

**AASG Executive Board
Summer Business Meeting
Location: Service High School
August 10-11, 2010**

a. Call to Order

Michael

b. 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

SBEED Rep: Donald Handeland

MM

ASAA Rep: Bethany Hladick

Jim Wilson

Region 1: Jasmine Elkins

Nick Pader

Region 2: David Townsend

Kim Mirosh

Region 3: Mitchell Davidson

Matt Neagley

Region 4: Savannah Woolston

Troy Christenson

Region 5: Tyler Houseweart

Kristy Germain

Region 6: Hanna Brewer

Liz Hursh

Region 7: Elin McWilliams

LM

Registrar AASG Fall Conference: Madi/Jalene Herron

LM

NASC Region 7 Rep.: Mitchell Forbes (ad hoc; NV)

LM

Executive Director: Carol Waters

AASGA President: Steve Heckman

Guests: Sophie Wenzel, State of Alaska Behavior Health Dept.

Karen Zeman, Spirit of Youth

James Hancock, Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board Director

Teresa Johnson, ASAA Program Director

Meeting called to order at 9:26am

c. Announcements

Michael

Guests will be here for part of the meeting: Sophie and Karen will present; Teresa and James will be here to learn about some topics. We have lunches catered by Pepercini's. We have RSVP training this afternoon. We will be going to Arianna's tonight for dinner.

Introduction of Guests

No guests yet.

Using Ditto Signs (protocol)

Tessa

Carol had received an email from Carlton Eide, a past board member, who suggested that we use Ditto signs to show agreement with ideas expressed. We are trying to find an easy way to contribute everyone's opinions. I made these signs, with help from Arianna last night. When you agree with something someone is saying, you raise your ditto sign. The ditto signs do not count when you want to be addressed by the board. You must raise your hand when you would like to be called on by Mike.

Parliamentary Procedure Reminders**Arianna**

First off, welcome to all our new board members; please contribute your ideas. First Mike has to recognize you if you would like to be called on. If he doesn't do that I will cut you off. Be respectful of people's thoughts and ideas. If you want to make a motion, raise your hand. If you are not using your computer please close it. I am excited to be here and to have you all be here also. Speak up and don't swallow your words.

d. Additions, Approval of the Agenda**Michael**

Jasmine would like to add a reimbursement for her mom, under new business. Arianna would also like to switch one and two, under old business.

Motion to approve agenda as amended**Zlatkovski/ Elkins****Motion passes unanimously****e. Approval of May 2010 Teleconference Minutes****Michael****Motion to approve May 2010 teleconference minutes****Klein/Hladick****Motion Passes**

Arianna said thank you to Tessa and Carol for editing the minutes. On the Bethel appeal re Student Council of Excellence, no decision has been made, we need to discuss this in committee, perhaps awards. A note: These minutes are used for planning the next agenda.

f. ICEBREAKERS!**Savannah****Motion to recess for icebreakers****Zlatkovski/ Brewer****Motion Passes****Meeting called back to order at 9:45am****g. Welcome of New Region Five Rep****Arianna****i. Swear In Tyler**

Arianna read the Oath of Office: Do you promise to conduct yourself as a representative of AASG, to attend all meetings of both the General Assembly and the Executive Board, and to carry out the duties of the Region Representative, which are:

To represent all member schools in your region before the Executive Board fairly and equally, and To insure effective communication between your Region and the Executive Board.

Tyler: I DO.

h. Officer Reports of activities, personal goals for this meeting**i. President: Michael White****Michael**

This summer I attended the NASC conference which was insane, I don't know if any of the rest of you have been the a NASC conference, you know they are crazy, they are diffidently a good learning process. I also made connections with other presidents, and

my goal is to get more fluent with my parliamentary pro. The fact that we are learning more parliamentarians pro is my goal, also helping more delegates with parliamentary pro because it makes our jobs more easy.

ii. Vice President: Ariel Zlatkovski

One thing that is disappointing is that people do not answer with resolutions. I sent a couple of resolutions out with my personal email, and did not receive any emails back, this is something that I would like to work on for the rest of the term. I would like to work with the next VP on the transition of my position. Also one America which will be talked about the end of the agenda.

iii. PR: Charles Klein

What I have been working on since Eielson was a news letter, on what has passed at Eielson, I also am working on a template for the next PR, for newsletters. My lap top got sumo slammed by a virus so it slowed down my process of making one. If you have anything to put in the newsletter you can get hold of me and I can put it in. The newsletter will be sent out to the region reps and they will have to send it to the schools. Also I would like to post this to facebook and AKSN.

iv. Secretary/Treasurer: Tessa Baldwin

Since the spring conference at Eielson, I have been working on suicide prevention, absentee balloting with Arianna, reviewing minutes, and making awesome ditto signs. I have also been working on programs such as Youth Alliance for a healthier Alaska, which I am hoping to contribute to AASG. As of now I am trying to make the minutes professional, and reporting back to you on the budget reports. I also started a new binder for the next secretary/treasurer along with an email address that I can pass on.

Motion to recess

Woolston/Klein

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 10:01 am

v. Parliamentarian: Arianna Cocallas

I revised the oaths of offices, and worked on absentee balloting with Tessa. Our goal for the Absentee Balloting is to have every member school vote while either at the conference or through absentee balloting. I also planned the Summer Business Meeting with Carol. I hope you enjoy the meeting ☺. Tonight for Dinner we are grilling out at my house and then watching a movie ... if you have any requests for which movie please pass me a note. I went through the survey results from past conferences and have a report on what they suggested we accomplish as a Board. Hopefully we can target specific things that the Board can work on as a whole. I have suggestions on ways we can improve AASG and hope to share those ideas with you all. I went through the website, and I have a report for the Technology Committee on things that need to be updated. I when through the Constitution and Bylaws and made grammatical corrections and made and suggest the amendments which I will be sharing with you later in the meeting. I am also working on increasing communications between Anchorage's SAB and AASG. I attended a meeting with Carol, Ariel, and Mr. Hancock regarding AASG and SAB. I am creating an election / parli pro manual for the next AASG Parliamentarian. On that note I need some information from the Region Reps.; I need each region's process on electing region reps. So if you could get that to me before the end of the meeting that would be wonderful. I am serving on the Fall Conf. Planning and

Scholarships Committees. I am really looking forward to the rest of the meeting and I am excited to be here with all of you!

vi. SBEED Rep: Donald Handeland

I am sorry that I could not attend this meeting. I am suffering in Hawaii right now. I was appointed last month to the Advisory Task Force on Higher Education and Career Readiness. This task force was created when Senate bill 221, the Alaska performance scholarship, passed in the legislature. The task force has over 20 members on it. Some of them are the Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the House, NEA President, President of K-12 Superintendents, AK School Board President, President of University of Alaska, President of AFN, and the Commissioner of Education. I gave a presentation about my thoughts on education with the help from some of the AASG Executive board Input. I researched education studies from around the country. I will be attending meetings in Fairbanks, Nome, Anchorage, and Juneau throughout the year. The goal is to try and solve some major problems in our whole education system from pre K to postsecondary education.

