



**AASG Executive Board
Winter Business Meeting
January 25th & 26th, 2011
South Anchorage High School**

a. Call to Order **Mike**
Meeting called to order 10:39am

b. Roll Call **Bethany**

Executive Board

President: Michael White (NVEIT)

Vice President/NASC Rep: Mitchell Forbes

PR: Claressa Ullmayer

Sec/Treasurer: Bethany Hladick(NV)

Parliamentarian: Sophie Clark (NV)

SBEED Rep: Donald Handeland

Jr. SBEED Rep: Tiarna Fischler

ASAA Rep: Rachel Gulanes

Region 1: Jasmine Elkins

Region 2: Emily Brease

Region 3: Mitchell Davidson

Region 4: Savannah Woolston

Region 5: Tyler Houseweart

Region 6: Hanna Brewer

Region 7: Elin McWilliams

Registrar AASG Spring Conference: Christina Morrisett

Executive Director: Carol Waters

Steering Committee (Advisory)

Lynn Mellor

LM

Kristine Germain

Brad Pate/Jim Wilson

Sonnie Anderson

Michael Mahoney

Dana Bartman

Brad Pate/Jim Wilson

Nick Pader

Cassandra Mirosh

Matt Neagley

Troy Christenson

Kristy Germain

Liz Hursh

LM

Erin Hollowell

Anticipated Guests: Barbara Franks from ANTHC, Debbie Bogart from Anchorage's Promise, Nicole Gaunt, Arianna Cocallas

Announcements: No announcements at this time.

c. Approval of Agenda **Mike**
Davidson/Handeland
Carol would like to add RSVP at the end of old business.
Motion Passes

**d. Approval of the January T-C Minutes
Handeland/Davidson
Motion Passes**

Mike

e. Reports

Executive Board

i. President: Michael White

I have been working with Mitchell Forbes with the NASC region 7 conference and the western leadership camp. I have also been trying to push our student council to do an entry for the suicide prevention media contest. We are going to try and submit an entry for student council of excellence at the spring conference as well.

ii. Vice President: Mitchell Forbes

With the resolutions, I have been working on sending them all out. I will be calling some schools back to ask if any action has been taken. I will report later in the meeting on my NASC advisory board meeting.

iii. PR: Claressa Ullmayer

I have been working on setting up awards for the spring conference, and working with Carol to get the awards posted on the website. I will be working on getting the word out for the spring conference and the awards available. The applications are on the website, and if they are too hard to find we can decide if we would relocate them. If anyone has pictures from the spring conference, I would like to collect those to post those on the website. We do not have a section on the website where we post past winners of awards, so we should look into that as well.

iv. Sec/Treasurer: Bethany Hladick(NV)

As the new secretary/treasurer, I have been working on a few things. The majority of my AASG time since the Fall Conference has been spent on learning how to type efficient minutes, edit them, and also learning how to comprehend our budget on every level. I am very excited for this Winter Business Meeting, and am excited to report on some possible suicide prevention activities at the Spring Conference that tie in with both our theme and our media contest. One of my goals for this meeting is to get some good feedback on our proposed budget, and to effectively document my first business meeting as secretary. I would greatly appreciate it, if any of you have typed up your reports, if you could e-mail them to me for the minutes.

v. Parliamentarian: Sophie Clark (NV)

I have been going through the constitution and bylaws and I have proposed changes to go over later. I also have been working with Carol and Tessa with the media contest.

vi. SBEED Rep: Donald Handeland

I have been working with the task force and we are trying to bring collaboration with a large spectrum of leaders throughout the state. There will be a lot of education bills that are going through the legislature during this next session.

vii. Fischler

Jr. SBEEED Rep: Tiarna

I have been trying to learn everything; this is my first business meeting.

viii. ASAA Rep: Rachel Gulanes

I went to my first ASA meeting in December and we talked about reclassification and the play for keeps project. They are interested in our Fall conference and would like more information. I reported that Service is hosting it, and I will report more at our meeting in February from Arianna.

ix. Region 1: Jasmine Elkins

Since the fall conference I have sent monthly newsletters to my schools talking about the suicide prevention media contest and the spring conference in Cordova. I've been busy with my own student council: I took Tessa's idea and talked to our art and media teacher. They agreed to make it a required project. Also, the youth group pastor in my community is going to make all of us work on it for the next couple weeks. I have been very busy with our student council, and we established our first constitution using AASG's as a model. I have also been helping Paige Bowen, and training her as our future region one representative. Paige has been helping me with my monthly newsletters so she gets the feel for things that we do early on. Since I did not ever receive a region one binder from Savannah, I have started one for my position.

x. Region 2: Emily Brease

I got my first newsletter out to all of my regions. And I also started suicide prevention in my school. I'm hoping to spread it throughout my district and region. I'm also starting a bullying prevention program in my school that will hopefully spread throughout my region as well.

