

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Spring Business Meeting 2009  
Mt. Edgecumbe High School  
April 15, 2009**

I.	Call to Order 9:08	Kari
II.	Roll Call, Quorum established	Samantha
	<u>Executive Board</u>	<u>Steering Committee (advisory, NV)</u>
	<b>President: Kari Nore (NV except in tie)</b>	Jenny Vermaas
	<b>Vice President: Tyler Young</b>	<b>Liz Hursh</b>
	<b>Public Relations: Maria Dosal</b>	<b>Mike Mahoney</b>
	<b>Secretary/Treasurer: Samantha McNelly(NV)</b>	Donna McCarrey
	<b>Parliamentarian: Megan Murphy (NV)</b>	<b>Kristy Germain</b>
	<b>AASA Rep: Ryan Varela</b>	<b>Rosie Roppel</b>
	<b>SBEED Rep.: Tim Rockey</b>	<b>Bev Thomson</b>
	<b>Region 1: Savannah Yehle</b>	<b>Nick Pader</b>
	<b>Region 2 Rep: Alex Van Wyhe</b>	<b>Mark Proch</b>
	<b>Region 3 Rep: Daniel Hagen</b>	<b>BT</b>
	<b>Region 4Rep: Jessica Veltri</b>	<b>Scott Kniefel</b>
	<b>Region 5 Rep: Nick Parker</b>	<b>Kristine Germain</b>
	<b>Region 6 Rep: Harmonee Quarnberg</b>	<b>LH</b>
	<b>Region 7 Rep: Jenny Klejka</b>	<b>Lynn Mellor</b>
	<b>Spring Conf. 2009 Registrar:</b>	
	<b>Candace Schaack</b>	<b>MM</b>
	<b>Executive Director: Carol Waters (NV)</b>	

III. **Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Spring Business Meeting 2009 Agenda  
Rockey/Varela  
Motion Passes**

**Motion to Approve the March 31, 2009 teleconference minutes  
Veltri/Rockey  
Motion Passes**

IV. **Officer Reports**

**Presidents Report**

**Kari**

Kari has been busy with lots of different things leading up to this AASG. Ms. Vermaas got ill right before the conference, so she couldn't be here. But she is fine and recovering in Fairbanks.

**Vice Presidents Report**

**Tyler**

Everything has been going pretty well, all the resolutions have been coming in, there are 10 that have officially been submitted. Tyler knows of a few more that should be coming in before the deadline. Some of the resolutions that were tabled in Palmer have

been resubmitted. Tyler does have a database/document that shows where all the resolutions were sent and we know what happened with most of them. Tyler has emails for everybody as well as other contact info, and whether or not they responded to the resolutions. Everyone but 4 people responded. Also, the malemute is now our official state dog, so that resolution actually did go somewhere.

**Public Relations Report**

**Maria**

Maria is working on thank you notes to the Totem Square Inn. She created the AASG Action flyer for the conference, and she will make another one that reflects the new officers that we will be getting during this conference. Maria has been helping Candace with everything, and she is in charge of workshops. Maria also made an eboard flyer with pictures, names, and positions. She also sent the SBEED rep applicants thank you's for applying for that position. Maria made the XTRATUF logo and letterhead for the conference.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

**Sam**

Sam has been typing lots of minutes and been doing committee work with Special Olympics/Ban the R word.

**Parliamentarians Report**

**Megan**

Megan has been attending all the region 6 meetings with Harmonee and reviewing Roberts Rules of Order for the conference.

**ASAA Rep Report**

**Ryan**

Ryan had an ASAA meeting about 2 months ago in Anchorage, and there is another one in Nome next weekend which he will be attending.

**SBEED Rep Report**

**Tim**

Tim attended his first SBEED meeting in February, and worked closely with school boards from across the state. SBEED wants people to know they look at more than test scores. The business meeting looked at rules for how schools are allowed to fund everything. They really want to reinvent all the schools in Alaska, starting with teachers. Tim is also working on replying to more of Carol's emails.

**Region 1 Rep Report**

**Savannah**

There isn't a whole lot going on in Region 1. Barrow is almost the only school in the region, and the only school that participates in activities. Savannah is trying to get her region more involved in region activities.

**Region 2 Rep Report**

**Alex**

It looks like Alex might be the only one here from region 2, but otherwise, everything is going well.