There will be a State Board of Education and Early Development meeting next month. Some of the other members have been playing with the idea of differentiated diplomas. Differentiated diplomas would allow people who take more classes to be recognized for that when they graduate. So the students who get a bare minimum of a D in all the required classes don't get the same piece of paper on graduation day compared with a strait A student who takes advanced math, english and science classes. I have heard from Arianna on AK-Student Network, but have had the discussions on Facebook and the AK Student Network for over a month.

Although I am in the sun during the meetings I would be happy to get a call, text or email if anyone has a question.

vii. ASAA Rep: Bethany Hladick

After I attended the AASG conference at Eielson, I participated in my first ASAA meeting with Carol. ASAA has made adjustments to their bylaws. We talked about adding another board member to the ASAA board. Re 8th grade participation : the ASAA region representatives need to go back to their regions and get information about having 8th grade students participate in state tournaments. I would like to get everyone's input on this so I can take it back to my meeting in Anchorage. ASAA is working on reclassifying the schools. Also we would like to nominate someone for the ASAA hall of fame. We made quite a splash when our nominee spoke as the main speaker for ASAA's Hall of Fame induction.

viii. Region 1: Jasmine Elkins

I am the new Bethel student body president; we got a whole new group of teachers. We have not had a good student council since my freshmen year; my goal is to get a really good one this year. I have been trying to get connected to my region. I am in the middle of writing a new nice long letter. I am letting them know that they can apply for scholarships. We discussed RSVP with our last principal. We asked if we can have an assemblies and he didn't like it. Our new principal really liked the RSVP idea. In Region 7 I would like to get more schools involved.

ix. Region 2: David Townsend

David didn't make it to the meeting.

x. Region 3: Mitchell Davidson

Region three is doing good; the last conference was really fun. I am going to let people know that I my term ends at the Spring Conference, so that I can get a new region 3 rep. I have gotten some good emails. I had an awesome summer, and we are doing well.

xi. Region 4: Savannah Woolston

The main two things I have been working on is a region 4 red ribbon week. I thought it was cool how in elementary school it was a big deal, so this year we could

like to make it a big deal for high school students as well. This would be a big red ribbon week kick off. We just got a new student advisory board, we have three representatives from each school and meet up every month. This year we are going to have a middle school conference, for region 4. Ariel would like to suggest some ideas for red ribbon week. Charlie would like to get some ideas from Savannah who will be emailing them to everyone.

xii. Region 5: Tyler Houseweart

I have been going through the region box, and not really gotten though it all yet, but I am working on it.

xiii. Region 6: Hanna Brewer

In our region a lot of the advisors have been changing, we are working on getting all the contact information, so we can contact the student council people. We haven't gotten the list yet because all of the contacts were seniors and graduated. We are working on JR. high workshops as well.

xiv. Region 7: Elin McWilliams

Our region has like 27 schools in it. We only have about 7 schools usually coming to AASG so I am working on getting more schools to come. It has been hard since the last AASG, I think we are getting to the point to where we will have contact information. This upcoming conference will be good because we are expecting a lot of region seven schools to come.

xv. Registrar AASG Fall Conference: Jalene/Madi

This summer I attended NASC, which was an eye opening experience. It has given us a lot of ideas for the fall conference, we have a good idea for all the students to help us. That will come more together when we get our at large members and representative. I will have an outline of activities of the schedule later in the meeting. We are expecting 250-300 delegates.

xvi. NASC Region 7 Rep.: Mitchell Forbes

I also attended NASC this summer. I don't know if all of you heard of it, but the parent organization, NASSP, is making changes to the NASC board. The conference NASC doesn't exist anymore, they are combining associations to have a star leader conference with NHS and NJHS. Most of the new NASC representatives have been talking about breaking off and hosting their own conference. But the regions are waffling, and we don't have enough power right now to pull off a region conference. There is no one willing to take on that responsibility right now.

Ariel suggests that they should make it publicly known: just let NASSP know you don't like what they are doing if so. NASC has been talking about these changes for awhile. They cut the board in half because of costs, so there are not as many students, I can tell the NASC person that we are not happy, but where they take it we don't know. Mike talked to the presidents; they didn't know what was going on. This has been going on for several years. The main problem is that NASC membership and conferences did not bring in enough money. If region seven presidents and executive directors were to stand together, we can do something. The presidents of NASC Region seven states are trying to share more ideas about conferences and are initiating the state presidents exchange, where we have other presidents come to a state conference. We are going in alphabetical order, so Alaska would be on the top of the list.

My personal goal for AASG is I want to help start recycling organizations. If your school doesn't have a recycling program then I can give you free recycling bins. We have sponsors that can send them to you depending on the size of the school. At BRHS we have been doing a recycling program, the city of Bethel has not gotten back to us if they

are going to send out material for recycling yet. The funding for recycling in Bethel has been cut. If there was space on the barges they would go on that.

Executive Director Report: Carol Waters

We continue to build our membership and our service to all Alaska schools. You are the first line to schools. I keep you up to date with emails. If I don't hear from you, I do make personal calls! I act as the conduit with other organizations in the state and nationally. I really appreciate all of your reports and activities that you are doing! They are great. If you need support I can help, I can talk to your principals about student leadership activities. They tend to listen to the executive director. My own goal is to up the ante of leadership skills for you. I really like the idea of developing the theme of AASG, I think it's important to use the theme to build leadership. I am eager to support your networking.

i. Old Business

i. Review of Spring Business Meeting, GA Minutes

Tessa

I have reviewed the spring business meeting minutes and made changes. I have only made grammar changes, and please read the minutes and be sure your part is accurate. I have also gone through the GA minutes but have not sent those out just yet.

ii. ByLaws and Constitution Education Project

Arianna

For all of our new board members, I think this started at the last SBM/ We read what the bylaws say on your position. Read through your position and underline two things that are important to your position. At the fall conference report back to us on how you think you did.

