



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Fall Business Meeting 2007**

*October 10, 2007
East Anchorage High School*

I. Meeting Called to Order at: 9:33 A.M., Wednesday, October 10, 2007

II. Roll Call, Quorum required

| <u>Executive Board</u> | <u>Steering Committee (advisory, NV)</u> |
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| Pres: Katrina Nore - P | Jenny Vermaas - A |
| Vice Pres.: Kevin Priestley – A | |
| PR: Megan Waggoner - P | Michael Mahoney - P |
| Sec/Treas: Chris Van Wyhe - P | Mark Proch - A |
| Parliamentarian: Kari Nore - P | |
| AASA Rep: Annie Bartholomew - P | Joe Powers - P |
| | Kimberly Pierce - A |
| SBEED Rep.: Lindsay Birk - P | |
| Registrar Fall Conf 07: Jose DelReal - P | Janice Strickland - A |
| Region 1: Taylor Elbert - P | Nick Pader - P |
| Region 2 Rep: Grant Hicks - P | Pat Bills - A |
| Region 3 Rep: Daniel Hagen - P | Beverly Thomson - P |
| Region 4 Rep: Matt Cook - P | Doug Wall - P |
| Region 5 Rep: Nick Parker - A | |
| Region 6 Rep: Joe Byrnes - P | Steve Heckman - P |
| Region 7 Rep: Alisha Welch - P | Lynn Mellor - A |
| Executive Director: Carol Waters (NV) - P | |
| Guests: Rocco Marano, Executive Director of NASC; Alivia | |

III. Additions to, Approval of Agenda

- Matt: take out officer reports
- **Motion to move officer reports until the GA**
 - Moved by Matt, Seconded by Grant
 - **Passes**
- **Motion to approve agenda**
 - Moved by Matt, Seconded by Daniel
 - **Passes**

IV. Approval of Summer Business Meeting Minutes

Chris

- **Motion to approve SBM minutes**
 - Moved by Megan, Seconded by Taylor
 - **Passes**

V. Approval of October 2 T-C minutes

Chris

- **Motion to approve T-C minutes**
 - Moved by Matt, Seconded by Grant
 - **Passes**

VI. Officer Reports: (tabled until GA)

VII. Old Business:

Budget 07-08

Carol

- Carol: first column is actual for fiscal year; budget is how much was suggested we spend. We're \$2,000 under budget. We are over budget in terms of income, assuming everyone attends the conference. \$8664 allocated for scholarships. Fall conference expenses will come in after the conference. \$4429.33 spent on summer business meeting, \$7900 was budgeted- under budget. Any questions about the budget?
- Daniel: why was so much budgeted for teleconferences?
- Carol: the bill comes in about a month after the conference. They usually run from \$90-\$100. Budgets from past years will show you how much is spent on teleconferences the previous year.
- Lindsay: same thing for the awards?
- Carol: yes, about \$200 for officers awards. We also spent it on contest awards, community support awards, retirement rewards, etc. "CLR" means that check was cashed. There's also a dues sheet for who paid and didn't pay dues so far this year.

Fall Conference 2007

Jose and committee

- Jose: questions from Executive Board.
- Joe: were you able to get overhead projectors and tables?
- Jose: we can get at least two overheads, and many tables.
- Matt: where will region meetings be?
- Jose: forgot sheet, but will get that info.
- Megan: when are things due? (elections)
- Carol: we have that taken care of, thru Kari's committee and our bylaws.
- Annie: will there be computer time for resolutions?
- Jose: thinks the library will be open- about 20 computers.
- Carol: from 3-4:30 Thursday there will be resolution writing workshops.
- Daniel: can we make copies of things?
- Jose: East has only one copy machine that works.
- Carol: we can use ASAA's copy machine. From 9-10 guest speaker?
- Jose: thinks Region meetings are going to be first. Switched guest speaker and region meeting times.
- Carol: So schedule is incorrect. Region meeting will be at 10 A.M.
- Joe: when are we going back to hotels on Thursday?

