

ALASKA CHAPTER APA
BOARD MEETING *NOTES*
Monday, September 13, 2010 (noon)
CALL IN NUMBER: 1-800-315-6338, CODE 617

Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

Present: Barb Sheinberg, John Czarnecki, Lauren Kruer, Laurie Cummings, Patrick Cotter, Duane Dvorak, Doreen Lampe. Quorum confirmed.

Approval of Minutes –Aug 2010 *Approved.*

Treasurer Report *Attached. Maryellen noted that APA income was down. Chapter would received reimbursement for some of the fees for Lauren's travel to DC.*

Continuing Issues

CM

Planning for Chapter Conf/PC Training in November

- We have had several folks ask if there are other ways to attend the training due to very limited budgets. *Doreen noted that this was the case with the North Slope Borough. There was discussion regarding whether the PC training should be taped and made available to groups that can't attend in person. There were concerns that this would make more people opt for not going – and they would miss out on the networking value of the meetings. There was recognition that the PC training held in Juneau may be less attended with more folks from SE, and when held in Fairbanks it may have more people from up north. Anchorage training is likely to be the best attended. Lauren will talk to KTOO and other potential videographers and see what might be available.*

Lauren noted that 40 people had replied to her survey; only 4 were attending AML and only 3 attending PC training.

Barb noted that she had confirmed Peter Freer for ethics and Susan Bell as the keynote speaker.

Chapter Minimum Standards

Maryellen recently filled out a survey from National re: whether the Chapter was providing minimum services to members. AK Chapter hasn't been doing many of the items listed. For example, there should at a minimum be one statewide meeting per year. Past years these have been held in conjunction with AML. There was discussion about doing this by teleconference. The Board has also had strategic plan meetings

in the past where folks got together in Anchorage. Maryellen noted that the Chapter would need to get on better financial footing before covering costs for travel for strategy planning meetings for the Board.

Website Updates

Laurie noted that the PC training information has been put on the website.

New Business

AK Topics to discuss in DC with Nationals and Legislators

- Opportunity for comments from the board related to the topics MET has been sharing with the group from Nationals.
- Planners Day on the Hill will include time to me with legislators, are there issues we need to be discussing with our representatives.

Lauren asked for any input to take to meetings in DC – anything that we want to discuss with our congressional delegation. She will tag along with Mitzi and get a feel for how the meetings go. In terms of APA meetings, concerns regarding expectations for small chapters versus larger chapters was discussed.

National Report

See Chapter Minimum Standards and New Business above.

Regional Reports

Region 5 Southeast. Barb noted that there is a lot of interest and effort going into sustainability. CBJ has applied for a grant related to sustainability.

Region 6. Doreen noted that she had attended a Tribal Leadership Summit.

It was noted that AFN would be in Fairbanks from October 21 to 23.

Western Planner Report

Barb noted that WP is producing some PSAs on planning for National Planning Month (October). She is due to write a Featured Planner article by December. Maryellen suggested she feature Vic Fischer.

Next Scheduled Meeting

October 11, 2010