idaho State University- Pocatello, Idaho

Herbert Maschner

The 15th Arctic Conference will be held on 1-3 November 2007, at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. The annual conference is an informal symposium of archaeologists, anthropologists, ecologists, and geologists who gather once a year to share data and new findings and to plan collaborative research activities. Guest speakers at the conference are Robert McGhee and Patricia Sutherland of the Canadian Museum of Civilization. The conference is especially suited to student participants who are encouraged to present findings from thesis and dissertation research. A research workshop of the Sanak Biocomplexity Project will occur during and following the conference.

Submit abstracts by October 15th to: arctic_conference@isu.edu.

1. Holiday Inn is the main conference hotel: \$70 per night for individuals or multiples. It is a 10 minute drive from ISU. The easiest is if one rents a car, as parking permits will be provided. We will also provide shuttle vans between the hotel and ISU. Registration is available online. Rooms will be held until October 16th. (208) 637- 6598.

2. For those who are comfortable with rather primitive and inexpensive accommodations, the Roadway Inn (formally the Econolodge) across the street from campus is cheap and close to the meeting (for those who have stayed there before, it is even MORE primitive than in the past!). \$45 for Singles, \$55 for doubles. Rooms will be held until October 16th. 208-233-0451.

3. The meeting will be held 8:30am-5:30 pm in the Salmon River Suite of the Pond Student Union Building on the Idaho State University Campus.

Preliminary Schedule:

Thursday evening, November 1: Reception at the Holiday Inn

Friday-Saturday, November 2-3: Papers and presentations

Sunday: Leave Pocatello or sit in on Day 1 of the Sanak Biocomplexity Project workshop (many Sanak papers will be presented on Nov. 2-3 as well). Please contact Maschner (maschner@isu.edu) if you are interested in attending the workshop as space is limited.

For registration form, contact Office of Research (Re: Arctic Conference) - arctic_conference@isu.edu

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