**Region 3 Rep Report**

**Daniel**

Daniel has been working on the future of his region and the new region 3 rep. He has been working on AKSN, and preparing for the change for both the board and himself of no longer being the region 3 rep.

**Region 4 Rep Report**

**Jessica**

Region four has been working on issues like prom dates, hat rules, etc. The main contact is through SAB, Jessica also sends out region newsletters, but most advisors don't reply. Before this AASG, there wasn't a region potluck, but West is planning one more before the end of the year.

**Region 5 Rep Report**

**Nick**

Nick has been using AKSN, been calling and email students about positions that they can run for. Because the region 5 rep position is open at this conference, he is trying to get one student from each school in the region to run. Region 5 has also been discussing region teleconferences. The Juneau students that wanted to do this didn't go to Palmer, so it sort of fell through, but if they are here this time, they will bring it up again. Nick is getting together a letter about the duties associated with being a region rep.

**Region 6 Rep Report**

**Harmonee**

Harmonee has been working on getting her region ready for AASG, region 6 has 5 schools attending. She has attended all her region meetings, and is attending NASC this summer.

**Region 7 Rep Report**

**Jenny**

Jenny's term is coming to a close, and she is working on getting other students to run for her position. There is at least one candidate from Bethel, and hopefully another from Chevak and Unalaska. Region 7 is also submitting resolutions at this conference.

**Conference Registrar Report**

**Candace**

Mt. Edgecumbe is excited for everyone to be here! Everything is basically ready, and they have been working non-stop. Regarding pods, we should try and plan eboard meetings around them if you want to participate in them.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Carol**

Sunday night, ASAA is having its hall of fame induction, and under our recommendation, the first student government person is being inducted. Carol has been working on getting everything ready for the conference and trying to get responses to emails. New region reps need to be trained before they leave Sitka. Carol has been giving a lot of thought to what the goals of AASG should be. We should think of a theme, we can either continue with what we have, or think of something new. It would be great to pickup on what region 6 does, try and get middle school students ready for high school student governments. We also need to think about AKSN, the funding will be gone, but we can still keep working on

it. Carol has been working with Mt. Edgecumbe to make sure everything is ready!

**Motion to recess for committee work**

**Parker/Varela**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 10:33am**

**Spring Conference 2009 Report**

**Maria**

Everything is going pretty well so far, we aren't stressed yet. We are just working on little last minute stuff. Transportation is taken care of, as are workshops and pods. We are using the Sitka auditorium for opening ceremonies, that should be great. We need to set eboard meeting times. Packets are being made now. We have about 225 registrations right now, and we know that fluctuates. Kaltag and Chevak had to call and cancel. We will get the complete list of schools to Kari and Sam for roll call. We have computer labs set up, and the library will be open sometimes. The science wing computer labs will also be open.

**Finances Report**

**Sam**

West has agreed to the West budget and expected income for their conference of \$32,065 and \$35,000 respectively. The NASC registrations were sent in, that came in at \$2,905, 7 registrations were sent out at \$415 each. We received the \$5000 from the ROSE exchange, listed as a donation. The fall conference is completely wrapped up, we brought in \$36,800 and spent \$17,300. For this spring conference, we are at about \$18,000 coming in, which is \$3000 more than expected, no expenses turned in yet. We budgeted for 150 kids, and we are well over 200. We have some unpaid invoices, all for schools that did not paid dues.

**RSVP Report**

**Kalli and Nick**

Everyone that has gone through the training before needs to help tomorrow. We are following a similar agenda from last time. Students will register, get materials, and then get the rundown of the training. Then we will do introductions, split up into groups where eboard members and Ketchikan students will be helping. We will go through summit one, the leadership teams will meet, etc. We will explain summit 3 and 4, but not actually run through them. Then we will practice elevator speeches. We need flipcharts, markers and tape, we already have stickers. Registration starts at 8am, and the actual training should start by 8:30am.

**Pre-conference workshops**

**Kari**

The preconference workshops are New Delegate, which will be run by Daniel and Jenny, Parli Pro, which will be run by Kari, Harmonee, Megan, Sam, and Ryan, and Resolutions and Debate which will be run by Tyler, Tim and Jessica.