- Jose: RSVP will happen in annex from 8:30-12:30... shares the schedule with executive board. Didn't want people sitting in the auditorium for too long of a time. Friday starts at UAA. Maps will be given out. Workshops: avoided calling different workshops "fun" or "leadership" workshops. List where workshops will be posted in commons for everybody's reference. Final GA is about 30 minutes; its purpose is to swear in new officers and present executive board's special resolution.
- Annie: we have a movie to show.
- Jose: does *So Moved* want to perform at the opening ceremonies? Don't feel obligated to, but time will be available.
- Annie: during all the pods and workshops, will there be people to help people around?
- Jose: yes, there will be people available to help with directions around the school.
- Joe P.: will there be bus transportation to/from UAA?
- Jose: Carol worked with Ms. Strickland on the details of transportation.
- Joe: can we have tables for the cup game competition?
- Jose: we can get someone to get that set up.

Motion to recess until called by the chair.

Moved by Megan, Seconded by Matt

Passes, meeting recessed.

Meeting called back to order at 10:35 A.M.

Kevin Priestly joins meeting.

Scholarships for Fall Conference

Matt

- Matt: committee met and decided to give 45% of total travel cost: amounted \$8,864.
- Annie: under budget?
- Matt: see the sheet- gives all information
- Joe: how many schools got scholarships?
- Matt: 17 schools... about.

Bylaws changes

Katrina

- Katrina: see the pink sheet, we need to present it to GA, main one is absentee balloting.
- Carol: presentations can be projected with wireless. Who would present the bylaws change?
- Kari: will present bylaws changes.
- Carol: any questions about why bylaws are being changed. This is the time to change the absentee balloting bylaws, if we plan to make any changes in the process for next fall.

Absentee Balloting

Kari

- Kari: which schools need absentee ballots? Carol?
- Carol: if we broadcast fax, we should use the ASAA office fax. Marshall and Gamball schools might not be members. Gamball's in region 1, Marshall's in region 7. Will check to see if dues were received.

- Katrina: if they haven't paid for membership, then we can't send them absentee ballots, it would be against our bylaws.
- Carol: Correct.
- Megan: has been contacting schools about absentee balloting.
- Matt: Marshall school has paid: #231. Region 7.
- Kari: Gamball has not paid.
- Jose: we can have access to a fax machine to fax absentee ballots. Does the ASAA printer print color ink?
- Carol: No; color ink is very expensive.

Resolutions

Kevin

- Kevin: resolutions will be handled by Daniel. There will be a set time for resolution writing, resolutions will be due by a certain time.
- Megan: Daniel, are you doing the resolution workshop?
- Daniel: cannot make the resolution workshop.
- Lindsay: what time is the resolution workshop? Is interested in helping.

Rose Exchange

Carol

- Carol: Eielson and Napaskiak are doing it again. There are other exchanges that aren't with student council. Rose has a new director; Carol has not met her yet. Thinks there will be a presentation for Rose at the conference, as well as a workshop.
- Lindsay: Juneau is interested, but the application is the old one.
- Carol: Rose has the new application up. It is linked from our web page. Thanks for catching that the application was outdated. Rose thanked us for the info.

AK Student Forum

Daniel, Lindsay

- Lindsay: personally hasn't done anything with it. Is looking for a more interesting way to present the AKStudentForum. Thinks a more interesting interface would attract more users. Would like to step up the PR on the AKStudentForum. It could be a really good tool, but it hasn't reached that point yet. We need more people to get involved.
- Carol: talked to Brad Potter about getting Daniel and Lindsay into the AKStudentForum as administrators. Remember the Golden Mouse award. We need a plan to tell people about the award.
- Lindsay: could there be an information workshop on AKStudentForum?
- Carol: at the podium you can say something about all interested in AKStudentForum to meet somewhere. The library annex is available to Executive Board throughout the whole conference (turned out there were a few hours we did not have access, but usually available).
- Lindsay: would like to be moving towards a new forum program, a more comprehensive program.
- Joe: can there be a timeline for this?
- Katrina: committee can set up the timeline.
- Lindsay: doesn't know if a timeline is realistic right now.