Motion to go back to action 9 and seven to swear in Tyler Elkins/ Klein

**Motion to recess for 5 minutes
Zlatkovski/Housewert**

Meeting called back to order at 10:55 am

iii. Constitution/Bylaws

There are several amendments that we need to vote on. We have to approve all the changes except for the grammatical errors, which are accepted without comment.

Motion to adding non voting to the president description in the constitution

**Klein/ Hladick
Motion Passes**

The committee recommends changing the ASAA under c. number 3 about the vacancy. We would like to change this because it would match the other vacancy processes. We use the word regular meeting, and we would not have to replace them. A regular meeting means these four meetings every year, and other times the entire board comes together. Each teleconference counts as a regular meeting. A regular meeting is anytime that is called by the president.

Motion to approve the AASA replacement vacancy

**Hladick/Elkins
Amendment Passes**

The next amendment is in the Bylaws under the public relations. Page four, I and J. Carol and I had talked about planning the awards. Charlie did a good job on planning the awards. We would like to the public relation officer the job of planning the awards assemblies, as well as help coordinate the website with the executive director. Ariel would like to change the date for the website update instead of within the month. It would be two months before and one month after. One thing that Carol finds that doesn't work very well is to put dates on specific things, this doesn't require a bylaws change, it becomes a policy, which allows for more flexibility. I think we would like to keep it more general than specific. Savanna suggests to change it to "keep the website updated before and after the conference."

**Motion to ratify I and J to what we have written
Zlatkovski/ Woolston
Motion Passes**

Carol will email all the schools that the constitution has been revised. We would like post this on our facebook, they don't have to read it just has to be provided. Ariel is against printing out 300 copies, if we make it accessible and someone complains that's their fault. He also thinks that we should revise the constitution to say "must be distributed by two weeks of the conference." If we would like talk about this we would need to make a motion to add it to all new amendments.

**Motion to create an agenda item under new business
Zlatkovski/Klein
Motion Fails**

**Meeting at ease 11:30 am
Meeting called back to order at 11:32 am**

The first page of the by laws, under Executive Director. There are two places that need to be changed. Instead of just saying NASC, we recommend to change this to allow for more flexibility in the meetings and conferences Carol is to attend. There is a list of places on the first page. Article 5 Section b subsections 9, there isn't anything for NASC, but for the president. Michael said that we should clarify this for the executive director. Carol suggests that we use the same wording for each position; it would give us more flexibility. Ariel would like to change the wording also by adding "and/or" instead of "or" because this allows the executive board flexibility, not the executive director. Carol notes that this section was put in the bylaws because there was a budget restraint years ago, and the board wasn't able to fund the Executive director travel at all.

**Motion to delay approval of this amendment
Zlatkovski/Woolston
Motion Passes**

Arianna has gone through the constitution, and edited some grammar errors. She just wanted to make it clear, that she has changed some wording. The parliamentarian can go

though the constitution and change small edits. We do not have to vote on this because this was passed as a resolution. Ariel had said that 2/3 of the majority is right but Arianna is saying a minimum of two thirds is right for the GA voting. If you go on the very last page on the website, the ones that we have printed off here is 2/3 of the majority end. The change that Arianna is suggesting on page three on the printed out bylaws, should be left as it is. In case the bylaws or constitution conflict, the bylaws should be altered. The constitution can be amended if we have 2/3 vote. We can change the by laws, so that both are the same. Arianna suggests how to make the bylaws consistent with the constitution.

iv. Follow-Up from Spring AASG in Eielson

Mrs. Hursh/Hanna

The AASG accountant sent a check to Eielson for the conference bonus, this led to a very interesting process, which has been straightened out, and the check should be in Eielson's account any time now. We will talk further about the Eielson conference under the survey results.

v. Survey Results From Conference(s)

Arianna

We have been doing surveys for the past several conferences. Looking though the last surveys, I thought this was a good resource. I suggest that you look at them. After the Eielson conference Carol sent us the survey results. I figured that we can use the surveys, looking at what respondents say we should do, and then doing it. This was just a thought. Savanna said that we can find an hour, to dedicate to showing what has happened with resolutions, since this is something the survey respondents say is not done effectively. Another thing pointed out is that they barely knew about awards, like student council of excellence. We can create a more uniform process with that. We can talk about this more on technology. This was the top comment on the survey from the conference, that means they are not accessing the resources we give them. If they are not using the resources we provide, then why do we have them. What can we do to make these resources more accessible? Charlie suggested that we should give a point to a region, every time someone gets on AKSN. Elin has said that we should use facebook because everyone uses facebook and it is more accessible. On facebook we can join some group, which allows you to go to another website. Carol has said that we have a committee on technology. One of the statements is "how much do you know about each of these topics?" Carol has added "how to write resolutions". Some things that Arianna thinks that we should focus on is how to make student councils better, resolutions, region activities, how to run meetings better, RSVP, parli pro, communications about conference, and how to form student councils. Jasmine says that forming a better student council should be put up with region reps. Not every school has a student government so "how to make our student council better is something to work on. Savanna suggested that we make a packet that says how to make a student council, that way we can give it out to schools. The biggest concern of the GA, is reporting back on resolutions to the GA. We have to be proactive with this organization. We do this big show on resolutions at the conference and not report back. Elin says that the newsletters update all schools on what happens after the resolutions passes. Savanna says that one of the Vice President's jobs could be to contact all the resolution writers and ask them if they accomplished anything, such as if the speed limit sign was changed then the streets is safer. One of the other points is that delegates say they want to know what is going to happen before the conference. If we got this emailed out then this can assist the delegates more. Bethany wants to know if they could have a handbook. Arianna said that this would provide all the information to the delegates,

this would have “before the conference, during the conference, and after the conference.” Looking at the conference results is getting information from advisors. We posted a lot of information the website and on the AKSN. We can also get a contact student to get information as well, such as the student council president. Jalene says the host, should make an email that can answer questions. A good idea would be distributing a hand book with a packing list. Mike suggested that this should be sent out as a PDF.