**Registration****Maria**

At the last few conferences, people have been giving directions, but this is a smaller area, and there will be signs up, so it should be easier. There will be tickets to get for pods and workshops. When the advisors come up to pay, they will go to get their tickets past where Carol will be sitting. At registration, you will sign up for workshops, pods and get tshirts. We are going to try and keep the student and advisor lines separate. The materials and handouts are being copied for the packets.

**End the R word****Sam**

Four people from Special Olympics get in to Sitka on Thursday around noon. They will be giving speeches, doing two workshops and making a handprint pledge banner. Holly Reeder from Sitka High has been a huge help, she helped organize the pledge booth that will be open at registration, and also made posters that we hung up around the activity center.

**Region Rep Election Process****Carol**

Each region has a different process for elections. All the region reps that are stepping down need to meet. They can work together a little bit. Applications are in the library, applicants don't need to get online to find them. It is up to the region reps what meeting they hold elections in. Applications should be turned into region reps at the latest during the first region meeting on the 16th. The latest elections can be held is 8am on Saturday. Kari needs to know who has been elected then. The old region reps swear in the new region reps. We will do goodbye's at the closing ceremonies for the outgoing region reps. In the past we have done this at the end of the last GA, but this appears self-centered on the part of the eboard, because we take up time on ourselves that could be used on discussing resolutions. There has been some resentment about this in the past. The exact oath of office isn't needed when swearing in the new officers, but the general idea must be there.

**Awards****Maria**

We need to decide on the Student councils of excellence, Advisor of the year, student leader of the year, student community service of the year, and administrator of the year. If anyone wants to help, we could also use steering committee members on all of these committees. We can review these applications during the service project on Friday at noon. We would have an hour and half to complete them and make our decisions. The deadline for applications isn't until tomorrow, as of right now, we only have one application and it is for student councils of excellence. Juneau also has an award to give to their advisor, Mr. Powers during closing ceremonies.

**Scholarships****Daniel**

Scholarships were given out and a new amount was approved, but we were under budget still. We had \$4526 requested, but we had a new budget of \$6001. We gave 50% of each request. If we fulfill all the scholarship applications, the total is \$4526. They don't get their money until after they have completed their evaluation and scholarship info. Since the fall of 2005 when we started distributing scholarships, we have given out over \$45,000.

**Motion to recess for 5 minutes**

**Rockey/Varela**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 11:34am**

**Resolutions**

**Tyler**

All resolutions from Palmer were sent out by January and February. Everyone has responded except for 4, and they were all from the same district. We already have some resolutions printed for tomorrow, but they aren't due until 10:30pm tomorrow. The prefiled resolutions are done, so region reps should have them for the first region meeting. Sam has a resolution to present, and Tim will take minutes for her while she presents and answers questions regarding her resolution. Just to clarify, once you read the resolution, you must be called on again and recognized by the chair. Maybe we should change the process of presenting resolutions a little bit, because in some instances, it makes sense to give a little background information on a resolution, and right now that is not allowed. Resolutions can be submitted as read, but a copy must be given to the vice president to make the changes on the projector. Applications haven't been coming in with the resolutions, just the resolution itself. We need the entire application. Region reps, please tell anyone in your region that has submitted a resolution that they need to turn in the cover letter.

**AKSN**

**Nick and Daniel**

Prizes will be given out randomly to one delegate from each region that is on the network. Mt. Edgecumbe will also be putting notices in beamers. During region meetings please bring up "playing nice" during GA's. When Megan tells everyone what the pro and con mikes are, she will reiterate that.

**NASC**

**Carol**

We have seven students attending NASC this summer. There are two opportunities for grants, one being the \$750 grant for RSVP. If someone in your region is interested, encourage them to apply. You can use the money to implement RSVP in your school or attend AASG next fall, but summits one and two must be completed by the end of the year. There is also the grant for one advisor to go to NASC to get RSVP trained, they will pay for transportation and one night in a hotel.

**Future Conferences****Jessica**

The theme of next falls conference at West is I-Lead, or leadership through the arts. West will host an improv show instead of a keynote speaker. The show will be on student government problems. Food has been all taken care of. Shirts will be in different colors to reflect different workshops. The Banquet is going to be Mexican, being prepared by Qdoba. Some of the speakers that were invited were Obama, Oprah, Dee Dee Jonrowe, Lance Mackey, Dugan, and Begich. If Dugan and Begich are in town, they have both said they would like to speak.

