



**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter  
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Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2002, 5:15pm  
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Attendance: Bonnie Herbold, Auke Bay Labs; Carol Race, JPL; Rose Welton, ASL; Jennifer Brown, UAS; Lynn Shepherd, UAS; Paula Johnson, Auke Bay Labs; Kay Shelton, ASL; Sandra Strandtmann, JPL; Lillian Petershoare, USFS; Freya Anderson, ASL; Barbara Berg, JPL; Daniel Cornwall, ASL.

Guest: Douglas “Sandy” Boyce – USDA Forest Service Research Lab

The meeting was called to order at 5:22pm.

The first order of business was a presentation from by Douglas “Sandy” Boyce of USDA Forest Service Research Lab. This lab runs the United State Forest Service library, which is currently run by Lillian Petershoare and open to the public.

The Juneau Forest Service research lab library is the ONLY research library in the entire Forest Service northwestern region. All other facilities are located in cities with major university libraries. Thus, there is little sympathy on the part of HQ staff down south for the Juneau library. Compounding this problem is the fact of flat funding for the past five years. During this time, research costs have risen. Sandy was emphatic in stating that more funding from the Forest Service is NOT an option. Thus the Juneau research facility is in the position of either curtailing research programs or eliminating their library in the next fiscal year or two. Sandy would rather not pursue either option.

The Juneau research facility is considering a consortial arrangement similar to what ARLIS has in Anchorage. Sandy thought that the Alaska Fish & Game Library and the Auke Bay Library could be good merger partners, although neither institution had been consulted. Alternatively, perhaps

UAS would be interested in housing the Forest Service collection, which houses many unique items not otherwise found in Juneau.

Much discussion followed Sandy's presentation and it was suggested he contact Cathy Vitale at ARLIS and the UA system as a first step in exploring support for consolidation with other institution. Several librarians pointed out that as far as they knew, the ARLIS merger, while improving customer service, had not saved any of the merging institutions money. Sandy Boyce seemed to find our suggestions helpful.

The meeting naturally turned to Conference 2003 reports:

Freya – Conference logo has been set. Please contact Freya or come to the next meeting if you want to see it. Deb Mole is working on getting tri-toned tote bags with the conference logo.

Catering – Sandra reported that bids had been received from Goldbelt, Baranoff and Silverbow Bakery. The Goldbelt and Silverbow bids were considered reasonable and specific meals will be worked out with each vendor. Someone noted that in 1999, Silverbow Bakery was challenged in providing breakfast. Although Goldbelt will charge more for breakfast, we may go with them. Sandra is also ensuring that both vendors will offer vegetarian options at every meal. This was also a problem the last time Conference was in Juneau.

Printing – Barbara Berg is planning to get the first Conference mailing out by Christmas. She asks for the following in program submissions:

Short Blurbs – NO FANCY FORMATS

Photographs

Times & Prices

Electronic format is preferred.

Auction – Kay Shelton stated that the first e-mail solicitation of auction goods had yielded zero results. More e-mails will be sent out, Plus Kay and Laura will be soliciting items from local businesses. Kay showed us a mock up of the donation request letter. The committee will buy a few auction items with the seed money provided by the Conference account.

Entertainment – Jennifer has mostly finalized the tours and is now finalizing prices with Deb Mole. We have booked the Back Room Cinema to show the library related movie “Desk Set” [Synopsis and other information can be found at <http://us.imdb.com/Title?0050307><http://us.imdb.com/Title?0050307>]. The Back Room Cinema has a maximum limit of 60 moviegoers. There was also a discussion of bus service to tours and events.

## New Business

Public Advocacy Award – Carol Race asked the chapter to nominate Nancy Ferrell for AkLA's Public Advocacy Award. She offered three letters in support of Nancy's nomination. Nearly all present had some story of Nancy's effectiveness and tireless efforts on behalf of libraries in Juneau. Barbara Berg moved to nominate Nancy to E-Council, Kay Shelton seconded and the nomination passed without objection.

## Announcements

Barbara Berg announced that Nancy Barr will shortly have an article in American Libraries regarding the Juneau Friends of the Library Amazing Book Store.

Lynn Shepherd announced that UAS was still looking for some temporary reference librarians.

Daniel Cornwall moved that the meeting be ajourned, Paula Johnson seconded. Motion passed without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next meeting – Watch your inbox!

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Cornwall

Secretary, AkLA-J