



Membership

Dean Dawson, Coordinator
Laura Samuelson, Nome
Zachary Jones, Juneau
Bruce Parham, Anchorage
Gladi Kulp, Juneau

Judith Bittner/Jo Antonson, Anchorage
Megan Friedel, Anchorage
Peggy Asbury, Fairbanks
Teresa Fahning, Soldotna
LaRue Barnes, Cordova

Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	July 26, 2012
Meeting Location:	Teleconference
Minutes Recorded by:	Dean Dawson, State Archivist
Roll Call:	<p>Present at the Meeting:</p> <p>Judy Bittner, Office of History & Archaeology Dean Dawson, Alaska State Archives Bruce Parham, Anchorage Zach Jones, Sealaska Heritage Institute Peggy Asbury, UAF Alaska & Polar Regions Gladi Kulp, Juneau Laura Samuelson, Carrie M. McClain Memorial Museum Megan Friedel, UAA Archives & Special Collections</p> <p>Others Present:</p> <p>Larry Hibpshman, Alaska State Archives Sara Bornstein, Alaska State Archives Bob Banghart, Deputy Director of DLAM</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Teresa Fahning, City of Soldotna LaRue Barnes, Cordova</p>

I. Items Discussed:

The meeting began at 1:30 PM. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. Dean greeted the newest ASHRAB member, Megan Friedel, Archivist at UAA Archives & Special Collections, Consortium Library; and, acknowledged that LaRue Barnes from Cordova were appointed to the Board by Governor Parnell on June 20, 2012. Bruce Parham was reappointed to the Board June 15. Dean noted that he sent letters of appreciation to Carol O'Malley and Peter Caffall-Davis for their service on the Board. Zach moved to accept the minutes from the February 1, 2012 teleconference and hearing no objection the Board accepted the minutes.

A. Update on *Basic Archives Training*.

Dean provided an update regarding archival training held May 1 & 2 in Anchorage at the Alaska State Library. Twenty-four individuals attended from all over Alaska and 15 were covered under travel scholarships. The Alaska Native Libraries Archives & Museum Summit (ANLAMS) assisted with the training and provided \$11K in funds for 3 scholarships and the services of professional trainer and consultant, Dr. Laura Millar. Twelve attendees were covered under State & Archival Partnership grant (SNAP) monies. This successful training covered such topics as: archival theory and practice, acquiring archives, arrangement/description; preservation; making archives available. The archivist at the National Archives & Records Administration also provided a brief tour of her facility. Judy and Laura provided favorable comments that had been passed on to them regarding the quality and appropriateness of the training.

B. Update on the Statewide Library Archives Museum (SLAM) Project.

Bob provided an update regarding the SLAM Project. He called from Anchorage where he was meeting with project staff analyzing the bid reconciliations, looking at actual and estimated costs. The project team has taken delivery of 99% of building documentation. The project has gone thru the City & Borough of Juneau review and prequalification of subcontractors. The SLAM Project successfully received about \$49M from the Legislature this past session. The Project has \$81M on hand of the \$127M known-needed, not including the unknowns. The Project has received positive feedback from Legislature and Governor's Office and may obtain a final budget package next year. Bob estimates that the Project is about one year ahead of schedule and is looking to present a *Notice to Proceed* package within next the 6 weeks to begin construction February 2013. Construction will begin on Vault area; 14 months later the existing building will be evacuated with demolition 6 weeks later. If a February start-date isn't doable, construction will commence in 2014. Publication contracts celebrating the current building have been awarded and the SLAM has been working with Office of History & Archaeology to effect this. Writers and historians will document the process/community dynamics of the 1967 centennial project from 5 regions of the state. The results will be recorded and compiled into a book. Currently the project leaders have been putting together a number of different committees and the ongoing story is developing quite well. No

major stumbling blocks have occurred to date. Soon the Statewide Advisory Committee will be reinvigorated and news will be forthcoming.

C. Archives Month Poster.

Dean indicated that he would like to craft an *Archives Month* poster with a new theme this year and solicited ideas from everyone. First he provided a brief history regarding the poster: In 2010 the ASHRAB issued a 12"x18" poster entitled *Discover Alaska's Archives during October Archives Month*. It consisted of a fishing boat along with four pictures of people utilizing archives, and the NHPRC logo. In 2008 an *Alaska Archives Month* poster was issued with a film clip image of otters with the caption, "You otter visit an archives near you." He mentioned that no Alaska posters were produced prior to 2008 but that the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) website has posters from different states that may provide ideas. This website is here: <http://www.statearchivists.org/> [click on Archives Month.] He mentioned that Jo had already proffered some suggestions--a collage of what Archives do including: photos, maps, charts, diaries, people using archives, people researching our collections/using our materials/looking at photos, etc. State Archives will provide technical staff to get a poster out. Larry mentioned his idea, *Archives are about people and Alaska's archives are about Alaska's people*; Zach said he liked it. Dean mentioned that maybe we could tag onto some of the Alaska reality shows; he mentioned Nome, Flying, etc. There was very little discussion and Dean encouraged everyone to think about it and send him ideas in the next couple of weeks.

