Alaska Anthropology Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday October 7, 2015 12:00-1:00 PM

I. Call to order 12:05 pm

II. Roll Call
Present by telephone: Bill Hedman, Julie Esdale, Jason Rogers, Shelby Anderson, Kelly Eldridge, and Vivian Bowman

III. Agenda
  1. Old Business.
     a. Approval of FY16 Budget. New 2016 budget proposed. Discussion on conference, budgeting $28,000 for the conference and charging conference fees up to $175 to cover the majority of the costs. Moving budget planning process up so that general membership can look at 2017 budget at annual meeting in March. Publications budget is changing because they are looking at making Vol14 a double issue to come out in the fall. We will have an email vote on finalized budget.
  2. New Business
     a. Bylaw Motions Julie will draw up motions and send out to the group. Motions will facilitate a full implementation of the 10/1 to 9/30 budget cycle and change the function of the annual business meeting to a conference expenditure review and review of draft budget for the coming FY.
     b. Election: Julie is the election committee. Kelly will give Julie access to mail chimp. Julie will send out a call for nominations next week. Vote on nominations and motions will take place next month.
     c. Conference: Conference planners are have asked two speakers, Jared Diamond and Rosita Worl. Rosita Worl has accepted. Julie gave them a budge deadline of October 16, 2015. Our preference would be that Ms Worl speak at the luncheon. We should be open to a topic of her choosing but it sure would be interesting to get her take on the stewardship of heritage resources on ANCSA corporation lands. I’m thinking about the challenge of addressing site destruction caused by the artifact market.
     d. Update from the AJA: Ken and Erica have proposed shifting away from publishing two issues per year. The new “default” would be to
publish a single double issue just prior to the end of the calendar year unless there are sufficient submissions to warrant two issues (one in June and one in December). This recommendation comes with significant savings in time, money, and stress on our volunteer staff but should have board support.

3. Action Items
   a. Bill will work with Julie to put together a ballot to the membership to effect proposed budget cycle changes. Ballot measure will be circulated to the board and members will respond to the Secretary that measures are “acceptable” or “not acceptable”.
   b. Board will email the Secretary simply stating that the proposed AJA change is “acceptable” or “not acceptable” for the record.
   c. Bill will write up a brief explanation for the ballot and submit to Vivian for processing and mailing.
   d. Vivian, Jason, and Bill (Cindy is invited as well) will meet at the storage unit next week to assess storage and archival needs.
   e. Vivian and Bill will update the budget based on board input and circulate the revised budget to the board for approval.

IV. Meeting adjourned 1:23 pm.