

Board Meeting

12:20-2:10 p.m.

Friday, September 7, 2012

West Conference Room, Anchorage Museum of History and Art

I. **Call to order** (12:20 p.m.) Kerry Feldman

II. Roll call

Present: Jenya Anitchenko, Aron Crowell, Rita Eagle, Kerry Feldman, Ken Pratt, Monty Rogers.

Called in: April Counciller, Robin Mills, Jeff Rasic.

III. Review of minutes from last Board Meeting, June 13, 2012

There was an additional note in the minutes, pointing out that although the Board had specified that Ken Pratt and Erica Hill were appointed for a three-year term, Association by-laws specify a two-year term for Journal editors.

K. Pratt suggested that there are changes that should be made to a number of areas in the by-laws to reflect actual practice. Needs a review. K. Pratt offered to do a review, as did R. Eagle and K. Feldman, to produce a document to offer to the membership at the Business Meeting in March, 2013. This review will be sent to the Board prior to the meeting so they can prepare for the meeting. J. Rasic said that a completed document should be prepared and offered to the membership as a whole recommendation, rather than piecemeal.

K. Feldman asked about the term limit for the editorship. It was agreed that two years is too short. K. Feldman pointed out that four years is more typical.

The Board doesn't need to send an appointment letter to Ken Pratt and Erica Hill until December. If the appointment is easy to extend, a two-year term may be good to keep, in the event that a future appointment needs to be terminated early due to difficulties with an editor.

Approval of minutes- passed.

IV. Reports and Discussion

A. 2013 Conference Planning

A. Crowell and K. Pratt, as co-sponsors (Smithsonian and BIA) reported on the conference plans.

A title, "Back to the Source," has been selected, and the focus of planned sessions and the conference as a whole will be on collaborative work in all fields. There is already a

proposed Dena'ina session, in connection with the Dena'ina exhibit which is being prepared at the Anchorage Museum.

K. Pratt reported that the dates and location have been arranged but a number of details need to be finalized.

A. Crowell reported that the reception will be held at the Museum atrium, in order to also highlight the new museum expansion and the "Living our Cultures" Smithsonian gallery. The atrium is only available on Thursday night, so the reception will be then, rather than the typical Wednesday night opening reception. Although they have not received a final quote from the Marx Bros., who do the catering at the museum, it will probably be around \$2500. The Museum is going to charge only \$1200 for the atrium, access to the exhibit gallery, parking, and security. This is equivalent to only charging for the space, in deference to A. Crowell's relationship with the museum.

K. Feldman questioned whether there might be a need for transportation from the Hotel Captain Cook to the museum for the reception. (Google Maps places it at .6 miles, or an 11-minute walk.) This would probably only be a consideration for elderly members or if the weather is bad. K. Pratt and A. Crowell are going to look into whether the Hotel Captain Cook has a shuttle bus that can provide a limited service.

A. Crowell and K. Pratt are looking for session organizers. Possibilities that were mentioned:

Edna MacLean is one of the keynote speakers and has been influential with the Inupiaq renaissance on the North Slope and is working on a new Inupiaq dictionary.

Those who have been involved in Native language revitalization and education would be a good choice.

Roy Mitchell

Alan Boraas

K. Pratt said that he will contact the Alaska Native Language Center- Larry Kaplan, Gary Holton.

A. Crowell said that Mead Treadwell may be able to give a presentation. He has been a leader in having the Alaska Historical Commission hosting a dialogue among groups working to revitalize Alaska Native languages in the state.

The collaborative theme will also work well with most research archaeology which is done around the state.

There is an Alaska Native Language Education conference in April, 2013.

K. Feldman also suggested that a session on medical anthropology would be worthwhile.

The Board discussed a deadline for session submissions, and decided on December 1, 2012, with the assumption that more will come in during the following two weeks. The paper deadline will be January 15.