Membership

Megan

- Megan: hasn't contacted schools that haven't paid. Hasn't received anything back. There needs to be a better way to contact non-AASG schools, it's very difficult. Most teachers are busy during the school day. The MR committee should maybe take this difficult task. We have a nice number, but more is better.
- Carol: has talked to Bering Strait school district, but they have not committed to AASG. They are not members.
- Joe: did you (Megan) focus on districts?
- Megan: randomly went through the list and contacted then. Focused mainly on regions one and two. Didn't have an action plan. Thinks the new PR needs to work on that.
- Carol: North Slope has paid their dues. Those schools are communicating with us. I support the MR committee to work on this. One way to do this is to offer RSVP. This is something the school districts want.
- Joe: (Megan) did you happen to contact region 6.
- Megan: doesn't know, worked with random schools. There's no point in contacting the same school more than once, PR and Region Reps need to work together on this.
- Carol: the same thing comes up every year. "The next PR" with Megan's experience, she should make the plan for next year.
- Megan: Agrees, the region reps are still there to help out PR. Thinks everyone should write up duties that aren't in the bylaws. Keep things moving by getting everybody on the same page.
- Carol: MR Committee talked about tying regions together with activities. Regions could develop a plan to improve communication within the region. Could bring that up in the region meetings. How can we get everybody involved?
- Matt: Region website/page?
- Daniel: likes the idea. Sent out "feelings" to region.
- Taylor: likes the website idea, isn't that part of the student forum?
- Matt: there could be regional competitions. Connects the region a little more.
- Joe: structured region meetings over teleconference.
- Daniel: structure?
- Joe: region six has its own student council, its own constitution, reps, etc. They organize service projects, meet, and communicate. Bring up items that affects region- discuss them. Develop a structure similar to region 6, a sub-organization.
- Megan: likes everyone's ideas, but thinks it's getting a little complex. Thinks there should be a universal action plan to make it simpler. Not-complex.
- Daniel: thinks we should stick to one major thing and do it really well.
- Joe: MR Committee can't come up with this program, region T-Cs would be easy to formulate. Thinks it could be done. Unless we make a structure, schools won't catch on.
- **Motion for MR Committee to form an action plan**
 - Moved by Megan, Seconded by Matt
 - **Discussion:**
 - Above discussion is repeated.
 - Joe: teleconference is a proposal to board, doesn't have to be implemented, but it should be implemented.
 - **Passes**

- Carol: advisor of the year is listed as a business item. It can be in your report.
- Megan: planned on adding it to the GA.

3-2-1

Megan

- Megan: we are announcing the campaign, website up. Data will be put into a secure database. Purchasing light bulbs from Costco. When purchased from Costco, they come in packages of two or more. They come in boxes.
- Joe: is there another method, use the cheaper package.
- Megan: we could unwrap and then re-package in single packages.
- Daniel: who will wrap the 2,000 light bulbs individually
- **Motion to package light bulbs individually**
 - Moved by Joe, no second
 - **Fails**
- Annie: how much cheaper are the bulk bulbs from Costco?
- Megan: doesn't know exactly
- Daniel: supports the less-expensive package.
- Kari: thinks individually-wrapped light bulbs is the way to go
- Joe: committee to compare costs?
- Megan: will take care of this until after lunch
- **Motion to table 3-2-1 until after lunch**
 - Moved by Megan, Seconded by Daniel
 - **Passes.**
- Megan: please discuss 3-2-1 in region meetings.

Web page

Chris

- Chris: shares web page, Google search bar, interactive javascript/CSS menus, etc. It's easily updateable.

Motion to recess for committee work and lunch, until called by the chair

Moved by Kevin, Seconded by Matt

Passes, meeting recessed

Meeting called back to order at 1:02 pm

Committee Reports:

AKStudentForum:

- Lindsay: identified the negatives of the AKStudentForum, searched for a new forum site. Found E-Friends, \$280 for the software plus the monthly site-hosting costs.
- Daniel: the \$20/month is what we're already paying now.

