

**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter**  
**Alaska State Library – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**October 15, 2003 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Freya Anderson at 12:07 p.m.

**Welcome to Acting Secretary**

Jennifer Brown is serving as Acting Secretary for this meeting only as Daniel Cornwall is out of town.

**In attendance**

Freya Anderson, James Simard, Amelia Jenkins, Syntha Green, George Smith, and Jennifer Brown

**Additions to Agenda**

No additions were noted

**Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available at this time as Daniel Cornwall, AKLA-J Secretary is out of town.

**Treasurer's Report**

James Simard reported that there was no activity in the AKLA-J banking account. The balance is \$625.53.

**Old Business**

Face-to-Face Report

Freya reported to us on the meeting held in Anchorage on September 27 and 28. The main area to report on was the AKLA budget. The budget had been in a surplus in previous years, thus the association had not raised any member dues. This year the budget is in a deficit. The budget was looked over by the Executive Council line by line. While this budget is not officially approved the E-Council is looking into ways to balance the budget – this means trimming funding for existing services and expenditures or more fund-raising. There was a suggestion to raise the registration fees for the Annual Conference. The scholarship funds are also not making enough money off of interest alone from the CDs (due to dropping interest rates) so, for example, the Joe Morse \$50,000 scholarship fund will deplete without getting better interest rates.

Freya and Jennifer reported on the Legislative priorities, they are similar to the priorities of last year. There was some debate at Face-to-Face on the best presentation of our priorities to Clark Gruening and state legislators. The decision was to ask Clark's advice on the best way for us to proceed.

**New Business**

Support for Statewide AKLA

Freya suggested that AKLA-J main priorities be in the area of Continuing Education for Juneau area librarians and support for the statewide AKLA association. All present generally agreed to these priorities.

### Fundraising suggestion

One idea from Sandy Johnston for fundraising for AKLA was “stick up” your librarian. An activity where local libraries would make stickers available for purchase by patrons. Patrons can write in their favorite book or author and stick the sticker on their favorite librarian. It was debated whether this would go over well at the State Library, it was thought that it would go over fairly well in the public libraries for kids. James Simard suggested that stickers could generally be for sale for PR and there could be different ideas contributed from local libraries.

Another idea was that AKLA-J could hold a bake sale fundraiser at an upcoming community event. It was suggested that the ski swap for Eaglecrest might be a good venue. Jennifer will look into the feasibility of this.

### Sponsoring a roadway

Freya brought to our attention that AFSCME sponsors a piece of road on N. Douglas. They have a sign with their name on this stretch of road and remove litter once a year. Freya would like to pursue a piece of road on North Douglas near the boat launching area for AKLA-J to sponsor. The Department of Transportation provides safety equipment, vests, supplies for the clean-up, as well as a sign stating AKLA's sponsorship. The meeting attendees believe this is a good idea that Freya should pursue. This is one good way of AKLA-J showing its community involvement.

### Announcements

Katy Wallen was hired to take the Librarian III position left vacant by Mike Mitchell's retirement. The position left open by Katy is being filled temporarily by Syntha Green. George Smith recently sat in on the interviews for the Director of the Juneau Public Library. There are several strong candidates and a decision should be made shortly.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 5:15 – 7:00 p.m., Little Hong Kong restaurant (across from the Mendenhall Valley Public Library)