D. Archival Certificate of Excellence Award.

New language re start and finish dates. Last year we handed out our first award to Glenn Cook. Jo already nominated someone for the *Award* and Dean said he would send the publication to everyone next week via email. Dean said he would update the ASHRAB website content regarding the *Award*. We could discuss the nominations and vote at the face-to-face October 10. Dean will put out a press release by September 1st and we will take nominations the month of Sept. There will be discussion on this. He will also send out *Award* criteria and send draft language for the website posting to everyone. Gladi wondered if the *Award* always given to a staff person or volunteer. Dean mentioned that it can be an institution, staff member, or an agency, but that there are no self-nominations. He mentioned that more Board participation is important. The *Award* increases the value of ASHRAB and history in general. The Board is not restricted to issuing one *Award*, but could award three if desired.

E. Board Member Updates.

Peggy mentioned that the Alaska & Polar Regions had an exciting time celebrating Ted Stevens Day at the Rasmuson Library. There was a reception, speakers, and an open house in the Archives; staff put together a display of political collections.

Judy mentioned that the Office of History & Archaeology (OHA) is in the middle of field season and individuals are conducting field surveys. The OHA continues to work with the Historical Commission and the Lt. Governor's Office regarding the 150th Centennial Celebration.

Megan mentioned that the UAA Consortium Archives received an Institute of Museum & Library Services grant to document the 1964 Alaskan earthquake. This will result in a web exhibit that ties in photos, audio recordings, documents from around the state.

Zach said that Sealaska Heritage Institute is getting ready to construct its building. Most of the money has already been raised. The plan is to begin construction in Spring 2013; it will be an 18 month project. The building will be located in downtown Juneau and be better situated to offer its resources to public. The SHI also recently received a National Park Service battlefield protection grant to document the 1869 battle of Wrangell between the Tlingits and the US Army, something that hasn't been done before.

Gladi mentioned she is involved with the local and statewide historical board, along with conducting research.

Bruce said he worked on the following: SLAM advocacy with the AHS and Cook Inlet Historical Society (CIHS); an Anchorage centennial history project, CIHS Society web page development; and, World War II Comes to South-central Alaska, which has some photos posted on the CIHS webpage.

Laura mentioned that the Nome Gold Rush isn't as big as projected and that perhaps 300 extra people are in town. There are several floating dredges operating out of Nome, but it is not as lucrative as people thought. Laura is running McDaniel family diary excerpts weekly in the Nome Nugget along with photos. Her staff are also transcribing a 550-page handwritten diary it received from the Alaska Historical Library regarding Eskimo history. There is a steady stream of sailing boats traveling the Northwest Passage and an increased interest in nautical history. Her staff are also working with an ivory collection and family history photos going back to 1900.

Sara Bornstein provided an update regarding the Exxon Valdez records litigation project. She is arranging and describing the series and Larry mentioned they have kept to the timeline established. Five Hundred Governor's Office slides re Exxon/Valdez are being posted online and he plans to issue a press release along with public outreach. The Department of Law still has at least half of the litigation records and they will eventually prepare a report on how to address them. Many of the records are under attorney client privilege or a protective order. Dean mentioned that legislative standing/special committee and House/Senate floor session audiotapes 2004 & prior from the State Archives are being digitized by the Legislative Affairs Agency, Information Services Section. They will be made available on the web. Staff also digitized National Archives & Records Administration microfilm of the Territorial Governor's Letterpress books. State Archives is also working with online content providers like Ancestry, Family Search, Archives.com, and Mocavo to further publicize its records that relate to individuals like birth, death, marriage, naturalization, etc.

II. New/Other Business

Dean provided an update on the National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC) funding situation. In answer to Bruce's question about keeping our legislators informed he mentioned that he sent Sen. Murkowski another funding letter on June 7 requesting that the Senate Appropriations Committee approve NHPRC funding at \$5M for FY 2013.

III. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location:

The next ASHRAB Meeting is scheduled for October 10 in Sitka from 1:00 until 4:30 PM.