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Annual Business Meeting
Thursday September 26, 2019
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Kodiak, Alaska

MINUTES

1. Call to order and president's remarks, Rebecca Poulson

Introduction of officers and board of directors. Poulson read statement from Lerman, who was absent due to a family emergency. Poulson referred to the Annual Report submitted prior to the business meeting. (Copy of Annual Report attached.)

2. Approval of minutes of 2018 annual meeting, Sara Piasecki

Judy Bittner made motion to approve. Ron Inouye seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report, Tim Troll

Troll reported on current state of finances and referred to the list of donors in the Annual Report. Form 990 for 2017 was filed last November and the 2018 form will be filed by November 15th. AHS has been approved for 2020 Pick.Click.Give. So far this year, \$1,950 has been pledged through Pick.Click.Give.

4. Committee reports

Board of Directors Election: Erik Johnson reported that 109 ballots were returned; all candidates elected. Karen Brewster and David Ramseur will join the Board after this meeting.

Membership: Anastasia Tarmann absent. Report summarized by Poulson from Annual Report.

Newsletter: Rachel Mason noted that there is no full-time newsletter editor right now; the responsibility is split between three people with Antonson assisting. Mason put out a call for a single volunteer to take over the role.

Journal: Ross Coen announced that the fall issue is in production. The printer who had been producing the journal was sold. The new owners have been in contact with Coen and Antonson. The templates that had been used to prepare the journal are no longer available. Coen has been working with a graphic designer to reset the cover and plans to change the interior fonts. Coen made a plea for rarely seen photos of Ernest Gruening and Tony Dimond.

Records and collections: Poulson summarized from Annual Report.

Website: Brewster is back on the AHS Board and will be working more on website updates. Brewster made a plea for articles for the 49 History Blog; there is currently no blog editor.

Social media: Johnson reported that AHS has over 1500 followers on Facebook and asked people to “like” posts to raise their visibility. Johnson is also actively posting to Twitter, but the AHS Instagram account is fairly dormant.

Alaska Historical Commission: Tom Bundtzen reported that Poulson and Hawfield are both continuing in their terms.

Auction: Rogan Faith reported that about 80 items are in the auction this year. He encouraged people to see if they have items to donate for next year.

2019 annual meeting: Mason reported that there were over 150 registrants for this conference.

2020 annual meeting: Invitations have come in from both Palmer and Sitka. A teleconference of Museums Alaska and AHS executive committees will be held after the annual conference to select the venue. Both groups hope to have sites selected two years out and are actively seeking invitations from potential 2021 hosts. Inouye suggested approaching the Pioneers of Alaska to co-host, since their annual conventions are held at the same time of year as the MA/AHS conference.

Awards: Chris Allan announced the student travel award winners and said the rest of the award winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Memorials: Inouye suggested that a group take over this responsibility in future years, to ensure statewide coverage.

Advocacy: Piasecki reminded the group of the meeting at 7:00 a.m. Friday. Patience Frederiksen offered to assist in getting Juneau folks on board to create an archives gem video.

Office of History & Archaeology: Bittner thanked AHS for its advocacy efforts.

Special projects:

Hood Canal sign: Faith reported that the sign was installed. The Pomeroy Foundation is now interested in funding signs to commemorate woman’s suffrage in Alaska.

Non-profit sponsor projects: Jo Antonson reported that the *One People* project has been closed out. A trailer has been completed for the Brown Carlson documentary.

Women’s suffrage: Antonson reminded group of planned lunchtime roundtable on Friday.

ANCSA 50th anniversary: Glenn reported that ASRC is putting something together for the anniversary, and that other native corporations are likely to do so. As the ASRC representative to the AFN Board, Glenn also reported that the anniversary is on the AFN agenda for the annual convention. Schneider reminded the group of a Saturday morning session to help plan commemorative activities. Brewster noted that the anniversary is a good opportunity for AHS to partner with native communities.

250th anniversary of US: Frederiksen reported that AASLH is soliciting state projects for 2026. Johnson reported that he has been named the Alaska Region representative for the National Park Service’s U.S. 250th commemorations. Each national park has been tasked with creating programming for the anniversary. Bittner noted that the women’s suffrage, ANCSA and U.S. 250th anniversaries are on the agenda for the Alaska Historical Commission’s October meeting. Antonson reported that NEH announced that they want to provide funding in every state for the U.S. 250th. Inouye suggested a series of TED-like talks with a variety of people sharing their points of view on these anniversaries.

5. Other business

Poulson made a motion to write a resolution thanking our Kodiak sponsors for hosting this year's conference. Troll seconded. Antonson has language to craft the resolution.

Antonson asked each member to take a handful of membership brochures to hand out.

Antonson also said that Karen McCarthy from Senator Lisa Murkowski's office has asked for input on the National Archives' Alaska records digitization project.

Poulson made a motion to thank Lerman for her work as AHS president over the past two years. Brewster seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned 2:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sara Piasecki, Secretary

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