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Executive Council Meeting

Thursday July 19, 2012 4:00 pm

Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order 4:03 pm

In attendance:

Linda Wynne, Linda Thibodeau, Julie Niederhauser, Freya Anderson, Jim Simard, Karen Jensen, Caroline Hassler, Tracy Leithauser, Jane Fuerstenau, Mary Jennings, Daniel Cornwall, Beth Skow, Jodi Jacques, Mike Robinson, Coral Sheldon-Hess, Patricia Linville, Sue Sherif, Deborah Mole.

2. Additions to and approval of Agenda

Linda Wynne moved the State Library Report up on the agenda to accommodate Linda Thibodeau's schedule. Clark Gruening is not able to attend the teleconference because he is a scheduled speaker during the Governor's House 100th Anniversary celebration. Mary Jennings will report on the A vectra update.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2012

Freya made a motion to approve the May Minutes, Daniel Cornwall 2nd.

4. Brief Reports: Verbal reports by officers and chairs of committees, roundtables, or chapters should be brief accounts of activities summarizing the highlight, indicating problems, presenting any actionable resolutions or requesting funding.

State Library Report: Linda Thibodeau

Linda reported the SLAM project is moving forward. If all goes well, a groundbreaking will take place February 2013. As part of the mitigation agreement for tearing down the old State Museum, the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museum will publish a book on Centennial projects; buildings built in 1967-68 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Alaska Purchase. In order to determine what the economic, community and cultural impact of these buildings has been on their respective communities during the past fifty years. Teams of writers and photographers will visit each of the buildings, interview

community members and conduct historical research.

Linda described a plan to fill in the ditch of raging runoff water flowing through the lot of the future SLAM building. The ditch, enclosed by a chain link fence, is a potential drowning hazard. Neighborhood landowners support the plan to cover over the ditch.

Linda was happy to report the Alaska State Library has submitted their five-year plan to the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Every five years the Alaska State Library has to write a plan describing how they will spend the LSTA money they receive. This money, around \$900,000.00 funds interlibrary cooperation grants and projects supporting libraries. An evaluation of the Alaska State Library's previous 5-year plan was submitted to the IMLS in March 2012.

Linda thanked Patience Frederickson, Sue Sherif, Library Development staff, and the Governor's Advisory Council for their hard work developing the new IMLS 5-year plan, which was turned in June 30. Librarians from around the state had an opportunity to review and contribute to the new plan during the Alaska Library Conference in Fairbanks.

Linda thanked Jim Simard and the Historical Library for the many hours they spent creating a collection of over 400 Alaska books for the Governor's House. They created a wonderful collection of Alaskana, representing all genres (poetry, non-fiction, biography, children's books, and geography to name a few) and installed them in the Governor's library.

President's Report: Linda Wynne

Linda Wynne reported Governor Parnell signed the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Council Initiative on May 30

On June 18, Executive Council members voted electronically on the Avectra proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Linda reported on her attendance to the Tribal Archive and Museum Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. David Ongley and Sue Sherif were among the twenty Alaskans attending the Conference in Oklahoma. Sue mentioned ANLAMs funded five scholarships to the Oklahoma Conference.

Linda and Diane Ruess have been discussing the need to develop new procedures for archiving AKLA records. Linda will draft new procedures.

Sue Sherif and Linda are collaborating on librarian workshops for ANLAMs.

Past-President's Report: Mike Robinson

The Governor's Task Force is working to get a draft plan out this fall. Mike has taken the .PDF content of Newspoke and republished it via the web. Now people may subscribe to the content using RSS feed readers.

Mike has been helping Valerie Kingsland with the Circle of Scholars project. She is developing an online community for tribal and native libraries, archives and museums.

President-Elect's Report: Stacie Glaser

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Linville

Patti reported the AkLA bookkeeper was sick for 6-weeks. Patti and the bookkeeper are now meeting on Friday mornings. Patti will have the Treasurer Procedures ready by the September Face-to-Face meeting.

Patti emailed members of the Finance Committee seeking their approval to cash in a CD to pay for A vectra. She received approval from two members. She will complete the transaction on Monday.

The AkLA accountant is working on the taxes.

PNLA Report: Sara Saxton

Sara is completing a walk through for the upcoming PNLA Conference. Linda reminded people about the need for volunteers at PNLA. Mike suggested anyone interested in volunteering contact Sherri Douglas. He also mentioned people donating items to the Silent Auction contact Sara.

