

Alaska Library Association - Juneau Chapter
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2003, 5:15pm
UAS Egan Library

Attendance: Daniel Cornwall, ASL; Freya Anderson, ASL; James Simard, UAS&ASL; Lynn Shepherd, UAS; Jennifer Brown, UAS; Carol Hedlin, UAS.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm. No additions were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 2003 meeting minutes were presented. Carol moved that the minutes be approved as written, Jennifer seconded and the minutes were approved without objection.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Report - Freya reported the results of January's election were:

President - Freya Anderson (re-elected)

Secretary - Daniel Cornwall (re-elected)

Treasurer - James Simard (newly elected)

Officers were elected by acclamation and the members present at January's meeting wished them luck for the coming year. Freya Anderson and James Simard were designated signatories of AkLA-J banking accounts.

Conference Wrap-Up - Freya distributed the first page of the May issue of Cites & Insights, which contained a favorable write of the March AkLA conference. The entire issue may be viewed at:

<http://cites.boisestate.edu/civ3i6.pdf> . Freya also distributed AkLA

E-Council's end of conference resolution praising the local arrangements committee for their efforts in putting on the conference.

A summary of conference survey results is pending until Deb Mole returns from Italy, but Freya said that her impression of the conference surveys were that we made a great impression. The most common complaint seemed to be the print on the name badges was too small. All present agreed that if this was the worst complaint about the conference, we did well. Another complaint was about the pricing of meals and this led to some discussion and several suggestions were made that Freya would take to tomorrow's e-council meeting.

Finally, Freya reported although the books of the conference have not yet been closed owing to a problem ALA bill, it looks as though this conference

will make approximately \$10,500 in profit.

USA PATRIOT Act - Next Freya reported the successful effort to have CBJ pass a resolution asking Congress to revisit and amend the USA PATRIOT ACT. Jim Simard thanked Freya and Lynn and many others for speaking eloquently in support of the CBJ resolution.

Some discussion followed about PATRIOT related legislation pending at the State and Federal level:

State:

HJR 22 PATRIOT ACT AND DEFENDING CIVIL LIBERTIES Sponsored by Rep. GUTTENBERG

Bill Text:

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=HJR022A&session=23

HJR 23 PATRIOT ACT AND PEACE & SECURITY Sponsored by Rep. COGHILL

Bill Text:

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=HJR022A&session=23

Both bills were passed out of the House State Affairs Committee on May 6, 2003. HJR 23 reminds Congress that the fight against terrorism should not impinge on civil liberties, which HJR 22 asserts that the USA PATRIOT is currently harming civil liberties and mandates specific areas of non-cooperation for Alaska state agencies.

If Alaska passes either resolution, it will be the second state to be on record opposing the USA PATRIOT Act. Hawaii was the first and a list of other jurisdictions can be found at:

<http://www.bordc.org/OtherLocalEfforts.htm> .

Federal Legislation:

HR 1157 - Freedom to Read Protection Act - 82 cosponsors, text available through <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

S 436 - Public reporting requirements under USA PATRIOT Act

Also, Rep. Don Young is expected to introduce his own USA PATRIOT related legislation in the next few days.

NEW BUSINESS

@ your library campaign - Freya reported that we still have over \$900 in AkLA's Empire advertising account in relation to the local @your library campaign. It was unclear whether we bought a set of small ads, or could spend the money and a larger ad. In any event, AkLA-J needs a volunteer or

two to design new ads as Holly Keen of the State Library has become too swamped to do any more. All present expressed their gratitude to Holly for the many creative ads she has done for AkLA-J in the past.

A suggestion was made to take out a full page ad in support of HJR 22, possibly in connection to a public petition. Discussion followed and it was decided that some guidance needed to be sought on how AkLA-J money could be used in a lobbying context. Several members present pointed out that the money was specifically provided in the context of @your library.

Summer Schedule - Freya asked those present whether AkLA-J should meet during the summer months or should recess till September. Daniel suggested that a social meeting or two be held, but NOT a business meeting. This idea was quickly seconded by Carol and Jennifer. By acclamation, there will be no more business meetings until September. Stay tuned to your Inbox for a picnic or other social event.

State Library Funding - Several members reported that funding for the State Library looked bad this year. The House restored some funding over the Governor's budget, but the Senate adopted the Governor's numbers for the library and the Governor holds a line item veto. Details on funding and what individual members can do are expected to come shortly from Barbara Berg on the AkLA-L list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UAS - Lynn announced that UAS is continuing to look for temporary reference librarians. The job listing and application instructions are available at:
<http://www2.jun.alaska.edu/jobs/faculty.cgi>

The application form can be downloaded from
http://www.alaska.edu/hr/forms/PDF/applicant_form.pdf

Jim described the UAS Temp reference position as "the most pleasant part time job you could ever have."

ASL - Freya announced that Brita Rice and Amelia Jenkins had joined the staff of the Alaska State Library. All present were effusive in their praise of both individuals.

NEXT MEETING - Next Regular AkLA-J business meeting - September - TBA. Stay tuned to e-mail for notice of picnic or other social activity!

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Cornwall
Secretary, AkLA-J