Motion to recess for lunch

Klein/Brewer

Motion Passes

Meeting back to order at 4:40 pm

vi. NASC 2010 Report

Michael, Mitch, Jalene,

Madi, Ms. Mellor, Carol

The NASC Conference was in Indianapolis in late June. Our Alaska delegation (Jalene, Madi, Michael, Mitchell, Sophie, Ms. Mellor, Ms. Anderson, and Carol) had a preconference experience. We went to Jersey Boys which is a musical, toured around Indianapolis, went to a 3A baseball game between the Indianapolis Indians and the Durham Bulls and got to see a grand slam home run! We went to the zoo and butterfly gardens, and did some shopping.

Jalene said that when we arrived at the school for the NASC Conference everyone was yelling for Alaska! The whole atmosphere of NASC was great. There is a lot of social stuff and networking at NASC. A big part of NASC was trading t-shirts and pins. Mike said that he learned that they all have a lot in common such as problems. He had also said that he had the experience of getting up in front of the whole NASC as president. Carol said that one of the ways that Alaska delegates participate and give back is by doing a workshop. The workshop this year was based on “Conferences in Alaska”.

Mrs. Mellor said that she learned a lot of things that can be used at the Bethel AASG in the fall. She also said that she got a lot of energetic ideas for their conference. Carol said that she would like to see our GA’s be more energetic. Bethel agreed. Bethel got a whole list of workshops they will be doing at the Fall conference.

vii. Suicide Prevention Contest

Tessa

Motion to table Suicide Prevention contest till after the committees meet

Klein/Houseweart

Motion Passes

viii. Middle School Participation

Bethany

I am just going to talk quickly about this, for the new board members. I would like to bring 8th graders to the AASG for schools with twenty students or less. We are all about giving kids opportunities. At the last ASAA meeting the board allowed to have 8th graders in state volleyball and basketball tourneys . There are a lot of things that need to be planned in order to have the 8th graders come, but this is something that I would like to do. Carol said that she supports having 8th graders participate, and the ASAA issue re 8th graders is bigger because the games are competitive. Ms. Hursh asked why we can not do this ourselves, Carol responded that we follow ASAA stated rules that are relevant to us. Ms. Hursh strongly suggests that we need to keep power in AASG. Carol reports that Gary

Matthews pointed out in conversation that the ASAA Board requires superintendents in districts to request permission for 8th graders to go to statewide competitions if there are not enough high school students to make up the team.

Savanna said that they could have problems with middle schools coming to conferences. Eight graders are a lot younger, a big jump to come to a huge statewide conference.

Ariel asked what ASAA doing for us that makes it worthwhile to be attached. Arianna said that they give us eligibility information. (Carol explains that ASAA contributes much in kind service, such as mailings, accounting, and technical and consulting support. ASAA also contributes \$5000 every year to our budget. ASAA also invites us to have student representation on their board, to encourage cooperation and communication between our two organizations.)

At our last conference we had four schools attend with fewer than twenty high school students in their school. Doing some activities with middle schools would get students involved earlier in student leadership. There isn't much difference between 8th graders and 9th graders, and Jasmine says that 8th grade students do not have to come to AASG Conferences if they don't want to, and if they come they can first learn and watch, just like all first time AASGers. Carol suggests that AASG may choose to invite 8th graders, but the school staff would decide who is ready to come to a statewide AASG conference. Mike said that they would be encouraged to get into more activities though AASG participation.

ix. Small School Membership

Bethany

At the AASA meeting, there was discussion around membership. In order to join as member of AASG, schools have to be a member of ASAA. Last conference there was four schools that were not part of ASAA, because the school did not join ASAA because they had no competitive teams. ASAA is thinking about making a third membership category. These schools do not have sports; they would like to come to AASG. Ariel said that it would be cool if they can branch another membership, if schools are small enough to not have enough people for sports they can still participate in AASG activities.

Motion to recess until tomorrow morning

Elkins/ Hladick

Motion passes

Meeting called back to order at 9:30 am

x. Awards: Student Council of Excellence Appeal

Charlie

Arianna states that Tim, Jessica and Harmonee were on the Student Council of Excellence committee at the Spring Conference. Bethel did not get the award, and they have appealed the decision. We will discuss this in the awards committee and report back.

xi. Theme actions: Rise Up!

Michael

This last spring we introduced the theme "Rise Up". The last few years I have not seen much of the theme, and the committee hopes to rejuvenate with this new theme. We will be bringing this back up after committees meets.

xii. 2009-10 Budget Close-Out

Tessa

Carol, Arianna and I met last week to discuss the budget. This budget for 2009-10 is now closed. For the fall conference we expected to spend \$ 42,000, but ended up spending a little over \$51,000. Which is a good thing. Our total income is \$105,465, our total expenses were \$96,004. Which gave us a net income of \$9,505. This has also increased our balance of \$32,935(checking and saving). We are a non-profit

organization. We do not have to zero out the 32,000 dollars. The auditors recommend that we have money in our checking and savings so if we spend more than we bring in each year, then we have something to back up on. For several years we have added more money into the checking and savings.

xiii. OneMerica Fundraising

Ariel

Some of you have been asking me about One America. We were using an organization called One for Good, when people donated a dollar to One America they are passing it on to that organization for distribution. At the moment we are in a bad spot, there are a few ideas that we are planning on doing, when we came up with one America we decided to seek donations of a dollar, and I do not want to change it. I would like to do a One America fundraiser at Bethel. We can donate the money to Mitchell's recycling program or the Red Cross. OneMerica is unfortunately disbanded for now. It was noted that some people were upset that they lost GA time. If we decide to do this we have to be careful how we set this up. As a board we have to be conscious about time. Mr. Mahoney said that we are very active people, if we spend time doing something that is personal, then everyone else would like to present their personal thing at AASG. AASG does not have time for other things. Ariel said in terms of time, we can work with Bethel, see their schedule, see how much time we have all together. People did like it at Eielson, so I think it is a good thing. Mitchell thinks that this is a good thing, but it is your own thing maybe you can wait by the door, you can do something with it at the AASG but something that won't take up GA time, you can mention it during the workshop. Carol thinks that a fundraiser such as this shouldn't be informal, if this is something the board wants, you need to make a motion. Charlie suggested that Ariel can briefly say something at the end of region meetings .