Deborah Mole offered to contact Theresa Lyons for help rounding up student volunteers.

ALA Report: Sue Sherif

Sue reported on the ALA Memorial Resolution honoring Ray Bradbury. She also reported on the unanimous support for the ALA resolution supporting school libraries and librarians. School librarians need help. Sue stated, "We have this national statement by librarians and AkLA has listed support for school librarians in the legislative priorities but we may need to do more."

American Library Association announced plans to streamline their annual conference. All programs will be held in the designated convention center. Conference sessions will be limited to 90 minutes and ALA will try to increase the number of sessions that appeal to a wider audience of librarians. ALA is also going to provide access to more digital conference content to conference attendees.

Freya suggested the American Library Association's Virtual Conference might attract more people if programs were not scheduled based on Eastern Standard Time. Sue will pass this information on to ALA.

Sue updated the ALA directory.

Conference Chair: Molly Good

Linda reported the dates for the Valdez Conference are March 21 thru the 24th

Committees, Roundtables, or Chapters

Collection Development Roundtable-Karen Jensen

Karen reported Freya posted the Collection Development conspectus information to the Electronic Resources Management in Alaska (ERMA) wiki back in January. Karen stated the next step is updating and revising this information as the group charts a new direction for resource sharing. Freya also posted the Collection Development purpose statement to the AkLA wiki.

Karen had a question on whether non-members of ERMA have access the wiki. Freya agreed to give permission to anyone interested in accessing the ERMA wiki. Freya volunteered to check access to the ERMA wiki and send out a brief notice to AkLA list.

Academic Roundtable-Tracey Leithauser, Jane Fuersteanu

Academic Roundtable received ILC grant funding for a statewide Library Instruction Retreat. They invited the past president of ACRL to facilitate a series of workshops. The idea for the retreat is to launch an ongoing professional development program and foster collaboration between different campuses offering library instruction. Tracey thanked the Alaska State Library for funding this grant. The Academic Librarian instruction retreat will be held in Anchorage August 20 thru the 21st.

Cataloging Roundtable-Caroline Hassler

The Cataloging Roundtable received ILC grant funding for RDA training via distance delivery. Deborah Fritz, from TMQ, will teach three e-learning sessions on the new cataloging code. Caroline is still working with the Deborah on the dates for the sessions. Three RDA training sessions are planned to accommodate the 60 participants, who have expressed interest in attending.

Caroline wrote an article describing how she used tag clouds to analyze circulation data. The article will be published in the September edition of Against-the-Grain.

5. Unfinished business

Legislative Update: Clark Gruening

Avecetra update: Linda Wynne, Mary Jennings

Linda reported E-Council voted to approve the Avecetra proposal. Mary thanked E-Council for holding the electronic vote on the Avecetra proposal. During the past two weeks, she has entered all the membership data into Avecetra. The Avecetra Net Forum database allows her to enter the name of every library in the state and every person who works in a library. Once the information is entered in the database, Mary can use it to produce the directory. Members will make their payments for membership or update their information in the Net

Forum database, so Mary no longer has to transfer information from one database to another. The online directory will always be up to date. Mary described some of the some of the function found in the exhibitor and committees modules. She mentioned the possibility of creating a Membership only page.

Starting Monday, Mary will attend hour-long online training sessions. These sessions will focus on building the Accounting module in AVECtra. She will attend one or two training sessions a week and expects to have Membership directory up and running by September 1. Mary will be working with Mollie on setting up the Events module.

Linda thanked Mary for all the time, effort and work she has put towards this project.

Archiving AkLA Conference Material: Karen Jensen

Linda thanked Karen for uploading all of the Fairbanks Conference material to Google Docs. Linda wondered if we should have a link to the Conference materials on GoogleDocs from the AkLA website.

There was a discussion on known access issues with Google Docs and the possibility of moving the materials to another site.

Mike thanked Karen for following through with this project. He is working with Freya to identify an alternative online collaborative workspace. He is specifically looking for a workspace that can handle Conference reports and documentation as well as the E-Council wiki. He suggested leaving the Conference material on Google Docs until new software has been selected. He hopes to have something concrete by Face-to-Face.

The University of Alaska, Fairbanks archives is serious about collecting all (print and born digital) AkLA documents.

