



ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Executive Board Spring Business Meeting Eielson High School March 24-25, 2010 Session to start at 9:30 AM

I. Call to Order

Michael

Meeting called to order at 9:31 am

II. Roll Call

Tessa

Executive Board

Steering Committee (Advisory)

President: Michael White (NVEIT)

Lynn Mellor

Vice President: Ariel Zlatkovski

Thomas Klaameyer

PR: Charles Klein

Rosie Roppel

Sec/Treasurer: Tessa Baldwin (NV)

Mike Mahoney

Parliamentarian: Arianna Cocallas (NV)

Greg Huff

ASAA Rep: Bethany Hladick

Jim Wilson

SBEED Rep: Tim Rockey

Bev Thomson

Jr. SBEED Rep: Donald Handeland(excused)

Mike Mahoney

Region 1: Jasmine Elkins

Nick Pader

Region 2: Keaton Shepherd

Mark Proch

Region 3: Mitchell Davidson

Matt Neagly

Region 4: Jessica Veltri

Jamie Fairbanks

Region 5: Tom Parker

Kristy Germain

Region 6: Harmonee Quarnberg

Liz Hursh

Region 7: Kelsey Wallace

Lynn Mellor

NASC Representative, Region 7 (ad hoc, NV)

Mitchell Forbes

Executive Director: Carol Waters

AASGA President: Steve Heckman

Guests:

III. Announcements

Michael

We are planning on doing a skype conference at two o'clock today with Andre.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Michael

Mitchell thinks that we should move the reports of vacant members once they arrive. Also Michael would like to add the NASC region rep reports to the officer reports.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Tim/Mitchell

Motion Passes

V. Approval of Minutes

Michael

Minutes: Winter Business Meeting

Motion to Approve the Winter Business Meeting

Mitchell/ Jessica

Motion Passes

Minutes: Teleconference March 9

Motion to Approve the Teleconference Minutes

Mitchell/ Jasmine

Motion Passes

VI. Officer Reports

All

President

Michael

Michael has gone to all the teleconferences, and is working on NASC region rep project with Mitchell. He is also working on parliamentary procedures, and working on speaking in front of a large group of people.

Vice President

Ariel

Resolutions, we have 9 resolutions. We are going to be talking about the resolutions today. His big thing is skype, we had that one teleconference where it did not work as well, but last teleconference was great. I am glad that we are saving money. Ariel is doing a multi million dollar fund raiser, where he hopes to drive across the country asking people for a dollar. It is called "One America." Carol suggested that we start this with AASG, whatever money we raise at the conference, we can deposit in the AASG bank account till we direct it to the Red Cross. What Carol suggested was that Ariel present the "one America" project to the board.

Public Relations

Charles

What I've been working on was the newsletter. I had sent it out; most people could not have opened it so I sent it out again last night. I also have been working on awards. Jasmine had also brought up a thank you present for the Special Olympics Building. Also Arianna has brought up that Charlie could be in charge of promoting AASG on its history.

Parliamentarian

Arianna

I have been working hard on finding out information on parliamentary pro. She made a power point for the pre conference. She skimmed through the minutes from the last 6 general assemblies and looked for some motions to expect. Also there will be parliamentary procedures in the programs for delegates to review.

ASAA Representative

Bethany

She attended her first ASAA meeting in February. Some import things that she had talked about was TAD with Teresa Johnson, also having 8th grade student participation. Bethany really wants to focus on having leadership building for 8th graders.

SBEED Representative

Tim/Donald

Donald is not here at the moment, because he is in Juneau on a SBEED meeting. Tim has been working on the health resolutions passed. He is going to try and get this finished by this summer so it can be passed. Donald will do fantastic, he and Donald have been talking back and forth, if there is anything that needs to be said that they are talking about in Juneau. The three resolutions that were passed in Sitka, were sex education, CPR, and drug and alcohol. Right now Donald and Tim are trying to find a way to put it all together, but right now there is not anything we can do at AASG. Once this is finished I will present it to the SBEED board, there will probably be a lot of amendments. Hopefully getting it passed. Eventually we would like to get this in every school.

