



## ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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### Board Meeting May 17, 2022

Attending: Sam Coffman, Shina Duvall, Josh Lynch, and Scott Shirar

#### Agenda:

- Update on 2023 Conference;
- Association finances (Vanguard \$276,034.13 as of 5/6);
- Proposed membership rate increase (+20%);
- Summer items – Check emails, Need someone to check alaskaanthro account, update 50/50 webpage;
- Board member updates;
- Other items;
- Schedule next Board Meeting for June

**12:01:** Meeting called to order. Britteny Howell is unable to attend and Marine Vanlandeghem is also absent.

**12:02 – 12:11:** Sam gave an update for the 2023 conference planning. We have a signed contract with the Egan Center in Anchorage. We put down a \$2,000 deposit with another \$7,000 due in November and the remainder due in February. The total contract is for \$16,000. There is a block of rooms reserved at the Sheraton for March 1 – 4, 2023. The banquet, luncheon, and opening reception will all be held at the Egan Center also. Sam is working on an NSF proposal to offset some of the conference expenses.

**12:12 – 12:17:** Sam gave an update on the Association finances. The Van Guard account is down which is the reflection of the stock market in general being down. We have \$18,000 in the Association checking account. Recently paid renewal fees for the storage unit and the P.O. Box but they haven't showed up on the profit and loss statement yet

**12:18 – 12:29:** Sam gave an overview and rationale for potentially raising membership rates. We currently have rates of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The proposed 20% increase would make these rates \$30, \$60, and \$120, although "Stripe" takes 3% of all credit card payments so it would make a big difference if a rate increase included this fee as well. The last membership dues increase was in 2015 when rates went from \$40 to \$50 and \$75 to \$100. Everyone at the meeting this month was generally in favor of some kind of increase but it was decided to table the vote until Britteny and Marine are both present and can weigh in on the topic.

**12:30 – 12:39:** Some general reminders for summer with Sam being in the field for the better part of May, June, July, and August. Please remember to check emails. Shina will be Sam's contact while he's in

the field. We also need to keep up with the general Association email which Shina also volunteered to do. Sam will be away from the office until July 3rd. We also need to keep up with the 50/50 blog and Shina, Josh, and Scott all volunteered to help with this. Some photos already exist and are ready to go in the Association's google drive account. Shina volunteered to follow up with people she has already reached out to for finding more photos. Scott volunteered to scan photos from the museum's project documentation records.

**12:40 – 12:45:** Update from Josh in that there is no new information about the lost shipment of journals. There is a real possibility that we might never have hard copies of Volume 19 of the AJA. The possibility was discussed of running print copies that would be cheaper with non-glossy paper and all in black and white so we at least have something to offer for sale in the store but at a cheaper than usual rate.

**12:45 – 12:47:** Next meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm and the meeting after that was scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm. Both of these times are outside the regular meeting time in order to best accommodate summer schedules of those board members present.

**12:48:** Move to adjourn made by Scott Shirar, seconded by Shina Duvall, and approved unanimously.