

**Alaska Anthropological Association
Board Meeting 9 October 2008
Minutes**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER in Anchorage (Arctic Studies Center) 11:37 AM

II. PRESENT: Aron Crowell (President), Dawn Biddison (Treasurer), Karlene Leeper, Joan Dale, Amy Steffian (by phone), Daniel Montieth (by phone). Not present: Lisa Frink . Four of five board members were present, providing a quorum. Guests included Chris Campbell, Becky Saleeby, Richard VanderHoek (Public Education Group) and Darrell Lewis (History Day in Alaska).

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (17 July 2008) were accepted without changes.

IV. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

V. REPORTS

A. President (Aron Crowell): Aron received the Association's executed Articles of Incorporation from the State of Alaska. The application was submitted in mid-April. The Association now also holds a current State of Alaska business license, needed to support on-line publication sales. Benee Braden is preparing the complex financial sections of the IRS 501(c)3 application form, which require four years of accounting, and when these are complete the application can be submitted through attorney Steve Mahoney. Aron filed the IRS 990 form, required of non-profit organizations each year, to show our intention to act as a non-profit organization.

B. Treasurer' Report (Dawn Biddison):

Report:

- Bank balances
 - General checking: (08-31-08) \$34,829.73
Note: Does not include \$1793.66 outstanding checks; \$439 CC deposit.
Actual \$33,370.07
[\$45, 514.79 (12-31-07)]
 - Vanguard account: \$70,088.55 as of 10-08-08
\$84,113.17 as of 06-03-08
Loss of \$19,506.55 since 12-31-07
- Memberships: (09-22-08) 201 USA + 9 non-USA = 210
[206 (07-13-08); 193 (04-01-08); 111 (02-23-08)]
- Journal estimate Inkworks v6(1-2) \$6518 [v5(2) \$3605]

We discussed budget projections for the Juneau (2009) meeting that might include the following expenses:

Hotel, conference hall and catering: \$25,000.

Honoraria 2,000.

Printing supplies 1,694.

C. Web site status. A prototype of the new website is now in late development a Couloir Graphics. Billy Finley is awaiting a few text pieces and full information on the Juneau meeting, needed to create the on-line registration form.

D. Alaska Journal of Anthropology: Volume 6 (1 &2), the Workman festschrift, will go to the printer on 1 December 2008. The board discussed the need to compile .pdf files of previous journal articles to distribute/sell as off-prints through the new association web site.

Post-meeting note:

The Association contracted with Frank Broderick, who was able to produce .pdf files for all issues except Volume 1. After considerable discussion of sale price per article, the board settled on \$12 per download, after considering a range of \$8 – \$18. As a comparison, *Arctic Anthropology* charges \$18.

E. Annual Meeting 2009: Dan Montieth, the conference organizer, reserved Centennial Hall in Juneau for the annual meeting, on 12-14 March 2009. 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. Sergei Kan will be the dinner speaker. Perseverance Theatre is producing “Battles of Fire and Water” in March 2009. Members might enjoy this play while in Juneau. <http://www.perseverancetheatre.org/Perseverance%20Theatre%20-%201/Season.html>

Erica Hill is the program coordinator for the conference. The deadline for session proposals will be December 30, 2008 and the deadline for paper and poster abstracts will be January 30, 2009. A resolution to budget \$500.00 for a student conference assistant was passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NPS/CIRI Archaeological mentorship program: Becky Saleeby and Darrell Lewis, both of the National Park Service, followed up on the grant proposal to support an Archaeological Mentorship Program (AMP) (see minutes of July 17 meeting). The AMP would be a project of the Association’s Public Interest Group. Because our non-profit status is not current, the Alaska Anthropological Association can not apply directly to the CIRI Foundation for this project, but Darrell Lewis, representing the non-profit organization “History Day in Alaska,” proposed to apply for the CIRI grant through that program, with the Association as partner. The board passed a resolution in support of this plan. The Alaska Native Heritage Center would be an additional partner in carrying the program.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections Committee: Becky Saleeby and Ken Pratt were recommended to serve as members of the Elections Committee. The board approved these appointments.

B. Transition to election newsletters: The last print issue of the newsletter, to be published in December, will provide notice that all future editions will be published only on line.

C. Public Education Group: PEG, through Chris Campbell, requested that an annual line item be added to the Association budget to help fund its activities, which are in keeping with the Association's mission. Federal agency contributions have paid most of PEG's expenses in the past. The board responded by asking PEG to submit a specific request for annual funding, supported by a budget for proposed projects and information about past projects, expenditures, and what audiences and parts of the state were served.

VIII. Adjournment: The next board meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.