Alaska Anthropological Association  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:00-1:00 pm

I. Call to Order at 12:02 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Bill Hedman, Julie Esdale, Shelby Anderson, Amy Phillips-Chan, Phoebe Gilbert, Kelly Eldridge

III. Agenda

1. December 2017 Newsletter
   Bill Hedman working on the letter from the president for the December newsletter with notice about the upcoming annual meeting and the close of board elections on December 20.

   Phoebe Gilbert suggested a note about the openness of the organization to all people.

2. Fundraising
   a. Fred Meyer Rewards
      Phoebe discussed the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. Customers link their Rewards Card to a favorite nonprofit and scan the Rewards Card each time they shop at Fred Meyer. The donation the Alaska Anthropological Association would receive depends on how many customers select and link their card to the Association. Minimum quarterly payout is $25. Fred Meyer mails a check to the organization within 90 days of the end of the quarter. For more information, go to: https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4

   b. Pick.Click.Give
c. **Donation Letters**
   A letter has been drafted to solicit donations for scholarships and student awards from corporations that often employ anthropologists. Phoebe plans to add a paragraph discussing the goals of the Alaska Anthropological Association along with connections between the business and anthropological communities.

d. **Donation Tab**
   Phoebe and Amy will work on compiling information about donation opportunities for the Association website. Kelly Eldridge plans to explore plug-in website options.

3. **2017 Conference**
   Julie Esdale reported that symposium abstracts are in the newsletter and on Facebook.
   Amy suggested information about advertising and sponsorship opportunities for annual conferences be included under the “donations” website tab for businesses interested in marketing their organization or product.

4. **Board Elections**
   Board member nominations were open for a one-month period. Phoebe reported that 31 members have voted thus far. Current board members are eligible to vote. Bill suggested checking the bylaws to see if the Board decides on a tie vote. Elections end December 20.

5. **Action Items**
a. Review draft of 2018 Budget at the next meeting.

b. Discuss the possibility of hiring Ken Pratt to serve as the copy editor for the Journal as Erica Hill is stepping down. $1000 in the 2017 budget to hire a copy editor.

c. Next Association Board meeting scheduled for **January 11, 2017 @ Noon**.

IV. **Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 pm**