MR Committee:

- Kari: found people to review applications...
- Carol: questions? Do you need help?
- Daniel: would like to help
- **Motion to keep Sec/Treas on to train new Sec/Treas and follow through with website work**
 - Moved by Lindsay, Seconded by Annie

- **Discussion:**
- Matt: would we pay for his attendance at the WBM
- Annie: essential to train new sec/treas
- Lindsay: would also help with new AKStudentForum
- **Passes**
- Kari: do you (Chris) want to be part of the election committee to select Sec/Treas?
- Chris: yes
- Lindsay: suggests not interviewing in commons.
- Kari: we have limited space.
- Annie: be sure to let the candidates know where the interviews will be held.
- Kari: nobody can be on an election committee if someone from their school is running.

3-2-1 Committee:

- Megan: is working on getting the bulbs and information. Will get those and find a way to print a large number of those.

By-laws changes:

Megan

VIII. New Business

Spring Conference 2008

Annie, Lindsay

- Annie: "Leadership Folk" is the theme; Marybeth Tinker possible speaker.
- Lindsay: Marybeth Tinker and her older brother war black arm bands and protested the Vietnam War, they were suspended, and their case went to the Supreme Court, ruled in favor of Tinker.
- Annie: has a movie.
- Carol: legislature will be in session.
- Annie: it will be brought up.
- Matt: did the bong hits for Jesus guy win the case?
- He lost.
- Carol: now is about the time a budget for spring conference should be submitted. You could also talk with the fall registrars about expenses. It would be good to give a rough estimate.
- Joe P.: neither spring conference registrars could attend

3-2-1

- Joe: thought this was going to be spring to fall
- Megan: didn't decide anything until later. It's been really slow getting it going.
- Joe: when does the project end? Spring conference in Juneau?
- Megan: it was decided to end at the spring conference in Juneau.
- Carol: is there a way to sign in?
- Megan: doesn't know. Wants people to sign the pledge if they took a bulb.
- Mr. Mahoney: AYE would probably give a rough number of how many students signed the pledge.
- Megan: we do have access; it's not hidden from us, just not absolutely accessible.
- Carol: could you (Megan) research that and get back to the board? Carol's concerned that a school says they signed the pledge doesn't mean they actually did.

- Lindsay: doesn't think it matters if you've signed the pledge before light bulbs are given away. As long as they're doing what we hoped they would do.
- Carol: thinks they should sign the pledge so that those that take the pledge know what the 3-2-1 campaign is about.

Motion to table until more information is found

Moved by Matt, Seconded by Annie

Passes

Conferences: Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Carol

- Carol: Hopefully we will get host schools lined up so we aren't scrambling.
- Megan: possibly a region 5 school- depends on staff.
- Carol: encourage schools to do this. How about a school the middle or north of Alaska?
- Joe P.: consider the travel costs for the schools.
- Carol: we could talk to the Anchorage schools, or Mat-Su.
- Kari: offer it to Wasilla. They wanted to do it this year.
- Daniel: Wasilla is still doing a leadership conference outside of AASG; they might not want to do it next year.
- Mr. Heckman: Monroe might want to do it. There are some options. Put Monroe down as an option.
- Carol: hosting papers have to be turned in. I'm glad we have interest in hosting. Talk it over, if a couple schools want it, we can talk it over and see what works best.

Member Retention Committee

Joe

- Joe: last night Joe went all around town getting supplies. Also purchased a "Golden Cup" for the winner of the cup game. Flag supplies, cups, more. Flags will be 2/3 ratio. Haven't talked about service projects- region teleconferences, etc. Region reps, talk to your regions about this. During first region meeting, put together a flag design, hopefully they'll be finished by the last day. Flag designs by Thursday.
- Daniel: (Joe) do we have sticks to put the flags on?
- Joe: region should have designs by Thursday night. Should be done by Saturday.
- Joe: winning group will get the golden cup and their names on the golden cup.
- Megan: isn't sure about having reps take it home with them.
- Joe: it's an issue of pride, it's not about the object, it's about pride and the fact that your region won.
- Taylor: didn't we try to do that with Stanley? And it didn't work well.
- Megan: was just bringing it up for concern.
- Joe: we need a way to keep score so that there can't be a tie
- Kari: explains how she would keep points. If there'd be a tie, there would be a show-down.
- Megan: is confused. Keep it simple. Leave it to the committee.
- Joe: would like to get some ideas. We need some people to act as referees.
- **Motion to table until after committee work**
 - Moved by Matt, Seconded by Taylor.

