



**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter
Minutes, October 10th 2000
Juneau Public Library**

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AkLA-Juneau meeting
10 October 2000, 12:00 noon
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Members Present:

Elise Tomlinson, Barbara Berg, Rebecca Moorman, Carol McCabe, Freya
Anderson
(notetaker)

Meeting began at 12:05.

Barbara began by talking about the Tax Cap Initiative. She handed out an orange sheet which detailed some effects of the cap, statewide and in Juneau. Key points to highlight when talking to others include:

The initiative would take away local control.

Juneau already has a 12 mil tax cap

The cap includes bonded indebtedness, making it more restrictive

Juneau would probably be unable to build the new high school and other public works would also suffer

The initiative would take away the ability to assess market value of property for tax purposes. Thus, someone who owned a house for a long period of time could pay much less than a new homeowner.

This is not equitable

This causes property values to skyrocket, taking away the dream of home ownership

from many

Barbara also mentioned that while polling showed that opponents to the initiative were gaining ground, it was important to continue to push. The initiative needs a "resounding defeat" to keep it from being revisited.

Elise mentioned an Anchorage Daily News article which points out that for all that Alaskans complain about taxes, we already pay fewer taxes than any other state.

Barbara gave instructions for the post card campaign (white handout):

Mail post cards at the last minute (10/30) for big crunch.

Cards could be mailed earlier for absentee voters

Write a short, customized message on each post card

Contact local agencies to offer them cards to spread the campaign

All present counted cards into stacks of 100 and banded them. We each took cards to send and agreed to contact groups:

Elise: Perseverance Theater, Alaska Folk Festival, Sierra Club

Rebecca: Raptor Center, Trail Mix

Freya: Green Party, Humane Society, Glory Hole

Carol: Friends of the Library

In addition to Tax Cap business, Elise also presented information from the latest Face-to-Face meeting.

In discussing publicity for the Statewide Databases, the decision was made that local chapters should not do posters, etc., but leave that for statewide AkLA to deal with. Hence, work on the posters discussed in the last meeting has been shelved.

Changes in the statewide AkLA bylaws have been proposed. Look for information on the changes in the mail, and contact Elise with any questions.

For \$89 per year, local chapters can put a web page up, hosted by the statewide AkLA site. Elise offered to put up the initial site, with the secretary adding minutes, etc., as appropriate. Barbara moved that we spend the \$89 for the site, I (Freya) seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

Round Robin Info

Rebecca commented on the depository meeting in Anchorage. She said it was a good meeting, helpful for depository clerks. She also mentioned that in touring ARLIS, she discovered that they actually check out stuffed birds and furs!

Carol discussed the work being done by JPL with netLibrary and eBooks. The library is getting some of both, but the details have not yet been determined.

Barbara is a representative to the OCLC Reference group (FirstSearch).