AkLA-Anchorage
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2011, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
UAA/APU Consortium Library, Rm. 307

Attendance:
1. Sigrid Brudie
2. Nina Prockish
3. Patience Frederiksen
4. Christie Ericson
5. Sherri Douglas
6. Coral Sheldon-Hess
7. Anne Freitag
8. Mike Robinson

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Coral.

Old Business:

• Approve January minutes and Treasurer’s Report. Minutes approved pending one correction pointed out by Nina on page 2 regarding numbers of AkLA-A and AKLA members. Treasurer’s Report approved.

New Business:

• Tentative Meeting Schedule. Patience distributed copies of the tentative schedule drawn up at the February 1 board meeting and asked for comments.

  o For the library school focus at April’s meeting, the hope is to bring in potential students wanting to know about degree programs, scholarships, etc., in addition to current library students and new librarians willing to share their experiences.

  o For May’s “tech toys” program, Anne suggested some type of assistive technology.

  o For July’s bookstore tour, someone will need to ask Renee Sands if Barnes & Noble does tours.

  o For September’s library tour, the suggestion was made that we arrange a tour of the Legislative Information Office.

  o Patience would like to bring up a national-level speaker in the fall, someone of interest to the entire chapter who would bring people out.

A Google calendar has been set up so members can find the most current meeting schedule: http://j.mp/euzT6D.

• Bylaw Changes. Coral distributed a page showing AkLA-A bylaw changes suggested at the February 1 board meeting. New wording was proposed as follows:
5.1 The officers of the Chapter shall be the Past President, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Duties of these officers are described in the Chapter Handbook.

5.6 The five officers shall constitute a Board and may meet to conduct business for the Chapter between general meetings.

6.1 Meetings will be held at least quarterly. Officers shall draft a proposed schedule of meetings for the calendar year in January.

Patience moved to approve bylaw changes. Nina seconded. All approved.

• **Chapter Handbook.** Coral handed out marked-up copies of the Chapter Handbook showing revisions drafted at the February 1 board meeting. The following changes were tentatively approved:

  o Bylaws—changes as above.

  o Added page borrowed from statewide handbook: “Responsibilities of Anchorage Chapter to Statewide AkLA.” Nina pointed out that #15 includes something she has never been required to do, i.e., forward December bank statement to AkLA treasurer. Mike suggested that the language stay the same but that the discrepancy be pointed out to the statewide AkLA treasurer. All agreed.

  o Added page “Maintenance of President’s File.”

  o Deleted “Policies” page. (Both policies were enacted in 2000 and never used.)

  o Duties of Officers:

    ▪ President:
      * Deleted “in March” in reference to statewide AkLA conference.
      * Changed “President’s Notebook” to “President’s File” to avoid confusion about an actual notebook.
      * Deleted “Host the state conference periodically.”
      * Added “Send regular reports to Newspoke” to be consistent with statewide handbook.

    ▪ Vice-President: No changes.

    ▪ Secretary: Moved “Maintains the directory of members…” to Treasurer duties.

    ▪ Treasurer:
      * Deleted “… and distributes membership cards.”
      * Deleted “Sends list of new members…to secretary.”
      * Changed “Sends list of members to UAA library” to “Sends list of members to Secretary, annually, for inclusion in the UAA Archives.”
      * Added “Serves as a member of the Membership Committee.”
Past President:
- Deleted “in March” in reference to statewide AkLA conference.
- Deleted “Is available to be part of an emergency E-board for the chapter if necessary.”

Committees: At the February 1 board meeting, it was felt that three committees in the Chapter Handbook could be eliminated since they were no longer active—Hospitality Committee, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Representative (increase in Chamber membership dues), and Scholarship Committee (now a statewide AkLA function)—so these committees were gone from the revised Handbook that members discussed on February 10. Mike made the point that there were still a lot of standing committees for a small group such as AkLA-A and that it might make sense to make some of them ad hoc. After discussion, it was agreed that some standing committees would be changed to temporary committees. Proposed changes are as follows:

Standing Committees:
- Membership Committee: Deleted last function in list: “In conjunction with the Hospitality Committee arranges any function honoring members’ achievements.”
- Continuing Education Committee: No change.
- Web Committee: No change.

Temporary Committees:
- Publicity Committee: Changed from a standing committee to a temporary committee.
- Fundraiser Committee: Changed from a standing committee to a temporary committee.
- Government Relations Committee: Changed from a standing committee to a temporary committee, to convene when there are library issues.
- Nominating Committee

A final vote on handbook changes will be made in April, after the entire membership has had a chance to review them.

Chapter Committees. Nina Prockish will continue to chair the Membership Committee. Carrie Keene will continue to serve as co-chair. Patience volunteered to chair the Continuing Education Committee. Anne Freitag will continue to chair the Web Committee.
• **Statewide Committees.** Coral said that our chapter representative at the state AkLA conference is supposed to recommend people for statewide committee membership. Mike said it’s not that formal and that the representative just needs to let state officers know the names of chapter members who have expressed interest. He said someone should attend the E-Council dinner meeting at the state AkLA conference in Juneau, and Coral said she would be there and would give names of any AkLA-A members interested in being on a statewide committee.

• **Social Media Reminder.** AkLA-A members are encouraged to add to the chat stream on statewide AkLA’s Facebook ([http://j.mp/fK2qhp](http://j.mp/fK2qhp)) and Twitter (@AKLibraryAssoc). Members can email Coral with items of interest they’d like to have announced to AkLA members via social media or *Newspoke*.

• **Additional items:**
  - Kay Shelton is looking for people to visit with legislators while at the AkLA conference in Juneau. Talking points should cover legislative priorities, particularly school library funding.
  - Sherri will send an announcement to members reminding them about the State of the State luncheon on February 19 during conference.
  - Patience reminded the group that the filing deadline for Anchorage Assembly candidates is February 11. She handed out a list of those who had filed as of the afternoon of February 10.
  - Karen Keller could not attend but sent Patience a list of library-related questions to submit to Anchorage Daily News to include in their Anchorage Assembly Q&A candidate profiles. Those present felt that if only one of the questions could be included the most pressing would be about Anchorage’s branch libraries. Coral will discuss this further with Karen.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Coral Sheldon-Hess at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**Program:** Following the business meeting, Mike Robinson gave a half-hour talk about the process the Consortium Library went through to create a mobile version of its website and demonstrated some of the features. Ann Morgester had been scheduled to give a demonstration of Second Life but could not attend.

Sigrid Brudie, Co-Secretary  
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