

AkLA-Juneau Minutes
February 6, 2001
Mendenhall Valley Branch

Called to order at 5:22 by Chair Tish Orr

Present: Karen Crane, Tish Orr, Loraine Spear, Cathy Boutin, Barbara Kreher, Linda Thibodeau, Rebecca Moorman, Aja Razumny, Elise Tomlinson, Beth Belflower, Lynn Shepherd and Freya Anderson.

Minutes from last meeting: Tish Orr called for approval of the minutes. One correction was mentioned. Karen moved to accept them as corrected; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Paula was not present to make a report. Tish mentioned that several people had paid dues, but did not have information for a complete report.

Discussion of old business: The grant committee, Rebecca Moorman, Aja Razumny, Tish Orr, and Carol Race made their decisions and notified the recipients: Loraine Spear and Barb Kreher. Both recipients were present at this meeting, and thanked AkLA-J for the assistance. We look forward to hearing their informal reports after the conference.

Discussion of new business: Karen Crane gave a report on CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act):

- CIPA does not directly effect libraries operated by colleges, universities or native groups.
- Ninety percent of schools are already filtered.
- The FCC has opened up its proposed regulations for comment. Comment will be accepted through Feb. 15, 2001. You can access information on this through the Alaska State Library's home page. All are encouraged to make their opinions or concerns known. The chapter may want to write up comments as a group. Karen would be happy to work with someone on this. This is not a place to voice opinion on the law, but on how it should be administered. For example, we may want to encourage that the paperwork and related bureaucracy be minimized.
- AkLA has joined the ACLU in its lawsuit and ALA has decided for taking legal action as well.
- Some have asked about a stay pending outcomes of lawsuits. This will likely not occur.
- There is a lot of wrong or misleading information around, so be careful.
- Double-check your own libraries policies, including filtering and responses to concerns or questions. Be clear that you will follow the law, once it is clarified. Keep in mind that the question is not just filtering or not, but which filter would be the most appropriate for your community, as there are many different options, with varying costs, functions and service.
- The law would require filtering to use e-rate money, but it should be okay for unfiltered libraries to use other federal money, as long as it is not used for Internet

access, directly or indirectly. It probably won't affect federal money that is not related to computers. Some libraries may be able to shift monies received to non-internet areas, but it is important to keep in mind that the State Library tries not to support operating costs.

- All computers within a library may need to be filtered, including staff computers.
- It is unclear how this law will affect consortia, where part but not all of the consortia would be affected. Here in Juneau, CCL would be an example. UAS is definitely not included, but the JDHS would be, and JPL might be. As long as Dynix is the joint catalog, without Internet access, we should be fine. Conversion to DRA, with Internet access through the catalog, could cause a problem.
- This law will be administered through several different agencies and programs. The intention is that even if libraries access funds through multiple sources, they would only need to certify compliance through one.
- For administrative purposes, since current e-rate applications are already in process, implementation will probably be deferred until year five. Probably, you can just state that you are working on the issue. However, if your library then chooses to opt out in year five, it is not clear whether or not they will be liable for year four funds. This is something that the FCC should be encouraged to clarify.
- The state may be requesting an e-rate waiver, where there is no commercial Internet access, to allow a local provider (not a school) to hang a router off of the school to provide community access. This access would be filtered. This waiver is opposed by local phone companies. Encourage people to testify on behalf of this waiver.
- The State Library has no official opinion on filtering or this law. They will provide information and assistance, but filtering should remain a local issue.
- June Pinnell-Stephens was not available for this meeting, but hopefully we can have a teleconference with her at a future meeting (perhaps April). She is very strongly against filtering, so will provide a different point of view. Hopefully, we will have more information on guidelines from IMLS and DOE by that time as well.

Karen also provided information on vendor discounts available to Alaskan libraries through our BCR membership: Light Impressions, Brodart, Demco, Highsmith, University Products, Century Business Solutions, Kapco Library Products, Pacific Data Conversion Group, Gaylord, and Vernon were listed. Check out the BCR web site at <http://www.bcr.org> More information, including ordering codes, will come out shortly from the State Library.

Tish Orr reported on the recent statewide e-council meeting:

- The AkLA budget was approved.
- The bylaws were approved.
- New officers were announced, members should have received this announcement via email from the AkLA list.
- Voted to give \$2000 to ALA or Freedom to Read for CIPA lawsuit (whichever organization ends up actually bringing suit).
- Voted to sign on to suit. June Pinnell-Stephens is heading this.
- It's unclear if the suit is on behalf of public libraries only, or if it includes school libraries as well.

- Confirmed legislative priorities set at face to face. These are the same as last year. See details on the statewide AkLA site. Databases for Alaskans was requested as part of the University of Alaska's operating budget. If the increase is approved this year, it would become part of the base budget.
- Everyone is excited about the conference in Sitka. Everything is going well for it so far.
- Voted to print 10,000 more of the Databases for Alaskans brochures created by Fairbanks North Star Public Lib. They will be distributed to chapter chairs and AkASL.
- Debbie Kalvee needs a replacement as treasurer, due to ill health. The position would be for one year, and AkLA would fly the replacement to Fairbanks for a briefing by Debbie and passing of the reins.

Announcements: The Alaska State Library has a new serials clerk, Angela Rorem. UAS continues their search for a Director. They had no qualified candidates in the current pool. They also have an indefinite position opening for a part-time adjunct reference librarian, for evening and weekend work.

Freya announced the 21st Century Librarian award, a \$5000 award from the students of Syracuse University. The deadline to nominate someone else is Feb. 28th, and to nominate yourself is March 30th. For more information, go to <http://istweb.syr.edu/librarianaward/> Karen Crane particularly encouraged all to apply for this or other awards. We do outstanding things in Alaska, and need to be better about seeking recognition.

Barb Kreher announced that the Battle of the Books at DZ had a big turnout and went very well. Karen Crane noted that, as an incentive, the State Library would pay for the statewide organizer of Battle of the Books to go to either the ALA or AASL conference.

Cathy Boutin organized the district spelling bee. The eighth grade at DZ will go to state competition through teleconference. Cathy is also running for AkASL president. Good luck Cathy!

Linda Thibodeau at JDHS said they have begun cleaning Dynix records, in anticipation of the switch to DRA.

Elise Tomlinson talked about the CCL circulation meeting, organized by Holly Keen of the State Library. The meeting went well, with discussions of cleaning bib records and ordering new library cards. New cards will use the same design, but may be on more heavy-duty stock.

Karen Crane mentioned that Steve Rollins of UAA will be heading a statewide databases group to look at the mix of products in the Databases for Alaskans. Because of the user education going on statewide, they don't want to consider changing vendors at this time. This will look at adding or deleting specific databases though.

Next Meeting: The next AkLA-J meeting was set for 12:00 p.m. on March 21st at the Alaska State Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Freya Anderson
AkLA-J Secretary