



Executive Council Meeting Unapproved Minutes
Thursday January 19, 2012

1. Call to Order at 4:05 p.m. by AkLA President Michael Robinson

Present: Mike Robinson, Julie Niederhauser, Daniel Cornwall,
Freya Anderson, Linda Wynne, James Simard, Sue Sherif, Deborah Gravel,
Teresa Williams, Jodie Jacques, Joyce McCombs, Patricia Linville, Jane
Fuerstenau

2. Additions to and approval of Agenda
Seeing no changes agenda is approved

3. Approval of Minutes: November 14th 2011
Mike moved to approve the minutes, seeing no objections motion carries.

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

President's Report: Mike Robinson

There was a last second push of lobby the Governor's capital budget for the State Library, Archives and Museum project (SLAM) and the Public Library Construction grant program. Mike wrote letters in support of both projects. He also turned in the SLAM Resolution. \$20 million dollars were approved for the SLAM project in the Governor's capital budget. The Public Library Construction grant program did not receive funding from the Governor, so we will have to go through the legislative process to secure funding for that program.

Mike and Elise Tomlinson have been working on the AkLA website. A test installation of WordPress is up and running and content migration has begun. By the next E-Council meeting, Mike hopes to share the new website and demonstrate the added functionality.

He has also been in conversation with the Library Director's in Valdez and Ketchikan about changing the AkLA Conference location schedule.

Past-President's Report: David Ongley

Mike reported David gathered a slate of nominees to fill the President-Elect and Treasurer Officer positions in the election.

President-Elect's Report: Linda Wynne

Linda did not have anything to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Linville

Patricia reported the balance sheets are up-to-date and have been posted to the wiki. AkLA is looking good, having received a little over \$10,000 in total 2011 Conference proceeds. She will have something concrete to report regarding the hiring the bookkeeper by AkLA. Patti mentioned she does not arrive in Fairbanks for the AkLA Conference until Friday night. She will miss the first E-Council meeting and General Assembly meeting.

State Library Report: Linda Thibobea

Freya reported Linda could not attend due to a scheduling conflict. Linda testified at a meeting for HB 182, which relates to annual reports by State agencies. The bill is going well and may help provide State documents to people and libraries.

PNLA Report: Sara Saxton

Mike reported planning has begun for the PNLA Leadership Institute scheduled for 2013. In February, Sara will be attending the PNLA Board meeting. Planning for the 2012 PNLA Conference, which will be held in Anchorage, is going well.

ALA Report: Sue Sherif

Sue emailed invitations to the people who organized last years successful Library SnapShot Day. She was trying to gauge their interest and support for the 2012 Library SnapShot Day. Thus far, she has not received any responses. She will contact people individually. If they are interested in participating in the event, she will pick a date in April and announce it during the AkLA Conference.

Sue also reported AkASL is supporting a White House petition to gather signatures to support school libraries. The Strengthening Kid's Interest in Learning and Libraries, the (SKILLS) Act, which would provide federal funding for school libraries, is back on the table. There will be an American Library Association display at the AkLA Conference. ALA President, Molly Raphael will be attending the AkLA Conference in Fairbanks.

Committees, Roundtables, or Chapters
Alaskana Award-Teresa Williams

Teresa reported on the progress of the Alaskana Award. Five books and a video were nominated for the Alaskana Award. The committee will start reviewing the nominations shortly.

Public Library Roundtable-Joyce McCombs

Joyce reported on the Audrey P. Kolb Public Library Service Award. Greg Hill nominated the Cole brothers, Terrence and Dermot, for the award. An ad hoc committee consisting of Mary Jo Joiner and David Ongley reviewed and approved the nomination. Greg Hill will write biographies of the Cole brothers and Joyce will take care of getting the plaque.

Nancy Bertels will continue serving on the Governor's Advisory Council, as the Public Library Roundtable representative.

New Members Roundtable-Coral

Mike reported on a scheduling conflict with the New Member Social and the E-Council Dinner during the AkLA Conference. As the New Member Social starts fifteen minutes before the E-Council Dinner, Coral is encouraging E-Council members to stop by and introduce themselves to new members.

Sue mentioned a scheduling conflict with the Sunday E-Council meeting and the Governor's Advisory Council meeting. Mike replied the meeting scheduled on Sunday is an orientation for new members of E-Council. Linda will lead the orientation for new members.

Ketchikan Chapter-Deborah Gravel

Deborah reported their new library construction is going well and is ahead of schedule. Best-case scenario, they will be in their new space by the end of 2012. They held a gala bash for retiring Library Director Judith McQuerry. The new Library Director, Linda Gens, came up from Oklahoma. Deborah hopes everyone will have a chance to meet Linda Gens during the AkLA Conference in Fairbanks.

5. Unfinished business

Conference 2012: Diane Ruess

Mike reported Diane sent her report in an email from Hawaii. Mike posted her report to the wiki. According to Diane, the Conference planning is going well. There was a glitch with RegOnline. One hundred and eleven people have registered for Conference, but Diane expects at least two hundred and fifty registered attendees. She will do another push for registration when she gets back from vacation.