Region 1 Representative**Jasmine**

I have been working on community service hours; Mr. Pader just told is that if we work with the middle school kids, this would count. They have been helping . I have been sending out a lot of emails, and also working on helping out schools get student council started. I told them to find students that would have the potential to become a leader and email me back, but I have not received emails soon. Carol is saying that we need include how many schools and districts there are in our region.

Region 2 Representative**Keaton**

We have two dozen delegates here at Ben Eielson which is pretty cool. And I am also getting ready to hand down my position to a new region two representative.

Region 3 Representative**Mitchell**

Twenty three schools in the region, he has sent out a few emails and news letters, he has gotten no responses. All of my emails have been from the fall conference. We have eight schools coming to this conference, and 53 delegates we are really spread out so it's really tough. We are also getting more schools to attend. We are going to have more delegates and schools next spring conference.

Region 4 Representative**Jessica**

We have been doing a lot of stuff though SAB, that only because these are the only people who respond. We have been working on resolutions that need work in our community. We have already identified the newregion 4 region rep, so we have been working on the transition.

Region 5 Representative**Tom**

Tom has sent out a newsletter, he also was trying to get new people to AASG. It was hard because it is their spring break but they did manage to get a few. Tom also is going to be working with the advance workshop for the pre conference workshop.

Region 6 Representative**Harmonee**

She has been busy working on AASG, getting everything ready. Region 6 has been working together for this AASG; they are going to have an act in the talent show. Also region six has been helping out serving food. I also just got Effy involved; which will not be here because they do not have a student council yet. Delta is not coming because it is their spring break. I am also getting ready to hand off my position at this AASG.

Region 7 Representative**Kelsey**

I have been getting ready to have the fall AASG, we are using this AASG as an example. Elin McWilliams is going to be taking over the position because there is one year left to go but I am graduating this year. Five schools are here, and we are expecting a large region seven turn out in the fall. Also I have been keeping in contact and getting excited for the fall AASG.

Secretary/ Treasurer**Tessa**

Lately I have been working on my typing skills and getting ready for this AASG, I am ready for whatever comes right now. Also I have been getting all my delegates excited and ready for this AASG.

Executive Director's Report**Carol**

I have been working really diligently on this conference. When people cancel within a week in the conference, they do not get any money back. This helps us out because some schools have done that. Right now it is \$29,380 for income. We are at about 330 delegates. Also I have been working on suicide prevention with Donald and Tessa, and RSVP with Andre Layral. We may be applying for the Humanities Forum grant to support RSVP. We have a key note coming, Kevin Dee: he is a world traveler, and he does leadership activities. I have been trying to support you as you work in your regions and your AASG responsibilities.

NASC Report**Mitchell Forbs**

Hello executive board, I am sorry I could not attend the conference so I am having Mike read this for me. As some of you might have heard, there has been talk of NASC region 7 those states including Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Utah and Idaho breaking off from NASC. Before we do that, I have talked with the state presidents and we are planning on putting on a conference in Seattle in September 2010. Mike can explain this a little more, but we are going to need people from the different states to help with the operation of the conference. If any of you are interested with helping with that, please talk to Mike or email me. We are going to need people to work in different committees to help get the conference ready. The conference in the last couple of years is wondering if we should stay, we may also pair up with Alliance.

Motion to move any further discussion on NASC region seven in new business
Ariel/ Mitchell
Motion fails with noted opposition

VII. Old Business

Motion to table Finances 2010-2011 income/ expenses till later on in the reports
Jessica/ Harmonee
Motion Passes

Finances 2009-10 income/expenses **Tessa**

Our income was budgeted to be one hundred and ten thousand. At this point we have \$72,890 in hand. We have spent \$55,458.91. Right now we are \$17,500 to the good. That's without spring conference, and all NASC expenses. We do not get income from NASC. Also at the fall conference we had spent about \$6300 dollars on scholarships, and at this conference we are expected to spend about \$6933.

