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Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 26, 2013
Meeting Location:	Haines
Minutes Recorded by:	Dean Dawson, State Archivist
Roll Call:	<p>Present at the Meeting:</p> <p>Judy Bittner, Office of History & Archaeology Jo Antonson, OHA Dean Dawson, Alaska State Archives Bruce Parham, Anchorage Zach Jones, Sealaska Heritage Institute Toby Allen, Municipality of Anchorage [via telephone] Dennis Moser, UAF LaRue Barnes, Cordova</p> <p>Others Present:</p> <p>Bob Banghart, Deputy Director of SLAM Larry Hibpshman, Alaska State Archives Cheryl Thompson, Nome Museum</p> <p>Members Absent:</p> <p>Laura Samuelson, Nome Richard Valenti, Fairbanks</p>

I. Items Discussed:

The meeting began at 7:00 AM in the Chilkat Boardroom. The meeting was not held on September 25, 2013 due to an airport closure at Haines. Minutes from June 27th meeting were approved by consensus.

A. Archival Certificate of Excellence Award.

Prior to the meeting the Board reviewed four archival excellence nominations:

1. Government Hill Oral History Project & Report [Publication]
2. Michael E. Krauss Alaska Native Language Archive, UAF [Innovative, website: <http://www.uaf.edu/anla/>]
3. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation Records Appraisal & Processing Project [Arrangement & Description, website <http://archives.alaska.gov/valdezProject.html>]
4. 1964 Great Alaska Quake [Publications, Guides & Finding Aids, website <http://64akquake.org/>]

The Coordinator opened the floor for general discussion. The Board evaluated each project, asking how it displayed archival excellence by an individual, institution, or agency; and, how the application letters targeted the value of the projects. The websites and content were evaluated to determine how better access was provided to the records, how well the projects were publicized, and what records were preserved. The Government Hill Project used oral histories to document an early Anchorage neighborhood and added maps and site plans and historic photos into a handsome publication. The Alaska Native Language Archive is an innovative project where staff collected and digitized its holdings, including source documents, for various Native languages of Alaska. Board members said the ANLA preserves and cultivates a unique heritage for future generations. Placing recordings, linguistic materials, and documents online is new and a creative comprehensive approach. The Exxon Valdez records project made important records available to the public. Board members said the nomination, however, did not address the work of the archivists and what made the project notable and worthy of an award. The 1964 Alaska Earthquake project is a proactive project, shows good collaboration, and makes a lot of good information accessible. Board members said the ANLA and Quake project nominations clearly addressed the value of the projects to the historical community and the general public.

Board members raised and addressed how many certificates to award. Discussion followed. Members favored giving more than one certificate if the board deemed more than one project was outstanding. They also talked about giving too many awards. Following the discussion, Judy moved that the *1964 Earthquake* and the *ANLA* projects be recognized with *Certificates of Excellence*; and recommended that the Exxon Valdez project nomination be revised and resubmitted next year. Dennis seconded this motion. Arlene Schmuland and Michael Catoggio, archivists that worked on the *1964 Great Alaska Earthquake Project*; and, the *Michael Krauss Alaska Native Language Archive* were unanimously voted to receive ASHRAB 2013 Certificates of Excellence.

Judy moved that the *1964 Earthquake* and the *ANLA Project* be awarded *Certificates of Excellence*; and, recommended that the Exxon Valdez project come back again next year for consideration. Dennis seconded this motion. Arlene Schmuland and Michael Catoggio, archivists that worked on the *1964 Great Alaska Quake Project*; and, the *Michael Krauss Alaska Native Language Archive* were unanimously chosen for archival awards of excellence.

B. ASHRAB Logo.

Dean passed out six rough-in sketches of a potential new ASHRAB logo that the publications specialist had provided him. Everyone was asked to review the ideas and provide the Board via email regarding their preferences.

II. New/Other Business

Jo mentioned 2014 as the *Year of the Cold War* that the Historical Commission and Lt. Governor's Office has been involved with. There will be several signature events commemorating the 25th anniversary of the end of the Cold War which will raise some interesting archival discussions. Bob confirmed that the State Archives will host the Cold War server but that it is in a maturation process right now. Jo mentioned that there needed to be a process to vet materials that will be placed online.

III. Next Meeting Date, Time & Location:

The meeting concluded at 8:25 AM. Dean thanked everyone for attending and informed everyone that he would advise when the next telecon would be so that the logo, the consulting archivist's program, spring archival training, and other issues could be adequately addressed.