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President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

At our May meeting, the Executive Council voted to join with other aggrieved companies and organizations and the Alaska Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union to file a complaint against the State of Alaska for its passage of SB222. To that end I worked with AkACLU lawyers to develop and edit a complaint from AkLA. We are now plaintiffs in the case, ABFFE v Sullivan, filed August 31. It should come to trial later this fall. Our complaint and the press release will be posted to the AkLA wiki under the President's section.

On a similar note, AkACLU will present AkLA a Liberty Award during their 40th anniversary celebration when they honor **40 Heroes of Constitutional Liberties and Civil Rights** in January.

The matter of finding a conference coordinator for the 2012 conference in Fairbanks, occupied some of my time during the last two months. I attempted to recruit one person for the position. I spoke to the directors of the public library, school libraries and university in Fairbanks. All of been highly supportive over the years. I encouraged them to speak to their staffs about volunteering to serve the AkLA and provide them with whatever level of support their organizations allowed. Follow-up conversations indicated that none of them were able to take the lead themselves. They had no suggestions as to how to resolve this issue.

Additional activities include:

- I met with Vice President Michael Robinson on August 2. I also met with former conference Vice President Susan Mitchell.
- I corresponded with Nicole Roohi concerning the use of AkLA's RegOnline account by AkASL.
- I signed 5 interlibrary cooperation grant applications for the Association for which AkLA will receive a small indirect.
- I communicated with Elise Tomlinson and Patty Linville on Westhost, AkLA's budget and the e-council listserv.
- I wrote the President's column for Newspoke.

Thank you,
David