Spring Conference Planning **Harmonee, Mike, Arianna**

Harmonee does not have much to report. Arianna wants a tour of the school so we do not get lost. Everything is going well, we are waiting for everyone to arrive. They had messed up some regions so they are fixing them right now. Jessica has suggested that we writing down all the committees so that we have a confirmed list of everyone. Registration is going to go a lot smoother, we are going to put their t-shirt with their name tag their placards, room key all in one once they register so that it will go a lot easier. What we want to make sure is that an advisor does not take their things without paying money, they do have to pay before hand. Some people will be coming to RSVP and they have already paid. As long as they have a receipt from Carol they can go to their rooms. Jessica was wondering what has happened to the kids, what have not paid yet and is wondering if we have gotten this worked out. There are a couple of schools that still owe us money from the fall conference. At this point we are in the process of getting that money. There is one school that has not paid dues; it is Colony, and they can not vote if they haven't paid. Carol will call ASAA to see if the Colony check has come in. Carol has become the point person for theses types of items.

Meeting at ease 10:54 pm

Meeting called back to order at 11:26 am

Preconference workshops **Arianna, Kelsey, Ariel**

The big thing that we have to report is who is doing which part of the preconference workshops. We have two sessions 3:15pm to 4pm, and that is two beginners sessions. We are going to have 4 or 5 executive board members because of how many people are going to be going to the workshops. Later today we will have a sample run through of the Preconference workshops. The pre conference committee would go through and list people as their sessions. These sessions are optional for the delegates. There are three rooms, one for beginners, advance and scholarships. The scholarship room will be talking about what is expected of them. Kelsey suggested that we make a new list of executive board workers. Jessica thinks that we are overseeing the problem we need to spruce up what we talk

about. It's going to help them prepare for the GA, where they have to sit in the auditorium filled with tons of people, it's AASG. Everyone is not going to go to the pre conference workshops so we do need to plan for less. Arianna has made two power points on parliamentary procedures one for advance, and one for beginners. The sessions will be in the theater for beginners, advanced will be in room one and scholarships will be in room two. The first session for beginners includes the following executive board members: Tessa, Harmonee, Kelsey, Mike, Tim, Jasmine, Jessica and Ariel. The advanced session will include the following executive board members: Arianna, Charlie, Mitchell, Tom, and Keaton. The scholarship session will include the following executive members: Jessica and Tim.

Budget: Approval of 2010-11 Budget

Tessa

Jessica thinks that we need to budget more money for telephone because if we use the phone once, then we are out of money for the telephone. This has happened to us once during the skype conferences and we do not know if this will happen to us again so we need to budget more money for telephone conferences.

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget

Rockey/ Zlatkovski

Motion fails

Meeting at ease 11:36am

Meeting called back to order at 11:44am

Motion to table the budget till further discussion

Veltri/ Zlatkovski

Motion Passes

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget

Charlie/ Jasmine

Motion Passes

Suicide Prevention

Tessa, Ariel

Nothing to discuss

Technology/ AKSN:

Tom, Mike Mitchell, Charlie, Tim, Jessica

Motion to implement the following changes to the AASG website: the code of conduct, updated pictures, old executive board, AKSN link is not correct, Past president, 09' minutes or 10' minutes, board application/conference guideline, current constitution and bylaws, current resolutions, and resolution history

Veltri/ Klein

Motion to amend the current motion to add the host application to the tab "conferences- hosting a conference"

Klein/Veltri

Motion Passes Unanimously

The tech committee will help Carol complete this job of updating the AASG website. Also at the first GA we need to inform the delegates about the website changes for AKSN.

Scholarships

Tim, Jessica, Donald

We had 33 confirmed scholarships, for a total of \$6933 dollars. We had 10 delegates cancel, we wanted to get more scholarships. We did announce that we were going to have scholarships be taken seriously. When your advisor and principal have agreed to pay for your way to AASG, you signed on to take responsibility for your own travel. We want to use the money for people that have not agreed to pay their own way. We had three people from executive board apply for scholarships, but we pulled back on them.