Motion to have a fund raising project at the conference

Motion Fails

Ariel notes that one of the reasons that the fundraising was so successful is because we challenged the GA, just having a jar there won't make it successful. If this should be done, I would need some GA time to shine some light about it. We can present this during the cheer time, that way it can be presented in the crowd. Mitchell said that we would have to be taking responsibility for a fundraiser that is a personal activity.

Motion to have a fund raiser at the Bethel AASG, and also have a report on what we would like to do at the next teleconference

Zlatkovski/ Woolston

Motion to call the question

Hladick/Davidson

The Question has been called

Motion Passes with noted opposition

xiv. Spirit of Youth Awards

Carol

Karen Zeman is the executive director of the Spirit of Youth. She will be talking about this and presenting on how we can nominate people for these awards.

Motion to recess for the Sprit of the Youth Awards speaker

Elkins/ Houseweart

Motion Passes unanimously

Meeting called back to order at 10:10 am

xv. AASG Bling

Michael

Arianna says there are two ideas, one is that people say that they want the track jackets. They were the jackets with the name embroidered on them with the white stripes. Arianna wants to come up with a design that doesn't have your name embroidered on them. Something that we want to keep passing on. Mitchell D. says that he would like just a button because it would be more convenient. The prices on the jackets can be reasonable, we can work out prices that don't have to be 80 dollars. They also intrigue people, the people at our school ask what AASG is when they wear their jackets. Mitchell D. says that we should get awesome buttons, because we will still be wearing the host shirts. Charlie says that the jackets were black, we should get colorful jackets. Mitchell F. says that they ordered enough buttons for the next conference, pins that say "I am number two".

xvi. Training in RSVP

Carol

Carol does not think that we had enough time at the last conference to train the delegates. She would like us to get more success stories about RSVP to present to the delegates. Tyler said that Juneau had something similar to the RSVP training and that would be a good success story to provide during the training. Carol ask all the board members to talk with other schools and get their RSVP success stories.

j. New Business

Jasmine's Reimbursement

Mr. Pader couldn't make the SBM because he has in service. All teachers had to be there, It was not a bad thing that her mom came. She asked if AASG can reimburse her mom. The ticket was \$726.24 dollars.

**Motion to reimburse Jasmine's mom's Alaska Airlines ticket
Elkins/ Houseweart
Motion Passes unanimously**

2010-11 Budget in Place

Tessa

We passed our 2010-2011 budget at the spring business meeting. It was a balanced budget, and the proposed expenses matched the expected income. For the fall conference we have budgeted for income of \$25,000, and for the spring conference we have budgeted \$22,000. Jalene said that they budgeted \$19,000 for expenses for the conference.

AASG Conf. Fall 2010 Report

Jalene/Mrs. Mellor

Jalene has made a handout about schedule for the fall conference in Bethel. Their goal as a conference host is to inform delegates on legendary leaders of the past, and how we can learn from them in order to lead tomorrow. There are 4 airline flights to Bethel, we are thinking the delegates will be coming on the morning flight to attend the RSVP workshop starting at 10am. Carol asks that those schools participating in RSVP can register in the morning for the conference, and receive their workshop choices and name tags, etc., so she requests a registration table set up in the RSVP training room in the morning. People coming on the afternoon flight can be registered at 2pm.

For GA's we have 9 ½ hours set aside. Friday night is the most challenging part of that schedule. There are a couple ideas for pods; the airlines are planning on going to Matlock, a village near Bethel. There the delegates will do cultural activities. Those that stay in Bethel will be doing activities like dog mushing, or something cultural. Each school will be designated a host family, and they will eat dinner at the family's house. One of the things exciting about Bethel is its enormous diversity, so you won't see what Bethel is really like until you go out, that's why we are doing this dinner. Ariel said looking at the schedule on Friday night we usually have a region meeting before. This schedule will be discussed during the region meeting. We can move things around on the schedule. Another thing that is different with this conference, we usually have a closing banquet. Instead we will be having a breakfast banquet, which would be longer than a usual meal time. Arianna thinks this is a good use of time.

Mike Smith is booked for our conference, we met him at NASC. He is an outstanding speaker and will do a great job for the keynote and some follow-up experiences including workshops.

The LKSD superintendent is also looking forward to help, the hosters are trying to get local leaders to help, people from their culture. We have a lot of workshops planned which is good, most of them are cultural. If you have any ideas for a workshop then email Jalene. The budget is \$18,000. The conference will provide snacks, delegates can also walk to the store. Most schools will be staying in the high school or the neighborhood elementary school. Sponsors are JP Air, and we are looking at other sponsors as well. Carol asked how many people can fly out for the experience in the village? The airline is willing to shuttle and doing this for free or at minimal cost. They probably won't get more than 50 people out there. There is a liability waiver that needs to be signed before hand at AASG, this is a choice to do so if your parents do not want you to do this. Bethel is really jazzed to have you all coming to the Conference.

Motion to break for 5 minutes to prepare for committee work

Elkins/Klein

Motion Passes

Meetings called back to order at 11:05 am

Motion to go into recess for Committees

Klein/Elkins

Motion Passes unanimously

Meeting called back to order at 11:45 am

Session "A" Committees

Fall Conference Planning

-Arianna Cocallas

-Mitchell Forbs

-Jalene Herron

Preconference Workshops [New & Experienced Delegates]

-Bethany Hladick

RSVP Planning
-Ariel Zlatkovski
-Mitchell Davidson

Theme
- Tessa Baldwin

Session "B" Committees

Awards
-Charlie Klein

Fall Conference Scholarships
- Arianna Cocallas
- Bethany Hladick
-

Suicide Prevention
-Tessa Baldwin
-Hanna Brewer
-Elin McWilliams

Technology
-Ariel Zlatkovski
-Mitchell Forbes
-Mitchell Davidson

Session "C" Committees

All Region representatives and officers will be split up depending on their position on the board. Region representatives will be working on memberships and activities. All officers will be working on elections, absentee balloting and interviews.