M. Rogers reminded the conference planners that the room block at the Hotel Captain Cook needs to be available from Tuesday through Saturday, as many ACZ symposium attendees will arrive on Tuesday. This was not planned for in Seattle, which caused problems for reservations.

This will be the Association's 40th Conference, and we should do something to recognize that.

-Power point of images?

-Who were your mentors?

-Mentors & Ancestors?

-40 years of Alaska Anthropological Association- photo album on Facebook?

Jenny Blanchard has already offered to organize another speed session during the reception.

Opening night reception (ie Wednesday night) is also an important time to finalize registrations and pass out programs and meal tickets. Therefore, it may be necessary to have a simple opening night reception at the Hotel Captain Cook, with registration, and a Conference Memories reception on Thursday night at the museum Atrium. BIA is offering funds to cover one of the receptions, so this may be affordable. In that case, perhaps Jenny Blanchard will organize a speed session for Wednesday night, and there could be a similar memories-based speed session for Thursday night.

All of the above are suggestions only, offered by the Board to the Planning Committee.

J. Anitchenko asked about brochures advertising the conference and the Association to go to the Inuit Studies Conference. Information about the Conference should also go out in emails to the newsletter editors of the SAA, SFAA, and the AAA.

Richard Scott is the banquet speaker.

Conference events still need to be planned.

-Atlatl workshop?

-Alaska Native Heritage Center is closed to the public during the winter.

-Planning committee could contact tour operators.

B. Facebook Report

A. Counciller reported on the new Facebook page.

The Facebook page has been live for about one week. There were over 80 likes immediately, and there are around 125 likes at this time.

There are three administrators, A. Counciller, J. Anitchenko, and R. Eagle.

This is a good start. We need more postings. Most posts reach more than 75 people. A. Counciller encourages everyone to post anything they think might be relevant.

C. Alaska Journal of Anthropology Report

K. Pratt reported that 9(2) will hopefully be out in October, 2012, which will bring the journal up to date for 2011. 9(2) has no theme. Most of the papers are in copy editing.

10(1-2), a double issue, will come out after January, 2013, and will bring the journal up to date for 2012. It is a Yukon issue. Some promised submissions are still out and additional manuscripts are still coming in.

Other papers for 11(1) are coming in. The journal will be caught up for 2013 by the end of 2013.

J. Anitchenko suggested posting a call for papers on the Facebook page.

D. Treasurer's Report by R. Eagle

Checking Account Total	\$41,745.26
Vanguard Account	\$208,519.66
(year to date investment return \$13,871.89, 10%)	

267 members

138 regular members

77 students

20 married/partner members (makes the total effectively 297)

26 institutional

4 lifetime members

AJA 9(1)

\$4,127.08

R. Eagle also stated that she had spoken with a representative from Vanguard about having a financial advisor come to a meeting and talk to the Board about the distribution of association funds in the various investments. Vanguard does not have any financial advisors other than those available on the phone. R. Eagle offered to send out the next statement to board members and provide them with the URL for Vanguard so they can study the options online.

The board also noted that they would like to know the amount the association is charged for administrative fees.

V. Old Business

Suggestions for using the Tom Eidel Funds

M. Rogers expressed a desire to increase the award amount of the scholarships and to name the beginning graduate level scholarship after Tom Eidel.

J. Anitchenko said she would like some of the money to go to an award for public outreach or education.

J. Rasic moved that the association change the name of the beginning graduate level scholarship to the Thomas Eidel Scholarship. The motion passed.

There was a discussion on raising the level of the scholarship awards to \$1000. J. Anitchenko said she would prefer having more scholarships instead of higher awards. However, further discussion pointed out that we often don't have enough high-quality applicants as it is.

M. Rogers moved that the association increase scholarship amount to \$1500, and \$1000 for the student paper award. The motion passed

VI. New Business

M. Rogers moved that his seat on the Board shall become a permanent student position. The motion passed. This proposal needs to be added to the new By-Laws document to be recommended to the membership in March at the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.