

AkLA-J meeting minutes
5/16/2000
Alaska State Library

Call to order: AkLA-J President Elise Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

Present: Elise Tomlinson, Daniel Cornwall, Freya Anderson, George Smith, Rebecca Moorman, Loraine Spear, Rose Welton, and Tahitia Orr.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: There was none.

Old business: There was none to report.

New business: Elise reported that each sub-chapter of AkLA has been asked to come up with ways to inform its members and its community on the probable effects of the Statewide Taxcap Initiative pending on the November ballot. There was general discussion of the pros and cons of the Taxcap and whether AkLA-J should get involved in lobbying against the initiative.

Freya Anderson moved that Elise Tomlinson should join the Juneau committee Against the Taxcap as AkLA-J's representative. Rebecca Moorman seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was agreed that we would continue to seek ways to lobby against the initiative and discuss those in the future.

Promotion of Statewide Databases on a year round basis.

In response to the recent battle for funding the Statewide Databases and the promotion efforts during that time, it was decided that a steadier stream of advertisement should exist. This should come from both statewide AkLA and the chapters. Various ideas were discussed and the following options decided upon:

Freya Anderson agreed to write a PSA for local radio stations promoting the Databases.

Rebecca Moorman agreed to research what (if any) posters promoting the Databases exist and report back to the chapter.

Getting a sponsor spot on KTOO was discussed as well as getting a representative on Capital Chat.

U.S. GPO Proposed Budget Cuts

Daniel Cornwall gave a brief presentation on the proposed federal funding cuts to the GPO budget and asked each member to lobby against those cuts.

State Budget Overview:

George Smith discussed feedback from the state legislature on this year's budget process. Apparently, lobbying was the prime factor in getting the Statewide Databases added to the House Capital Budget. Now, it needs to get into an Operating Budget to protect it from the yearly Capital Budget melee.

Statistics on the Web Presentation:

Freya Anderson gave a presentation on statistical sites available for free on the WWW.

Round Robin:

Rebecca Moorman reported that Barbara Shephard has been hired as the new Assistant Director at the UAS library. She'll start in mid-July.

George Smith reported that a Librarian IV position at the State Library will be opening soon and that a Librarian I position would be re-opening as well.

Next Meeting: The next AkLA-J meeting is set for August 16th at the Juneau Public Library at 12:00pm. Normally this meeting would be held later in the afternoon for the convenience of school librarians but as school is out, an earlier time was selected.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tahitia Orr
AkLA-J Secretary