i. Committee Reports

Fall Conf Planning

We went over the schedule, and got it ready for the region representatives. I will email it out at before the next teleconference. I wanted to make sure that you know that the PSAT is that Saturday; I am going to talk to the guidance counselor to see how you can register for it. Mitchell says that when a delegate takes the PSAT at the conference you are out for much of the day. Make sure you tell your delegates that if they do take it they will be missing some hours of the GA. Encourage delegates to take PSAT the Wednesday before. But that is usually our business meeting. Arianna is suggesting that we take that test all together before the business meeting. Ariel said that if the delegates need to take it ahead of time they have to register as soon as possible. Not many people take the test in the fall. Arianna said that everyone needs to talk to their guidance counselors. Mike Smith, is expensive, as are most

Committee Chairs

Jalene

lower 48 national speakers. We can share the costs with schools, so if you would like to have him come to your school while he is in Alaska, talk with Carol re arrangements. Hanna and Mrs. Hursh can look at prices and get back to Carol by this Friday. The speaker is probably \$1,000 dollars a day because he is from out of Alaska. He has agreed to be here for a week for \$5,000. Arianna asked if this would be possible, if the student council at her school would be able to get him to speak for them for a few hundred dollars. Carol suggests that they do a whole assembly because he is good at all school assemblies as well as workshops. Mike Smith talks about school climate. Mitchell F. says that he talks about communication, so if he were to go to Service High he can talk about communication and he can do a wide variety of speeches. Jalene says that a motivational speaker always has a theme. This was an idea that came up to us and it is tough to get \$5000 out of pocket, but if he goes to more schools then it would be easy to pull together \$5000. Mrs. Hursh said they if they get him for a big location, then each school can pitch in 2-300 dollars. If we decide to do this he can do either a workshop or a keynote speaker, or both.

Preconference Workshops

Two different types of workshops one for new delegates, and for experience delegates. We would have two rooms. For the new delegates we would like to have a mock GA, so that they know how to present themselves. For the experienced delegates we wanted to do advanced parliamentarian procedures, if Arianna would like to help that would be fine. Bethany had an Idea to make trail mix using parli pro. We want to get more delegates interested in AASG. We want to do icebreakers with both the new and old delegates. Since this is a small AASG we want to have them get to know each other. Arianna said that she has a powerpoint on Parli pro for them. One of the things when you set up an assembly, you have a time line, Arianna suggests that they ball-point the times. That would be very helpful for the board. Elin says that the time slot that they have when people arrive if we are having RSVP from 10-2pm. Ariel says that RSVP is about two hours and four hours wouldn't be needed. Bethany says that they talked about from 10-2 as RSVP and lunch on their own will be in that time. After that is registration, two hours. The plane comes in between 8-9am, the delegates have to get lunch right after RSVP, probably about 12:30. The lunch will not be provided by the conference. Ariel says that RSVP should be started at around 10:30am because this would be more time for them to get organized. This is something for the planning committee to decide on. The people that we suggested that the main facilitators for New Delegates Training would be Jasmine and Michael, and Experienced Delegate Training would be Mitchell D. and Arianna. Elin says that we want to get them really into the conference, so they have fun and want to come back. Carol says people say that students across Alaska don't know what will be happening at the conference, so she encourages the board to update facebook and tell all about what will be happening. She wants delegates to be excited and get prepared beforehand. Many of the advisors do not know what to do either, this is something that the technology group should work on. Ariel says that his only friends on facebook are from AASG, so that if we update this page for new delegates they won't really get to see it. Elin says that there will be more new delegates than experienced because it is a region 7 conference and there will be new delegates. Mitchell D. says that the emails should get to the region reps not necessarily to AASG, this would help the region reps out a lot. Charlie thinks that 300-400 people to email would be hard. What Charlie asks who is going to send

these emails, the region reps don't always have contacts. Region 4 will have more attendance, it's something that we need to work out because the region reps don't have to do it all. This is sort of veering off into membership so this discussion will be moved to the membership committees, which are the region reps.

New Delegate Workshop

Mike White
Ariel Zlatkovski
Tessa Baldwin
Jasmine Elkins
Savannah Woolston
Mitchell Forbes
Tyler Houseweart
Hannah Brewer
Elin McWilliams
Mike Mahoney

Experienced Delegates

Charlie Klein
Arianna Cocallas
Bethany Hladick
Mitchell Davidson
David Townsend
Donald Handleland
Nick Pader

1. RSVP Planning

Basically what we are going to do is how it was set up before; we will be doing an icebreaker to start out the workshop. For summit one and two we will explain how it goes and provide the experience. Session 3 and 4 we will be discussing what needs to be done. This will be similar to the spring conference. We are going to be focusing on how it's done more, and how to get the principal and teachers in support of RSVP. The Board will be doing training, and prepare better beforehand. We need more physical distance between the summit groups so we can hear our delegates. Each summit will be facilitated by one board member who has led summits and the other can be less experienced. The lead facilitators (Mike and Mitchell D.) need to walk around to monitor summit progress and to keep on schedule.

2. Theme

We thought about doing a recycle theme, but it seems that has already been done. So we decided to have the theme relate to teens taking action. With this theme we thought it related to getting groups to go to the conference and speak about getting teens involved. Such as Spirit of Youth, or stand up speak up. We also wanted to promote this theme by providing a workshop that represents this theme. The executive board would be talking about how to get teens involved. This workshop would include helping schools or delegates to create a community action plan, such as is recommended in RSVP. These would be action plans like getting your school into recycling, we would also like to promote AYE or something a school can get involved in. Also something we would like to do is get a list of schools at this workshop or anytime during the

conference with their action plan write it down, and at the spring conference get a report back and tell success stories, sort of like RSVP. We think this would get a lot of schools involved with our theme, because when we report back to the GA in the spring we can say “ the total community service hours all together for this GA is...” This would really get the schools involved. Carol says that we can do this at the region meetings as well. Tyler and Tessa will be working on the statistics and get back to the board on facebook. Carol says that the region representative can get in contact with their regions and say what they would like to do as a region to report back and have it as their community/region action plan.

Motion to recess for lunch

Jasmine/Charlie

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 1:05 pm

Motion to recess for session B committees

Ariel/Charlie

Motion Passes Unanimously

Meeting called back to order at 2:00 pm

3. Awards Committee

Charlie

We discussed the student council of excellence award. So now we recommend that AASG award Bethel High School, because what happened was the scoring sheet that the committee used at Eielson was outdated. It didn't have the new information with a minimum of 190 pt., the new sheet needs to have a minimum of 250. Mt.Edgecumbe and Klawock will be getting a banner because they both got three years of student council of excellence.