Some other applicants did not get scholarships because of eligibility, or because they are on the road system. Another thing we need to talk about is what are the limits for our next conference in Bethel because everyone will be travelling off the road system, and nearly everyone needs to fly. More discussion and a plan is needed.

Membership

Tim, Kelsey, Jasmine, Keaton, Mitchell, Harmonee

Membership has talked about a talent show. It is not a talent competition; there will be no awards. Executive board will be performing a number, so hopefully will the Steering Committee. We are just going to go out there and perform for the GA, it's going to be super silly. We will run over this once or twice. The song is Ice Ice baby. One thing that needs to be discussed is how the sign up sheets need to be written. We might accept the first ten people who sign up. Also we can randomly pick people. The sign up sheet needs to have their name, their region, and their talent. The executive board will perform at the first GA.

Motion to recess for lunch

Zlatkovski/ Rockey

Motion Passes unanimously

Meeting Called back to order at 12:22pm

Resolutions

Ariel, Tom, Charlie

Ariel received 9 resolutions, 10 now. As soon as we get the other two resolutions we will start printing them out. I have a suggestion regarding the issue of people "submitting as read". I am going to try as hard as I can to read along. What we wanted to do is "hey if you want to make any changes you need to tell me" if they don't perhaps eliminate the "as read" policy. There will be an amendment sheet where they can make before they read them. Then the GA will be able to debate on the actual resolution. If they do not submit changes than someone in the GA may choose to table the resolution. They can submit the resolution two minutes before the discussion. Jessica said that if you want to submit as read than you need to submit it with the final corrections. If you have a change and you are submitting a resolution "as read" copy than you need to have the final corrections done before reading them.

RSVP Intro Session

Mike, Ariel, Jasmine

On Friday, we will develop an agenda and work with the Klawock students Ellen and Sophie. For regular RSVP training we will run through it so the training will go smoothly. For the regular session tomorrow, at the end we will talk about success stories. Mitchell and Ellen/Sophie will talk about what they have done with RSVP.

Awards

Charlie, Jasmine

Jasmine and Charlie will be the awards committee. Charlie has received the awards packets and he will go through them tonight. The committee will accept awards until 6pm tonight. Executive board members and steering committee members will serve on the committee to determine Student Leader, Student Leader in Service, Advisor of the Year, Administrator awards. Also Harmonee informed us that the awards will be presented on Friday night during the banquet. We have Student Council of Excellence applications from Bethel, Klawock and Mt. Edgecumbe.

Constitution/Bylaws

Arianna

Bethany joined our board at our winter business meeting in the ASAA Rep position. We decided to add this phrase "a vacancy of ASAA position shall be selected ." We will present this to the GA.

Advertisement Committee

Tom, Tim

We had a dream at the winter business meeting, it was a great plan but it isn't working. So we discontinued.

AASG Jackets

Jessica

Jessica did not get an email back from the guy that we are ordering them from. He is the guy that is doing our shirts for this AASG, has found a jacket. He is only 17 so it is easy for him to reply to emails.