Inactive Committees: Linda Wynne

Mike reminded everyone the topic of inactive committees came up during the Face-to-Face meeting. Linda reported the following committees: Federal Government Relations, State Government Relations committee, and Circumpolar

committee are inactive. Mike suggested that we take the Federal Government Relations, State Government Relations and the Public Relations Committee and roll them into an Advocacy Committee. He will check the handbook before declaring the three committees inactive and announcing the new Advocacy committee. Linda will work with Mike on writing the description and the purpose of the Advocacy Committee. Mike suggested that they have this ready by the next meeting.

Strategic Planning Retreat (\$1050 appropriation): Mike Robinson

Mike reported the Strategic Plan also came up during Face-to-Face. Linda and Julie worked together and wrote a grant for a Strategic Planning Retreat grant. The State Library funded all the transportation costs. AkLA needs to contribute \$1050 for supplies, the facilitator and one teleconference call. Mike believes this is a bargain. Mike asked for a motion. **Daniel made a motion that we appropriate \$1050 towards the Strategic Planning Retreat. Deborah seconded.**

Mike asked if there is any discussion.

Sue, I think that maybe someone else should move. The State Library is funding the grant. I think it would be cleaner if someone who is not a State Employee would make the motion.

Mike-I think it is fine. I do not think it is a problem.

Sue- That is fine, I like to keep the lines separate if we can, but it is hard because we are members and employees too.

Mike asked if there is any discussion about the appropriation itself or the parliamentary procedures surrounding it. Seeing none, he asked if there are any opposed to this appropriation. Seeing no opposition the motion carries.

Mike thanked Linda and Julie for working on this.

Valdez Proposal to Host Conference: Mike Robinson

Mike reported Valdez is scheduled to host the AkLA conference in 2017 but they are interested in hosting it sooner. Ketchikan is happy to have Valdez assume their scheduled Conference rotation of 2013 because of their library construction project.

Deborah stated this is perfect timing for us. It would be perfect if we could host the AkLA Conference in our new facility.

Mike proposed breaking this discussion into two parts: Valdez hosting in 2013 and setting the date for when Ketchikan would host the conference.

Sue mentioned she has been in Ketchikan twice since Valdez last hosted a Conference. Having the Conference in Valdez would give people a chance to travel to and see Valdez. She suggested having the Conference later in the year and suggested, Mike talk to Molly to learn how much Valdez's weather varies between February and March.

Three people contacted Joyce concerned having an AkLA Conference in Valdez during February. They told her, that they would not attend the Valdez Conference if it were in February.

Mike mentioned that this will be Molly's first time hosting an AkLA Conference and she will need our support.

Patti believes that it will be great to have the Conference in a place where new people will get involved.

Mike asked for a motion.

Freya made a motion that we have the conference in Valdez preferably little later in the year than February. Sue seconded.

Seeing no opposition, Motion carries.

Sue suggested Mike talk to the AkASL about a March date for the AkLA Conference. It would be good to work with them from the outset. Mike will talk with Robin and Molly about dates in March.

6. New business

Mailing list management- listserv problems

Mike reported Elise is no longer the back up administrator for the mailing list. Jeremy recently identified a problem with the mailing list and it should be performing better. We need a back up mailing list administrator.

Daniel Cornwall volunteered to be the back up mailing list administrator.

Mike stated that the listserv had two problems. There was a structural problem and the main list was bouncing people off for no good reason. The second problem no one was monitoring the email address published on the web. With Daniel, Jeremy and Mike willing to monitor the listserv, things will go more smoothly.

List of attendees / exhibitors at conference

Mike reported that Conference planners in Fairbanks have been receiving requests from vendors and organizations for a list of the names of attendees and exhibitors of the Conference.

Sue mentioned ALA handles it by having a section on their registration where participants can check a box if they want to receive special offers.

Freya believes that we decided that we were not comfortable making the information public, even to vendors that had registered.

Patti remembers that as well.

Mike will advise Fairbanks the information is private. He will check the Handbook and see if any policy decisions were made based on the previous discussions of this topic. He will bring something to the next meeting, so we do not have to reinvent this every year.

Jane-This came up more than three years ago with the membership of AkLA. Vendors wanted the information in an easy to access digital file. They do have access to our AkLA Directory if they join. We decided that they have free access to the AkLA Directory if they receive one. However, we would not help them along in their spamming ambitions with a digital file.

Mike noted that we left out part of the discussion, regarding setting a date (prior to 2017) for the Ketchikan AkLA Conference. We will discuss this at the next E-Council meeting.

7. Announcements

Jim Simard announced we have closed the books on the Artemis BonaDea Book Repair workshop that AkLA had been the receiving organization. These were highly successful we had 16 participants for a full week workshop on intermediate book repair.

8. Next meeting –February 23rd, 2012 7:15 pm ~ E-Council dinner