

**Alaska Anthropological Association
Board Meeting 17 July 2008
Minutes**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER in Anchorage (Arctic Studies Center) 1:05 PM

II. PRESENT: Aron Crowell (President), Dawn Biddison (Treasurer), Karlene Leeper, Joan Dale, Amy Steffian (by phone), Lisa Frink (by phone). Not present: Daniel Monteith. Four of five members were present, providing a quorum. Guests included Sean Reid and Rachel Mason of the National Park Service to present Sean's VISTA project.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (13 April 2008) were accepted without changes.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Discuss/act on Lisa Frink's expired term to the board.

V. REPORTS

A. President (Aron Crowell): Aron has not yet heard back from the State of Alaska regarding the Association's application for Articles of Incorporation, submitted in mid-April. Incorporation must be approved by the State before the Association can re-apply for federal tax exempt status.

B. Treasurer (Dawn Biddison): Dawn presented a spreadsheet of our current and expected expenses. The Association's checking account balance as of June 30, 2008 was \$37,435.83; the Vanguard investment account holds \$84,113.17. Memberships are currently at 206, including 16 institutional. Production, printing, and mailing costs for Volume 5(2) of the *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* were \$7895. Amy Steffian pointed out that in addition to state incorporation and federal tax exempt status the Association probably needs to obtain an Alaska business license because of our journal sales.

C. Web site status. Amy Steffian has gathered or written most of the web site materials and updated the board on the parts that she still needed. Joan Dale asked for more photographs.

D. Alaska Journal of Anthropology: Volume 6 (1 &2), the Workman festschrift, will be published using interest income from the Vanguard account. The board discussed the need to compile pdf files of previous journal articles to distribute/sell as off-prints through the new AAA web site. Amy Steffian will look into locating and compiling the pdf files for Volumes 1-5 through Owen Mason, Ken Pratt, and our current production editor, Sue Mitchell of Inkworks in Fairbanks. These will need to include abstracts and tables of contents for browsing the Publications area of the web site. Joan Dale moved that a reasonable amount, not to exceed \$1500.00, be allocated to the costs of acquiring a complete set of pdfs (approximately 120 articles) for electronic publication. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Annual Meeting 2009: Dan Monteith, the conference organizer, could not attend this meeting, but emailed an update on progress. He has reserved Centennial Hall in Juneau for 12-14 March 2009 for the annual meeting. The opening reception will be Wednesday 11 March at

the State Museum or at Sealaska Corporation. He is working on securing catering and hotel rooms.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Archaeological Legacy Institute (ALI): The board passed a motion to become a supporting member of the Archaeological Legacy Institute for one year at a cost of \$250.00. This can be used to further the visibility of the AAA. The sites of the two organizations can share links. ALI is a public outreach non-profit organization that advocated for archaeological heritage stewardship. They collect and make available archaeology videos as a web-base “Archaeology Channel”: <http://www.archaeologychannel.org/about.html>.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. NPS/CIRI Archaeological mentorship program: Sean Reid, NPS VISTA, is preparing a grant application to the CIRI Foundation for funds to carry out the Archaeological Mentorship Program with the National Park Service and the Alaska Anthropological Association’s public education group. This mentorship will take place in partnership with the Alaska Native Heritage Center as part of its programs for youth. The board would like to support the project as a non-profit sponsor and passed two motions. The first was a motion to support the project proposal to CIRI foundation as a non-profit and contribute in-kind support to the students to include two years worth of AAA memberships and registration fees for conference attendance in 2010. Aron would need to get concurrence from CIRI to consider us as a non-profit even though we do not yet have our official non-profit status. This motion was passed unanimously. The second motion was proposed to support the proposal in terms of the same in-kind support but not sponsor the proposal if CIRI does not agree to accept us as a ‘provisional’ non-profit. This motion passed unanimously. In both cases, the students are encouraged to participate in the AAA, write articles for the newsletter, volunteer at the conference and present presentations and posters at annual meeting at the end of the mentorship.

B. Annual Meeting in Anchorage (2010): Debbie Corbett sent a letter to the board on behalf of the Alaska Consortium of Zooarchaeologists (ACZ) to update us on preparations for the 2010 annual meeting. They have proposed and have commitments for two keynote speakers: Brian Fagan for the banquet and Ann Fienup-Riordan for the luncheon. We discussed location for the meeting and agreed that we need to keep costs down. Aron will pass on the board’s suggestion that bids should be sought from several venues in Anchorage that have adequate meeting facilities.

C. Lisa Frink’s seat on the AAA board Lisa Frink’s position lapsed without an election to replace her, so the board seat is open. The president appointed her to the seat until elections in spring 2009.

VIII. Adjournment The next board meeting is scheduled for 2 October 2008. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.