Motion to recess for committees needed

Zlatkovski/ Klein

Motion Passes Unanimously

Meeting Called back to order at 1:45pm

Motion to suspend the agenda to talk with Andre Layral

Zlatkovski/ Klein

Motion Passes

RSVP

Andre Layral is the president of AASSP, Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. He is really into RSVP. With the advance RSVP session we are going to talk about how the students can take back information on RSVP to their schools; this can lead other schools to success. What does success equal depending on that program? We are going to brainstorm to build the big picture of RSVP. We need to figure out how to engage students in RSVP. This discussion is for executive board to ask questions towards Andre so that we can keep this program going. Andre thinks that RSVP has a lot of promise. He is looking for information from students to take back to the principals in AASSP. He wants to bring his experience working with different groups back. For the schools that are using it: what is building RSVP and how does it keep going? Knowing what projects that you are going to follow through on, and what needs to be done so that it will go on after you graduate as well. Andre thinks that often times people get training and they know it's a program and a process, but do not have a picture of what they want to change. Arianna wants to know at a school like hers where there are 2300 students, if he has recommendations to get more students involved. He thinks at a large school that starting small, by getting student input is a step. You probably have to be very thoughtful on how you introduce that. So starting small would be a great way to start RSVP in bigger schools. The key is for everyone to know what RSVP is. Student leadership and involvement makes the students feel like their ideas are listened to. Then they feel like they can be more involved, but if their ideas are not listened to than they feel like their voice does not matter. Carol says what comes to mind is when we do the introductory RSVP, we can talk about maybe doing a small group of RSVP participants and showing that it works. This will prove that it can happen with larger schools. It is important to recognize what is in place. But we do need to ask if students feel like their voices are being heard. Arianna is wondering how RSVP can help with how many students she has in her school. He said there might be all high achievers and thinking about students that do not want to be engaged, but they all have something to say about their school. Some students may say that they are not really interested but all students have something to contribute. One thing you can do is put together one topic and getting students voices heard. And if you have success than you can replicate that and use it for other groups as well. Afterward you can ask your self how you can make it better and what do we have most in common. When you vote on issues you are voting for a large group of student. If you were in a group like a seminar group and there is a lot of people complaining about the assemblies, focus on how to improve them. You can say to all your groups we are going to have a meeting on what needs to be improved. You may not have a face to face thing but you can have something through facebook. Also Ariel stated that after assemblies or a dance you can ask students what their opinions on the event was like stopping students and saying "hey why did it suck?" and write down their opinions so that you can take it back to your student council and give feedback and use it for a larger scale. There are a large portion of schools that do not have RSVP in their programs. Mitchell has stated that the hardest part was to start RSVP. We can build on the base for the fall AASG and voice all of our opinions. Some things that lead to downfall because kids out of class for three days and they got excited, and after they got back into the normal schedule they weren't too excited so the project just didn't go through.

Meeting At Ease 2:53pm

Meeting called back to order at 3:00pm

VIII. New Business

Motion to amend the agenda to talk about the Red Cross Fundraiser after number three on new business

Zlatkovski/Klein

Motion Passes with noted Opposition

Elections

Arianna

As you all know we only elect region reps during this AASG. I have talked to Jessica, Harmonee, and Kelsey about their new executive board members, and will talk with Keaton when he arrives. Region four already has someone for that position. Region six it just moves from school to school, their person will fill out an application and turn it in. Kelsey's Region 7 position will be taken over by someone from Barrow High School because Kelsey is graduating. Election announcements will be in the last GA.

Spirit of Youth Awards

Carol

I went last week to the spirit of the youth banquet. Andrea is the president of that board. He will be talking about the spirit of youth awards this AASG. They are not organized through a school, but through the community. There are many different types of awards. Anyone can nominate a student or youth group. There are different categories that range from government to service. Tom mentioned that he received an award from SOY last year.

Suicide prevention Activities: ANTHC

Tessa, Carol

After the suicide prevention summit we have been having meetings twice a month on Thursdays, where we have been targeting activities for Kotzebue, Nome, and Barrow, which are the highest regions in suicides in the state. We have been talking about getting a band for these committees. Both Barrow and Kodiak bands are interested in being involved. Mitchell also suggests that we get an orchestra; that it would be really cool for the Kodiak band to go. Michael also brought up that youth have different thoughts about jazz. Carol thinks that the committee may ask several music groups to do a demonstration and show what they can do to get youth involved. This is really in the formative stage.