We discussed making a new award, the award would be along the lines of Student Leader of Fabulous! This award would be the student leader of excellence award. This award would be awarded to anyone who would meet the requirements. Charlie, Bethany, Savanna, Carol and Mrs.Hursh will be talking about the rules for this award. On the NASC website there is a curriculum about developing into a leader, Bethany thinks this is a good idea and she is going to look into it. This award would be given out in the spring. Ariel says that we should call this award “student leader.” Bethany says that they really like the idea of calling it “student leader of excellence but it sounds too much like “student council of excellence.” They are two different awards, so Savannah likes that idea. Ms. Hursh says she likes this idea because she can nominate a student for the Student Leader of the Year, because she wouldn't have to tell the student and they can be shocked by the time they get the award. Arianna said that everyone liked the awards assemblies, it went really well. At the conference when we talked about everyone that was nominated, the delegates said that they were really confused, so at the next awards banquet we need to focus on who was selected. With the new Leader Recognition, no matter what your motivation is, if everyone is trying to meet the requirements, everyone can be trying to become a better a leader. The NASC award is showing you how to become a leader, and it is a credential or a certificate; this is very different than the award that we currently give out. The Leader Credential is about getting your skills

to become a better leader. When the committee looked at it we wanted to move closer to this award. Ariel would like to see the award given to the person that works the hardest. He doesn't think the award should be given to the person that did the work for the award but for the person that worked for the award throughout the year. The committee pointed out that the Student Leader of the Year is a recognition of one student who has done outstanding work, as recognized by others. The Leader Credential/Certificate provides all students with tools to be a more effective leader.

Motion to save the discussion till the Fall Business Meeting

Elkins/ Klein

Motion to amend the motion to read "Motion to save the discussion till the next teleconference which is in September"

Motion to call the Question

Klein/Elkins

The question was called

Motion to amend the motion passes

Motion Passes with noted opposition

4. Scholarships for Fall Conf

Arianna

The committee is trying to consider schools that are larger and are further away from Bethel. Some schools that would be further like Barrow, Fairbanks, Kodiak and anywhere in Southeast. They will look at schools that would be paying a great amount of money to go to the Fall conference. Like Unalaska, it's \$1400 dollars for one person to travel to Bethel. Another thing that we thought that would be really beneficial is creating an email account, so the schools can email us the scholarship applications. Tessa thinks that we should just make one email so that we don't get confused about passwords and emails. Regarding travel, there is an airplane service that does charters. This relates to the emailing thing, who can create an account that has links that can pass on information, this whole email thing should not be noted because it would get to confusing.

Jasmine said that our intentions are not to get confusing, and try make it easier to keep track of the scholarship applications. Ms. Hursh thinks we should not put fax on the application, because it would be hard to keep everything altogether. Mitchell D. said that he is pretty sure that if you need to sign something, you would need to have a signing pad connected to your computer to email them in without a signature. Tessa thinks that a drop box is a good idea to use for communication and Ariel thinks that this would be good but would take up a long time. Carol supports this and requests that we have a workshop to show people how to use it. Ms. Hursh thinks that we revise the scholarship form and not use a signature, go along with an email and no faxing.

When schools turn in a scholarship application Carol prefers to get emails but most schools fax. Carol screens them all and communicates with the applicants/advisors if application is incomplete. She doesn't see an advantage to have another email address to check. Last year Unalaska wanted to get scholarships to go to AASG, but her principal doesn't like them to get scholarships.

Charlie asks why board members cannot get scholarships; Mrs. Hursh says that the school is responsible to pay your way to AASG Conferences, because you signed a waiver saying its okay that they pay for it. Mitchell D. wants to know if in the constitution there is a wording that says an executive board member cannot apply

for scholarships. Mitchell D. said that there is no guideline in the constitution or by laws that say you cannot apply. Carol noted that this is a policy set by past scholarship committees based upon the commitment form signed by candidates for Executive Board and by the parent, administrator, and advisor.

Suicide Prevention

Tessa, Elin, Hanna

We have been heavily involved with suicide prevention for a long time. Carol, Donald and I worked with ANTHC (Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium) and representatives from other organizations to plan a PSA contest this spring. We would publicize during the summer and announce the winners at the fall AASG. We didn't get to the publicizing this summer, so it didn't really lift off as much as we would like, because of technical and staff changes. We decided that we would launch the start of the PSA this coming Fall AASG which is in Bethel and announce the winners at the Spring AASG. We originally planned on targeting 14-22 year olds or somewhere in that age group but now are focusing on youth 13-18 years old. We have been debating on whether we would like to have a lot of categories within the contest, such as posters, poetry, and art projects that would have to relate to the subject, or mainly focus on videos. The videos would have to be 30 seconds long, promote healthy choices and have wide appeal. Bob Terazzo, PR Director for ANTHC, in conversation with Carol, noted that Native elders in the past have not been supportive of suicide prevention, and are now starting to agree that what they have done in the past hasn't worked, and now encourage work to prevent suicide openly. Mr. Terazzo is very optimistic about having elder support. Carol has given us an idea that we can put a small blurb on the bottom of the video or art piece that says "Elders Approve." We also discussed about how we would like to publicize this contest, we will start this October in Bethel,(if not earlier) but within the time of October to April we still need to be publicizing immensely as to get the word out all over the state so there will be many entries in the contest. We were thinking about maybe taking 5 minutes of time with the GA's to talk about this contest and get delegates involved and excited about this. Also, we could make flyers about the PSA contest, and hand them out at the conference, or put them in the welcome bags. We just need to somehow get the message across to teens in Alaska that informs about the cash prizes and the categories. If there are more options then more delegates or people would get involved. We also need to get the message that if they win then they will be seen all over Alaska. Hanna, Elin, Carol and I are going to be working with ANTHC in contacting radio stations to publicize the information. If we decide to do categories we do not know how much money will be provided with this PSA, so we are working with ANTHC to consider \$500 for a video prize, and \$250 for both art or music prizes. A lot is unknown right now but we will be reporting on this in the next two teleconferences. We can also show PSA's for examples for the GA to see, as announcements. Savanna says that her dad can get us time on a radio to publicize. This PSA is not just for AASG delegates, but for all Alaska youth. Charlie thinks this a tradition, so using "GA" time would be okay. Mitchell thinks that we should have two sections, videos and radio ads.