AkLA Strategic Plan report—Linda Wynne

The Strategic Planning Sub Committee reviewed notes and worked to incorporate participants' intent into the language of the Mission and Values Statements. Linda emailed a draft of the changes to E-Council. The final document will be ready by the Face-to-Face meeting.

6. New business

2012 Teleconference Calendar-Linda Wynne

Our next meeting will be Face-to-Face in September. September 22nd and 23rd

Legislative Priorities for 2012—Linda Wynne

Linda would like someone to volunteer to review the Legislative Priorities from

2011 and work with Clark Gruening and Sue to come up with the 2013 Legislative Priorities. Mike suggested Linda contact the local chapters and let them know legislative priorities will be on the Face-to-Face agenda. Local chapters send a representative to Face-to-Face, who can share any individual legislative priorities the local Chapter may have. Linda agreed to contact local Chapters.

ALA Council Resolution on School Libraries—Sue Sherif

Sue provided a link to the resolution in her report. Anyone wanting more information on the ALA Council Resolution on School Libraries may contact Sue.

Proclamation for Information Literacy—Deborah Mole

When Deborah was on sabbatical, she met Dr. Sharon A. Weiner, the Vice President of the National Forum of Information Literacy. Dr. Weiner asked Deborah to be a Project Coordinator. Alaska is one of twenty-six states making an effort to have their Governors proclaim October 2012 Information Literacy Month. Deborah created a proclamation based on Missouri and New York proclamations.

Julie moved to accept to the proclamation for Information Literacy, Freya seconded.

Deb will amend the proclamation by adding “fishing” to the series of the industries mentioned.

Sue suggested asking AkASL to join the proclamation. She believes this make the proclamation stronger.

Daniel suggested that if want others to get on board, we do so quickly. The Governor’s Proclamation submission page mentions allowing 4- 6 weeks advance notice when requesting a proclamation.

Sue suggested libraries post copies of the proclamation and add information about the proclamation to screensavers as inexpensive ways to inform the public about Information Literacy Month. Sue volunteered to contact AkASL and ask them to join the proclamation.

Linda asked, if anyone was opposed to the motion of writing a letter of support on Information Literacy Month, on behalf of AkLA.

Seeing none, motion passes

Advocacy Committee—Sue Sherif

Sue briefly described how the Advocacy Committee came into being and How the ALA Representative, is the only member specifically named to the Advocacy Committee. Sue is looking for guidance on how to increase membership in the Advocacy Committee. She believes it is probably up to the

President to appoint people to the committee. Members of E-Council were invited to join the committee. Sue would like to get the Advocacy Committee up and running because of the upcoming elections. She would like to start amassing a list of people that are interested in and support libraries but are not librarians. Sue asked for permission to go ahead with this project.

Linda shared her passion for advocacy and mentioned that she has received advocacy-training 101 from Clark. She volunteered to be a member of the Advocacy Committee.

Mike suggested Linda identify a chair for the Advocacy Committee, as the AkLA handbook states the President appoints the Chair of Committees.

Linda named Sue as interim Chair to the Advocacy Committee

Sue agreed to be interim Chair

7. Announcements

Next meeting – September 22-23rd, Face-to-Face Meeting in Anchorage

Freya made a motion to adjourn, Daniel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm

The Executive Council is required to carry out all functions and powers entrusted to it by the Convention, as well as any functions delegated to it by the Conference. In so doing, the Executive Council must act in conformity with the recommendations, decisions and guidelines of the Conference, and must ensure their proper and continuous implementation. Among the most important of the Council's functions are Sessions and Meetings. The Executive Council currently holds three regular sessions annually. Regular meetings of Executive of Council are normally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from September to June. 2020-2021 Executive of Council Membership 2020-2021 Executive of Council Meeting Dates and Agenda Deadlines. Index - A record of programs approved for the periods: September 2006 to June 2020. Meetings (Agendas, Minutes and Indexes) listed below: Next Meeting of Executive of Council. January 27, 2021. Previous Meetings On June 5th, 2021 the IAU Executive Council elected for period 2021-2025 met at virtual meeting. There were several points discussed over the productive two-hour meeting. The IAU President, Nadeem Khan started with welcome and introduction of all Council members. The main objective for the first meeting was to introduce all members of the council and agree on Council Members portfolios. There had been discussion with all individuals on their goals, experience, and aspirations.