Red Cross Fundraiser

Ariel

I kind of split this into several different parts. What this fundraiser is, a road trip to go through every state though out America, we plan to take off June 1st. There are several students working on this from Eagle River High School. It's really cool because it is youth led, and raising money dollar by dollar. Right now what is happening, I am writing a proposal to Red Cross to lend support for the project. What the proposal is nine pages long and presents a plan for lodging, cars, food, and everything you need for a road trip. It's going to move into the communication support by Red Cross. The donations will go to international relief fund, in other words funds to go to crisis internationally. Tim wants to know what this has to do with AASG? AASG wants to help communities. It would be cool if individuals like us plan these events and do them. On a local level we could. I was talking about this with Carol, and she had stated "what if Alaska was the first to do this?" We would then start the trend. I want to do a fundraiser here, where the principal would give the first dollar and then collect money throughout the conference. Harmonee stated that the GAs are really tight and she did not want to give up a lot of resolution time. Ariel asks to do it tomorrow because it's the kickoff for AASG. The way the GA agenda works is that we can stop at any point and put six to seven minutes into the GA about this. Jessica feels like the GA is packed. For Ariel to talk about the Red Cross Fundraiser. Also you can talk to individuals and on Saturday you can report how much money. If Ariel can present to the delegates through lunch or dinner would probably be better. Ariel can also put this in his report, where he can state that he is going to be bringing a bucket around and asking for donation. Ariel has stated that this is going to be big because it is going to be a good cause. Jessica has suggested that we have a huge barbeque and make it a huge deal with publicity and news.

Motion to give Ariel three to five minutes to speak about the Red Cross fundraiser

Harmonee/Jessica

Motion Passes

Middle School participation in AASG**Bethany**

At the last ASAA, they Board added a new amendment saying that an 8th grade level student can participate in sports when there are fewer than 20 people in their school. I have been talking with Carol about having the ASAA plan be applied to AASG and invite the 8th graders. Tom suggested that we have smaller schools bring their 8th graders to AASG for more delegates. Harmonie suggested that we just have workshops for 8th graders, and not bring them to the full AASG. Jessica thinks that we should support these ideas. Charlie thinks that we shouldn't have the schools bring the 8th graders to just one workshop because they would be stranded here without anything to do, and it's not like we are going to have a day care for the 8th graders. Also Mitchell says that it is important to introduce younger delegates to AASG because we need to continue the leadership. Tim thinks it makes more sense because it provides more for their schools to have opportunities.

Motion to have schools with twenty or less be able to bring 8th graders to AASG**Parker/Veltri****Question called****Rockey/Veltri****Question passes with Noted Opposition****Motion passes with Noted Opposition**

Now that we have supported on this issue, we have to send our opinion with Bethany to ASAA. She will find out the logistics for the middle school participation.

Membership for small schools**Carol**

There are some schools that did not join ASAA, because there are not sports in their school. And the rule is that if they are in AASG they need to be in ASAA because we are under the umbrella of ASAA. We have not talked to ASAA about them coming to our AASG conference. Jessica is wondering if the schools can pay for the dues to AASG, and they would also sign a paper saying they are not under an umbrella provided by ASAA. More discussion later.

Theme for 2010-11**Michael**

We are having our conferences at two smaller schools next year. So Arianna suggests that we have a community theme. Right now AASG is doing stuff with RSVP and suicide prevention. If we do something with leadership through service, this would support the actions we have been doing. Michael has been kicking around the idea of Rising Up. Michael's idea of a theme would be "Rise up." Since Ariel and Michael's suggestions kind of go together it can be "Rising up through Service."

Motion to have the theme as "Rise Up"**Parker/Rockey****Question called****Jessica/Parker****Question called with Noted Opposition****Motion Passes with Noted Opposition****Outgoing officers****Michael**

For the out going officers we are all sad that you are leaving. Make sure if you have a binder that you pass it on to those who need it now. Recess to talk about out going officer speeches.

Motion to recess for outgoing officers**Parker/ Klein****Motion Passes with Noted Opposition**

Writers

Tim and Mitchell

Keaton

Harmonee and Jasmine	Kelsey
Mitchell and Jessica	Tim
Kelsey	Harmonee
Harmonee and Kelsey	Jessica

Meeting Called Back to Order at 4:52pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting
Quarnberg/Elkins
Motion Resent

Motion to Recess for the night
Veltri/Quarnberg
Motion Passes Unanimously

Meeting Called Back to Order at 2:31 pm

New Executive Board Members

Carol

Before you leave Ben Eielson you will need to give Carol your email. We communicate that way. We have teleconferences through skype every second Tuesday of the month. Make sure you get your binders from the outgoing officers. Welcome to the board.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
Quarnberg/ Wallace
Meeting Adjourn at 2:33pm