



Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board (ASHRAB) Membership

Dean Dawson, Coordinator
Richard Valenti, Fairbanks
Zachary Jones, Juneau
Toby Allen, Anchorage

Judith Bittner/Jo Antonson, Anchorage
Dennis Moser, Fairbanks
Bruce Parham, Anchorage
Susan Means, Anchorage

Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 30, 2015
Meeting Location:	Cordova Center
Minutes Recorded by:	Zach Jones
Roll Call:	<p>Present at the Meeting:</p> <p>Dean Dawson, Coordinator, Alaska State Archives Zachary Jones, Alaska State Archives Judy Bittner, Office of History & Archaeology Jo Antonson, Office of History & Archaeology Toby Allen, via telecom, Municipality of Anchorage Bruce Parham, via telecom, Anchorage Susan Means, via telecom, Anchorage Dennis Moser, via telecom, UAF</p> <p>Others Present:</p> <p>Bob Banghart, SLAM Rachel Seale, UAF Larry Hibpshman, Kenai</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Richard Valenti, Fairbanks</p>

I. Greeting & Roll Call.

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted.

II. Acceptance of August 18, 2015 Minutes.

Past minutes discussed. Request to shift Toby Allen's name from members present to members absent. Thereafter minutes approved.

III. Current Business.

A. Board Member Updates

OHA is working hard and examining granting programs; UAF's newspaper project mentioned and some staffing downsizing has occurred at UAF; ASA has appraised 1,200 boxes of Alaska Railroad Corporation records, Z. Jones has completed a NPS ABPP battlefield report about the 1869 Bombardment of the Wrangell Indian Village by the US Army; State Archivist has been working on the replevin action per Alaska Railroad Corporation records and the Family Search project has yielded 1.1 million scanned images; Dept. Director Bob Banghart provided an update on the SLAM project—things are on schedule and on budget, and examination of digital versus physical storage of managing State government records overviewed; L. Hibpshman engaged in archival consultation work for the Resurrection Bay Historical Society.

B. Archival Excellence Award Discussion

Four nominations for Archival Excellence Awards were submitted to the board. This includes for the category of Milestone Projects; 1) Alaska's Digital Archives for its years of significant and impactful product, and 2) the Petersburg Public Library and *Petersburg Pilot* for digitization of a century of Petersburg town newspapers. Two additional proposals for award included; 3) Archivist Bruce Parham for his three decades of important service to archives in Alaska, and 4) for attorney Dennis Wheeler's actions to preserve and disseminate four years of Anchorage municipal minutes on recordings.

The board deliberated on each item presented. The board felt that the Alaska's Digital Archives was a fantastic project, absolutely a major resource for the public, but it was unclear if a milestone had been reached. Board members then spoke highly of the nomination for the Petersburg Public Library and *Petersburg Pilot*, stating that it was a project from a rural area doing exemplary work. The board then discussed the nomination of Bruce Parham, an archivist and public servant to Alaskans for three decades. The board felt that Parham was well deserving of an Excellence Award. Thereafter the board discussed the work of Dennis Wheeler. Wheeler's work was spoken of as admirable, but perhaps a project to review again next year.

The board then voted to make Archival Excellence Awards to Bruce Parham and the Petersburg Public Library / *Petersburg Pilot*.

C. NHPRC State Board Programming Grant update

Board Chairman Dean Dawson provided an update on ASHRAB's current NHPRC grant. Dawson discussed the creation of the October Archives Month Poster for 2015. He then discussed the Journeyman Archival Processing Program (JAPP), and that content for review and discussion by the board would be forthcoming. Over the winter the board will assist in the development of material that springboards the JAPP program, including a

call for institutional applications to receive a journeyman visit, and the eventual contractual hire of a journeyman archivist.

D. Status of NHPRC

It was noted by the board the NHPRC is slated for receiving only \$5 million dollars next fiscal year, and NHPRC is again unfortunately being discussed for possible elimination by some legislators.

IV. New/Other Business.

A. Next Grant Cycle 7/1/16 – 6/30/17.

Depending on NHPRC's status, the board will need to apply for a new NHPRC grant or pursue a new federal grant. Chairman Dawson asked the board for ideas about possible future grant projects. Ideas offered included projects that would facilitate History Day and/or Archives Day events. Another idea voiced included a project that would focus on rescue and preservation of endangered material in the State, such as digital records or recordings. A final idea spoke to the notion that Alaska's climate and climate change has received a lot of attention in recent times, and perhaps a project that focused on the artic, climate change, or disaster recovery should be considered. Chairman Dawson asked the board to consider these ideas, and contact him if additional ideas surfaced also.

V. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location.

The meeting concluded by consensus at 3:10 pm. The next meeting will be held via telecon, date to be determined.