**Spring 2010 Conference****Harmonee**

Right now, Eielson is working on getting everything cleared with the base. We are waiting for elections for next year to be over before we start seriously working.

**Conferences****Carol**

We need to work on advertising for our future conferences for fall 2009, both fall and spring 2010, and spring 2011. Maybe we should reconsider our policy for choosing conferences, this is in our bylaws right now, but we should review it to see if it is effective, the year in advance part. We do not have any proposed constitution or bylaw changes for this conference. We will have a committee for this for the SBM, and Megan will be the chair.

**Proposed 2009-2010 Budget****Sam**

There are no proposed changes to the budget, so it just needs to be approved. Teleconferences will probably be more than \$1000.

**Swag****Ryan**

The Tongass Trading shipment didn't come in, so the jackets aren't ready for this conference. We will try and have them for the SBM because there isn't a whole lot going on. However, many businesses have reduced hours in the summer.

**Motion to Adjourn****Varela/Young****Motion to Amend to recess****Klejka/Hagen****Amendment Passes****Motion Passes****Meeting Called back to order at 12:55pm****Proposed 2009-2010 Budget****Sam**

Eielson has set a budget for their conference of \$18,000 in expenses, and \$25,500 in income (this is assuming 300 delegates registering at \$85). With those numbers put into the budget, that brings us up to a \$7,500 net income, therefore boosting the scholarship fund up to \$10,724. We don't see any other changes, so we should approve this budget.

**Motion to accept the 2009-2010 Budget**

**Parker/Rockey  
Motion Passes**

v. **New Business**

**Theme for 2009**

**Carol**

Our current theme is Rural-Urban connections. I suggest the Board consider developing a new theme. We do have some grant potential for next year, and it helps to do grants around a theme. Middle-school topics might be a good idea. We could also do trying to get regions more involved. Last year was leadership through service. Nick: About half of the grants that other organizations give money to youth for encourage innovation, that is another idea. We could also do something with building activism.

**Motion to recess until called by the chair to brainstorm ideas for the theme for the upcoming year for AASG**

**Dosal/Van Wyhe**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 1:11pm**

**Motion to accept Innovation through the Ages as the theme for 2009**

**Varela/Van Wyhe**

This includes middle school emphasis, we want to focus on the middle schools because they will be our new leaders. This title is kind of hazy.

**Motion to amend to subtitle "A new pathway to leadership"**

**Varela/Rockey**

**Amendment Passes**

**Motion Passes**

**Grant Ideas**

**Carol**

There is a grant available from the Retired Teachers Association for \$1000. Carol has been talking with Nick about groups that we can apply for grants from. If you have any ideas for applications, let Carol know.

**Group Picture**

**Kari**

We could take an eboard picture tomorrow, or take a picture every day and pick the one we like the best.

**Motion to take a picture everyday**

**Dosal/Quarnberg**

We could take a picture after the dance, but everyone might be a little gross. Everyday is a little much, but we have plenty of time. We could do a photoshoot.

**Motion Fails**

**Motion to take one group picture when we are all dressed up, and also one before the dance**

**Rockey/Veltri**

We can just take a picture right after a GA when everyone is dressed up. We should also put the picture up on the website as soon as possible.

**Motion Passes**

**Motion to recess until called by the chair**

**Parker/Van Wyhe**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 5:10pm on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**SBM**

**Kari**

We need to figure out a date and location for the SBM. It looks like 6 board members will already be in Fairbanks, so it makes sense to do it there. Right now we are looking at the 13,14,15 of August, in that range. We also discussed earlier in July, around the 8-9. That would work well for Tim, he has a SBEED meeting in Fairbanks from the 10-11. Tyler can't do anything in June or July. We could also try and meet on the morning of August 15<sup>th</sup> and then leave on the 16<sup>th</sup>. That is hovering around the first week of school for everyone. Missing the first week isn't great but isn't the worst either. Labor Day Weekend is too late. The 8-9 of July is still a possibility, but Alex will be gone, but he might send someone else. We can tentatively pick out dates, and then talk about it on the next teleconference. The first week of school is bad for some schools, they won't actually be allowed to meet then, we will have to work around that. Region 6 will talk about what school can host, please find out if your schools have problems with you staying in homes, and then we can arrange housing. Get dates that won't work for you to Kari and Carol.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Dosal/Wallace**

**Motion Passes with noted opposition**