Passes

Election of Officers: Process

Kari

- Kari: is in charge of elections. Elections are at 11 pm. 11 am nominations will be held. Pres, VP, and PR give speeches. Saturday morning at 7:30 region meeting elections take place. Interviews will happen on Friday at 5.
- Daniel: voting at region meetings?
- Kari: how are ballots going to work?
- Carol: write up the ballots, each school gets ten votes. One-page statement from each candidate.
- Kari: nominations are at 11 am on Friday.
- Megan: last fall nominations were early.
- Katrina: nominations were out of order. Had to be redone
- Carol: nobody was running for parliamentarian. We should reopen for nominations only if it's empty.
- Annie: thinks there should be more than one person running.
- Kari: if there's one person who did the work to get the application in and we still reopen it, it's not fair
- Carol: our bylaws tell us how we have to do it. Nothing in our bylaws that states what to do if nobody runs
- Mr. Powers: look at constitution and bylaws, follow the rules.
- Carol: there's nothing that says anything in our constitution about an empty position
- Mr. Powers: follow the constitution.
- Megan: thinks it should be open if nobody runs, not if only one person runs.
- Kari: Art 6, Sec B says no write-ins will be allowed.
- Katrina: thinks there should be a committee to clarify bylaws. In case an office is left empty.

RSVP

Matt

- Matt: is doing a workshop for principals on Monday. Training students on school boards, Jose can help with training. Talked to Chugiak staff, are all on board for RSVP in Chugiak. Training will start next week. Tomorrow, 93 participants will be trained. Will talk more about that during the committee session.
- Carol: everyone who can be should be at the RSVP training. Has a report about grants: put out the notice for more grants, one school is not coming- 4 grants are open. Applications were really outstanding.
- Mr. Heckman: Monroe was going to bring a large delegation to RSVP but couldn't send as many people in. There are some vacancies.

ASAA Hall of Fame: due October 15

- Megan: suggestion for nomination: Mal Tocey, a football player- he now works with youth. Mayor Mark Begich.
- Matt: suggests nominating Robyn Atkins.

Youth in Governance (YIG)

Lindsay, Annie, Megan

- Megan: were supposed to write a resolution, but didn't
- Annie: still exploring the pros and cons of the resolution
- Matt: believes we made a motion not to do it

- Annie: most issues Annie deals with don't have much to do with students. The other representatives have a region to discuss with. Most issues deal with sports, of which AASG doesn't really deal with. Is not sure it's what the organization needs or wants.
- Megan: we did vote on this, we need to make a motion to take back the motion.
- Lindsay: feels like she is representing all students in Alaska, a lot of what is voted on is not understood. Doesn't always know how to vote. Feels Alaskan students hold her accountable.
- Annie: a lot
- **Motion to amend motion to include ASAA rep for voting privileges.**
 - Moved, Seconded
 - **Passes with noted opposition.**
- **Motion to get a group picture at end of meeting.**
 - Moved by Joe, Seconded by Daniel
 - **Discussion:**
 - Joe: thinks we should wait for Nick.
 - **Motion to amend motion to add "current board members"**
 - Moved by Matt, Seconded by Grant
 - **Passes, amended**
 - Joe: thinks we should take it in from of the school
 - **Motion to amend motion to state location of picture: outside**
 - Moved by Joe, Seconded by Matt
 - **Motion to call the question**
 - **Passes, moved to a vote**
 - **Passes, group picture of current board members will be outside.**

Motion to recess for committee work until called by the chair (2:16 pm)

Moved by Kari, Seconded

Passes

Meeting called back to order, picture taken, meeting adjourned on Saturday, October 13, 2007.