AkLA-Anchorage
Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2011, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Alaska Bagel, Anchorage

Attendance:

1. Rebecca Moorman
2. Sigrid Brudie
3. Coral Sheldon-Hess
4. Patience Frederiksen
5. Patti Thorne
6. Daria O. Carle
7. Nina Prockish
8. Linda Kumin

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Coral.

New Business:

• Treasurer’s Report. Nina reviewed Treasurer’s Report, September 13–October 22, 2011. General fund is $1,871.45, continuing education fund $2,570.67, total available funds $4,442.12. Membership is up to 94, with a new member from UAA/APU Consortium Library.

• Nominating Committee. Elizabeth Moreau of the nominating committee could not be at the meeting but reported to Coral that there is a candidate willing to run for President, a candidate willing to run for Vice President, and a possible third candidate who is considering running. Anyone interested in running needs to be an active member of AkLA-A and needs to contact Elizabeth. Elections will be in November, possibly by email.

• Upcoming meetings.
  o November 8—Webpage Smackdown, 7:30, Mt. View Library. Bring your favorite webpage. Patience will look up Smackdown rules and send out information.
  o December 13—Silent auction, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Nina’s house. Will start with short business meeting.

Old Business:

• David Vann’s visit. Patience reviewed Vann’s visit.
  o Thursday, October 27—arrives.
  o Friday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.—speaks at UAA Bookstore; free lecture.
  o Friday, October 28, 2:30-5:00 p.m.—49 Writers workshop; paid event.
  o Friday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.—speaks at Rasmuson Hall, Room 101.
  o Saturday, October 29, 11:00 a.m.—free reading at Wilda Marston Theatre, Loussac Library.

Will then travel to Ketchikan, Juneau, Fairbanks, then on to Canada. Rasmuson Foundation is covering airfare. Alaska State Library is contributing $500 to each Alaska city visit ($2,000). Each
city chapter is paying honorarium plus hotel plus per diem. However, 49 Writers paid for Vann’s stay at Copper Whale Inn in Anchorage.

• **Continuing education speaker.** Patience gave an update. Suggestion so far are Indian-American author and speaker Anu Garg, founder of Wordsmith.org, and Jamie LaRue, director of Douglas County Libraries (Colorado).

**Additional Items:**

• Coral reminded group that 2012 PNLA Conference will be in Anchorage on August 1-3. The conference is scheduled to be held at Sheraton, but there has been some discussion of having it moved due to labor issues.

• Coral reported that the AKLA e-council has been making changes to legislative priorities, adding the issue of equal Internet access throughout Alaska, which is really an intellectual freedom issue. Also, there may be changes to the wording regarding the priority of having a certified school librarian in every school. Simply having a librarian in every school would be a more realistic goal.

• AKLA e-council has combined several committees into one advocacy committee.

• Daria announced that IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) is holding its 2012 conference at UAA the last week of August. It is an international group, and each region takes a turn hosting the conference. Daria will be recruiting volunteers. She was told to expect 80 participants but does not think there will be that many.

• Patience announced, for those who had not heard, that Karen Keller recently left her position as director of Loussac Library, and acting director is Nancy Tileston.

• Patience asked if we should continue having a breakfast meeting as one of our monthly meetings, and the group answered affirmatively.