

Alaska Anthropological Association
2011 Conference, Fairbanks
Annual Business Meeting Saturday March 12, 2011
Yukon Room Fairbanks Westmark
Minutes

I. Welcome

II. Resolutions, Additions and Approval of Minutes of the 2010 business Meeting.
There were no resolutions or additions. The minutes of the 2010 business meeting were approved.

III. Election results. President Aron Crowell announced that Jenya Anichenko and Robin Mills had been elected as the new members of the board. Monty Rogers was reelected to his board seat for 2 more years. Joan Dale and Karlene Leeper will remain on the board for one more year. Kerry Feldman has been elected as the new President of the aaa.

IV. President's Report.

Herb Anungazuk passed away in November 2010. An indigenous climate change conference will be named after Herb.

The aaa has accomplished a lot within the past several years. We reincorporated as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. We streamlined accounting so that there are fewer checking accounts. The position of treasurer has taken on greater responsibilities and has become a partially paid position. The treasurer is also responsible for maintaining the website. The newsletter has become a web-only publication. Subscriptions to the Alaska Journal of Anthropology have been linked to aaa membership, greatly increasing its distribution and making it more cost effective and solvent. Membership has increased within the last year from 202 to 263. Monty Rogers in particular has been working on marketing institutional memberships/subscriptions. Rita Eagle is doing a wonderful job in her role as treasurer. The annual meetings were held in Anchorage in 2008 and 2010, in Juneau in 2009 and in Fairbanks in 2011.

V. Financial Report was provided by Aron Crowell in Rita Eagle's absence. Total non-vestment income in 2010 was \$72,173.86 and non-vestment expenditure was \$62,971.33, for a net income of \$9,202.53. The aaa checking account has \$47,498 as of February 23, 2011. The Vanguard investment account has \$94,213 as of December 31, 2010. Total current assets are \$141,711. In comparison, the net income for 2009 was a deficit of \$1,785.00, with a checking account balance of \$23,678, the Vanguard account valued at \$84,199.00, and total assets were \$106,368.00. Of course, the value of the checking account fluctuates quite a bit depending on cycles of payment for registration and payment of services for the annual meeting, and the journal.

VI. Conference Report. Conference chairman Ben Potter delivered the conference report for the very successful 2011 annual meeting. Over 240 people registered for the annual meetings. There were many student presentations. Dr. Potter had a few suggestions to improve the logistics of future meetings, including leaving more time between the

abstracts submittal deadline and the submittal deadline for the Newsletter so that there is more time to prepare the preliminary program for the Newsletter. Also, the deadline for preregistration needs to be moved back to better coordinate catering services. The Alaska Journal of Anthropology sold well in the book room. About \$400.00 in donations were received for scholarship funds during the annual meetings. The aaa realized a number of savings/discounts from the Westmark when their services were not up to the standards that they usually provide. Given that the conference made money, Ben suggested providing honoraria for the dance groups who performed on Thursday evening. Northern Land Use Research, Cultural Resources Consultants, Beta Analytic, Institute for Arctic Biology, National Park Service and SWCA donated funds for coffee breaks and other expenses.

VII. Journal Report. Owen Mason reported on the journal. Subscription rates have increased since subscriptions are not tied to association membership. Costs for printing have gone down over the years. The association is working to increase institutional memberships. Volume 8 (1) should hit members' mailboxes shortly. Volume 8 (2), about "Displaced People" is ready to go into production. Distribution of volume 8 is tied to 2010 membership. Volume 9 is being funded by the National Park Service and includes Brian Hoffman's report about the archaeology of Aniakchak National Park. Mark McCallum is preparing a journal issue to focus on southeast Alaska. Igor Slobodin would like to publish an article by Ernest "Tiger" Burch. Dr. Mason encouraged members to submit manuscripts.

VIII. Aurora Report. Dr. Rick Reanier reported that the Shemya issue was published in 2010. Dr. Reanier has one manuscript in review which may be accepted for publication in the Aurora series. Dr. Reanier encouraged members to submit monograph-length documents for review and potential publication.

IX. Newsletter Report. Patricia McClenahan is the Newsletter editor. The Newsletter is now a wholly electronic document and is posted on the aaa website at <http://www.alaskaanthropology.org/>.

X. Public Education Group Report. Karlene Leeper reported on the progress of PEG. PEG invites participation from new members and would especially encourage participation from students and anthropologists specializing in cultural, biological and linguistic anthropology. The 2010 meetings focused on public education, so we were very involved with a public archaeology symposium and workshops for hands-on educational activities. We are looking for anthropologists who would like to present talks and other activities about archaeology in their communities, primarily during April, which is Alaska Archaeology Month. Contact Becky Saleeby if you would like to sponsor educational activities as part of Alaska Archaeology Month. The Archaeology Month poster this year is aligned with the Anchorage Museum's current exhibit on Mammoths and Mastodons. The PEG poster theme is mammoths and people in late Pleistocene Alaska. Maureen Howard volunteered to create the artwork for the poster which illustrates an encounter between people and mammoths north of the Alaska Range circa 12,000 years ago. Additional photos and text provide educational points about

archaeological contexts for mammoths in Alaska. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources is providing support for format and design of artwork, photo and text elements. The Bureau of Land Management is sponsoring the 2012 poster on the theme of the 150th Anniversary of the Homestead Act and its importance in Alaska history. Richard Vanderhoek continues to work on implementing the Project Archaeology program and curriculum. He encourages teachers to learn and teach the Project Archaeology curriculum modules and works with partners who would like to develop modules about different Alaska cultural groups.

Becky Saleeby seeks others to partner on the mentorship program, to teach high school students, primarily from Alaska about archaeology, including participation in an archaeological excavation. Dr. Saleeby has also applied for grant to help sustain the program.

PEG implemented grants from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the aaa to fund public speakers and the mentorship program. PEG seeks new members who will add diversity of expertise and point of view, especially in cultural, linguistic and biological anthropology.

Karlene Leeper and Jenya Anichenko are co-chairs of the PEG.

XI. Alaska Consortium on Zooarchaeology (ACZ). Monty Rogers is the new president of ACZ, Kelly Eldridge is the Vice President, Tiffany Curtis is the secretary. The ACZ is developing a small field guide about zooarchaeology in Alaska. The ACZ website continues to develop as a great resource (<http://www.akzooarch.org/>). The ACZ Facebook page can be reached at http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_194560767238684. ACZ is calling for people interested cleaning out the freezers this spring.

XII. 2012 Annual Meeting. Ben Fitzhugh and the University of Washington Department of Anthropology and the Burke Museum have submitted a proposal to hold the 2012 annual meetings. The board needs to closely review and try to find ways to make the meetings more economical for the membership and the association. A motion was entered and passed that the board should seriously consider meeting in Seattle in 2012 if the meeting can coincide with the meetings of the Northwest Anthropological Association, otherwise, the meetings might be held in Anchorage in 2012, or, the board should show caution and look for cost savings if holding the meetings in Seattle.

XIII. New President. Kerry Feldman was introduced as the new President of aaa for the next two years. Dr. Feldman has been involved with the association since it was founded 38 years ago. Kerry looks forward to working with the Board and its two new members, continuing to involve students in aaa activities, including paper and poster presentation, and sustaining the positive momentum handed on from outgoing president Aron Crowell.

The meeting adjourned around 4:00pm