Motion to allow the Suicide prevention Committee 3-5 minutes for the PSA Contest during the Announcements

Zlatkovski/ Hladick

Motion to call the question

Klein/ Elkins

Question has been called with noted opposition

Motion fails with noted opposition

Mitchell D. strongly suggests the video, art and radio categories that would be presented to the public. Carol has talked about the suicide prevention workshop with Jalene, and Gatekeeper training would probably tie into this. Tyler thinks that the one that wins shouldn't be the only one publicized, all the ones that are great should be publicized.

5. Technology

People have facebook; we are making a facebook page since people like that. On the facebook page we will have links to the AKSN.

We were also talking about the website; we want to improve the website. We have members from the technology committee that understand the technology stuff, thanks to Carol the website has been updated. We would like to update this more though, we would completely take the website and have five tabs with no drop down menus the ones that we are not in charge of is the ASAAG tab, and the advisors need a recourse that would be theirs. We will have an executive board, we will have pictures of what we have done, this tab will have contact information, applications for the executive board and everything that helps us. There will also be a constitution and bylaws tab, simple with updated constitution and bylaws. There will also be a conference tab that has everything to do with a conference. We can also with time move on with adding stories, that will add on help people understand the conference. There will be one link for upcoming conference, with registration information, or anything that we can release at the time. Also about past conference on that post. There will also be hosting conferences applications. There will also be a newsletter tab that has the public relations report, or any other executive board member reports. We know how to put things on this website, if you want access Mitchell or Ariel would be able to tell you. Once we have access we have the capacity to upload anything such as their report. If there is a new president, we can put I would like to do this and this and this on that page as well. This would help schools and delegates get information they need. Change is good. Ariel is saying that there is an AASG facebook page but we would like to have a website that says www.aasg.com/facebook because it would be easier to navigate to. If we had access to this page it would be cost affective and we would not have to wait for some middle man to get to. Mitchell Forbes is asking if someone is paid to make the website. Carol says yes, last year he was paid \$300 for the web page revision. She also said that who would be taking on this responsibility because EBoard is constantly changing and Brad who assists with our website is on-going and on contract with ASAA. So we have that consistency. How are you going to guarantee that the new executive board will be interested and able to update this website? The committee stated that idea did come up, the idea is to install it, since the website is done it's already been done, if you can make a website then you can make a facebook. Someone would just have to be responsible for making updates. Arianna thinks that this should be a little less navigational. Arianna thinks that if we do need to make a new website that there needs to be minutes and membership things as well on the new website. Also on the website Savanna thinks there needs to be a packing list on the conference list as well as the agenda. She also does not like that

there is AKSN and aasg.org. Bethany thinks that it needs to be simplified as well. {put report in]. Mitchell says that they will work on the redesign and look at it and then publish it. Savanna says the facebook can be brief and can give the addresses to the other two main websites. Jasmine said that facebook would be able to update their status on the news feed if you add them as a friend.

Motion to break for new committee work

Klein/ Elkins

Motion Passes unanimously

Motion to recess

Charlie/Davidson

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 4:25 pm

6. Elections

Officers

Our goal for these elections is to make the delegates that are being interviewed feel welcome, and have a set schedule that gives each delegate a time for the interview. Because when we were getting interviewed we did not know when the interviews were going to be. This would include making an executive board schedule that everyone can go follow.

Also since we are doing interviews if you have questions please send us the questions. We would also like to have an executive board dinner where we invite all the candidates, so they can eat and ask questions about what they would like to know. We will not let the candidates talk about what they are running for because that is before had campaigning.

We have been working on absentee balloting, and trying to get a lot of schools get involved. We were thinking that we should have an executive board competition, where all the executive board members would pair up, one officer and one region rep. This competition would be the board competing on who would get the most schools to do absentee balloting. This competition would have a prize that we can get donated. Also the team would get a list of at least 15 schools and who ever gets the most schools out of those total would win. Mr. Mahoney will donate a \$25 dollar iTunes gift card. We also may create an email address for absentee balloting but so far we do not know if it will work. The idea is to keep the absentee process in email rather than fax, when we send out the ballots it will go through email and two advisors and one board member will take care of absentee balloting.

Student councils do not meet on Friday night; we need to figure out when we should send out the absentee balloting. Absentee balloting is offered so schools come to AASG Conferences can vote in the election for President, Vice President, and Public Relations Officer. Arianna thinks that we should be able to post promotional things on facebook for running as a campaign.

Mr. Mahoney says that many places that you sign up for has a confirmation number, they can send in though email. Tessa does not think that they should send through facebook but through AKSN. Carol needs to know information on how we would send their information, like campaign material. Arianna says that we should have an electronic form. Mr. Mahoney thinks that we should update our campaigns process.

Motion to have a competition for all executive board members for absentee balloting

Klein/Elkins

Motion to amend the motion to have as many schools as possible to participate depending on their list

Woolston/Elkins

Motion to amend passes

Motion Passes noted opposition

7. Membership

All Region Reps.

We mostly talked about how we can get connected to the schools. The new region representatives wanted to know how to communicate and how to make new region meetings fun and how to speak publicly better. They also wanted to know how to write a newsletter. During the committee meeting Carol provided membership letters that the committee stuffed to mail out to all schools. The invoice is also in the letter. Carol asked what is going to happen at the region meetings at the conference. We talked about doing icebreakers and how to get people involved in resolution discussions.

8. Advisor Work

The advisors worked extensive hours over the space and activities for advisors at the conference. Mrs. Mellor has made it possible for the advisors to have dinner in a room. They also came up with an advisor tab on the new website this would be helpful for new advisors as well.

Announcements

We want to appreciate some people; our first person is Tom, the old region representative. The second one is for Arianna's family because they put on a delicious dinner and hosted people in their home. The next recognition is for the Woolstons (Savanna's family) for hosting seven AASGers. We would also like to recognize Ms. Hursh because she just got married. If you would like to see pictures she will show them. Email for updates.

AASG EBoard teleconference is September 7 at 5:30.

Advisor meeting number one is Thursday 5-6pm

Advisor meeting number two is Friday at 12-1pm

Email four update roundtable

k. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Charlie/Elin

Motion Passes