

**Alaska Anthropological Association
Board Meeting Friday 14 September 2009
Minutes**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER in Anchorage at the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center at 3:10 pm.

II. PRESENT: Aron Crowell (President), Karlene Leeper, Joan Dale, Amy Steffian (by phone), Daniel Montieth (by phone). Monty Rogers was not available, but submitted his recommendations. Four of five board members were present, providing a quorum. Rita Eagle attended as the treasurer and webmaster. Owen Mason attended to update us on the journal. Debbie Corbett joined by phone to inform us of preparations for the 2010 Annual meetings

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING on 13 March 2009 were accepted without changes.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: No items were added to the agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. President (Aron Crowell): The association received approval to operate as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, and the status was backdated to April 2008. We can now apply for grants. We need to file a tax report with the IRS each year. There was a discussion about ACZ and PEG and whether or not they should file their income with the aaa tax report. It was concluded that they needed to do that since ACZ used the aaa tax number.

B. Treasure (Rita Eagle) The annual budget was approved at the last meeting. The legal consultation bill was \$1348., over the budgeted amount of \$1000., primarily due to payment of some costs from the previous year that was not billed until now. Layout of volume 7 (1) journal cost less \$2967., less than the \$3700. that was budgeted. However, printing cost \$4747.81, more than the \$4100. that was budgeted. We have made \$96.00 on the article reports. Expenses for the volume 6 were \$12,000. and this money needs to be taken from the investment account to pay for it. We may remove money a bit at a time to reduce risk of taking principle from the account when the value is low. Expenses for the 2009 meeting in Juneau were \$20,429., and revenues were \$26,050. The checking account has \$23,916.21 and the investment account has \$72,494.72.

C. Web Site issues: (Rita Eagle). Articles are being uploaded to the website and only volumes 1 and 7 still need loading. Conference presentation abstracts will also be loaded. Page numbers will be added to the table of contents on the web site so article purchasers will know how long the articles are. Rita will add a button about the upcoming conference to the front page. Owen suggested adding a link to the Canadian Archaeological Association web page.

D. Alaska Journal of Anthropology: (Owen Mason) Volume 7 (1), about urban anthropology, has arrived in the mail and members will receive it soon. Mark Cassell has been assisting with editing and this has resulted in cost savings and better quality. Erica Hill may assist as the institutional subscription coordinator. Four more issues are in the works, including volume 7 (2),

edited by Matt Betts and Kate Reedy-Maschner; volume 8 (?) about displaced persons, edited by Becky Saleeby and Rachel Mason; a student issue edited by Josh Reuther and Brian Wygal and another issue focusing on southeast Alaska, edited by Dan Montieth.

E. Annual Meeting 2010: The 2010 meetings are scheduled for 24-27 March at the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage. The hotel has shuttles to downtown and the airport. Conference organizers signed a contract with the hotel. Brian Fagan and Ann Riordan are the keynote speakers. The conference organizers are soliciting sponsorships for coffee breaks. Eight symposia have signed up. Saturday sessions will include public forums about anthropology and archaeology education in schools and other topics related to public engagement. We discussed finding or compiling a list of south Spenard eateries and entertainment venues.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. IRS 501 (c) (3) application: Our 501 (c) (3) non-profit status was officially approved by the IRS.

B. Web site: Discussion about adding a donation tool and selection to the website. A motion was made and unanimously passed to spend \$1050. to add the donation tool this would include different donation categories. We need to get an estimate from Couloir Graphics on a simple way to change postal costs so they can be easily amended by an aaa web contact.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal for 2011 Meetings: Yukon College and Yukon Cultural Services Branch submitted a proposal to hold the meetings in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. There are a number of concerns regarding travel and logistics that make this location too cumbersome right now. There are no direct flights from Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau. Automobile travel from Skagway/southeast and Fairbanks depends on good weather. Federal government employees have trouble getting permission to travel to Canada as part of their work. Cost is higher, especially for students. Owen Mason recommended teaming up with the Canadian Archaeological Association for meetings in Whitehorse in some other year. A motion was made and approved unanimously to turn down the Whitehorse proposal.

Board members suggested holding the meetings in Fairbanks in 2011, because it is easier for students to attend there and in Anchorage. Other potential locations include Homer, Kenai, Fairbanks, Chena Hot Springs and Ketchikan.

B. Charging for tables at the Annual Meetings: We do not charge for tables at the annual meetings.

C. Alaska Humanities Forum grant for speaking tour: Karlene Leeper will write a grant proposal to the Alaska Humanities Forum this month for Dr. Fagan to speak in additional communities in Alaska. Diane Hanson is asking him if he will be available and where he might like to go. Juneau and Kodiak are interested so far. If Dr. Fagan is unavailable, Karlene and PEG will find another speaker.

D. Renew Support for Archaeological Legacy Institute: Motion made and approved to table this item. Membership is \$250. per year. Aron will write a letter explaining the benefits of membership in this organization and the board will vote on it later.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.