

## **PNLA Report – AkLA E-Council Teleconference – July 21, 2011**

### **Leadership Institute:**

It is very likely that the next PNLA Leads Institute will take place in 2013. Delaying the institute one year will allow the PNLA Board to secure funding, explore alternate locations, and properly promote the event. A final decision will be made in two weeks at the next Board meeting.

### **PNLA Conferences:**

The 2011 conference, “Navigating the River of Change,” will take place in Spokane, WA August 3-5. The keynote speaker will be J.A. Jance.

The 2012 PNLA Conference will take place July 31 through August 4 at the downtown Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. 2012 Conference Planning will begin in earnest this coming August. Those interested in working with the local arrangements committee, please get in touch with Sara Saxton soon ([ssaxton@ci.wasilla.ak.us](mailto:ssaxton@ci.wasilla.ak.us)).

### **PNLA Board:**

The PNLA Board will meet Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 1pm in Spokane, WA.

For the last year or so the PNLA Board has been looking closely at the viability of the association in light of the changing economy, the technological advances that make it easier to connect with larger associations like ALA, and the continued strengthening of individual state associations. The Board has pinpointed the following key offerings available uniquely through PNLA: PNLA Leads, the Young Readers Choice Award, and the PNLA Job Board. I expect that over the next year there will be a big push to update and improve PNLA’s online community, promote and strengthen these key offerings, increase the activity of current members, and recruit new membership.

With that in mind, the Board welcomes input from member states regarding the services and functions that a regional association can and should provide. Again, please contact Sara Saxton with your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Saxton, PNLA Representative