xi. Region 3: Mitchell Davidson

I sent out a flyer to the contacts that I have, and I am really working to have multiple options for the next region 3 representative. I think that people need to have some choices for their next representative, and I have some people who are interested. I am continuing to work with them to educate them on what the job entails.

xii. Region 4: Savannah Woolston

We have had a few student advisory board meetings, and we are working on attendance at spring conference. All of our schools are coming to Cordova. We have been working closely with the school board and budget cuts. I'm working on a website so that we can centralize all the student council information and networking in region four.

xiii. Region 5: Tyler Houseweart

I have been working on my newsletter for region five and we will be promoting the rise up and serve program. I'm looking forward to seeing some great results at the spring conference.

xiv. Region 6: Hanna Brewer

I'm working on setting up a jr. high workshops to get students ready to go into student council. We are looking into starting a suicide prevention program during lunch, and with more luck, we hope to have better success. All of our schools have started ignition training, where students all go to training to welcome freshman into high school for easier transition.

xv. Region 7: Elin McWilliams

I would like to welcome the new board members, and I am very happy to be here. Carol asked how the fall conference energy has carried on through this. Elin said she was unaware as to how many people will be attending the Spring Conference, but hope to get as much region seven representation as possible.

Motion to postpone the rest of the reports until the remainder of the board members are present.

Davidson/Houseweart

Motion Passes

xvi. Registrar AASG Spring Conference: Christina Morrisett

The registrar for the spring conference was not in attendance for the winter business meeting.

xvii. Executive Director: Carol Waters

One of my big focuses is training. I'm always trying to make sure that you all get the trainings that you need to be a leader. I'm also following up with Erin Hollowell and communicating with her on details for the Spring Conference. I'm encouraging again that we make RSVP available in Cordova. We will also be doing a suicide prevention safe talk training. Barbara Franks, Tessa, and I met several times and that has been very successful in terms of getting materials out. This program is for awareness, and the safe talk is for high school students. If we think this is effective at the spring conference, Barb will be here today and you can ask her questions about it. As you know, I have sent out e-mails with information to all principals, art teachers, and music teachers for our media contest. I see my role as networking with schools in the state, with you following up with your regions. When we get the surveys back, I would like you to be the contact for their information. You all need to be the main communication outlets in your districts and regions. The main way we get things going is all from you, and I am merely here to support you. I am really excited and eager to support you, send me an e-mail any time about things you are doing with AASG in your school. That can get all of us motivated when we share communication. I'm very enthusiastic and how we envision things working. Every time we have a conference, someone leaves, so it is very important that we keep that networking going and support each other.

f. Old Business

i. Budget

Bethany

We have a total income of \$48,640. This is without the expenses of our Winter Business Meeting. Fall conference costs came out to be a little more than we anticipated. We had \$3,500 dollars to come in and overset a portion of the expenses such as Mike Smith and the TC lines. We spent more during the fall, but we are pretty close to the \$20,000 we predicted to bring in with the rest of our school dues. According to our dues, we have \$17,250 collected. On Carol's agenda for the next week is to call some of the schools and track down the dues. She is going to report to me as soon as she finds out, and we will have some more conclusive figures soon. We will know how much we have saved as soon as all the advisors get their slips in for reimbursements. Then we can figure out how much we have saved with winter business meeting travel. We also have lunches and snacks that cost about \$250 dollars for this meeting that will be added to that. Some errors on the budget were from the Anchorage schools and the DOT grant is not listed on the current budget. Also some membership deals have not been counted but we will contact ASAA to figure out these discrepancies.

ii. Web page update: Scavenger Hunt

Carol

I have spent a lot of time getting information up on the website for all the activities. New registration is up for all of our conference, and pictures are up. If you see anything that is up, and not correct please let me know. We tried to keep the links updated. If you see anything that is old please e-mail me. Sophie noted that the executive list did not have parliamentarian, and some updates needed to be made to the directory and the Region 5 representative. I also have prepared a web-site scavenger hunt.

**Motion to recess for Barbara Frank's suicide presentation
Davidson/Elkins
Motion Passes**

Meeting called back to order @ 1:25pm

iii. AASG Facebook

Mitchell F.

The AASG is on facebook, facebook.com/AASGFAN. We are working on starting to use it a little more, since we have put it in place of the akstudentnetwork. We just really want to bring all the students together through the AASG page. Whoever would like to help with the facebook page can talk with us today in the technology committee. Emily said that she had started the AASG region group on facebook and that was a great way to get some delegates together, or invite them to the group. Otherwise I put it in my newsletter to spread the word. If you would like to join, it is AASGregion2, with regular region spelling. The technology committee can come back to us today with some more ideas on how the whole board can work on this.

iv. Region 7 NASC

Mitchell F.

I met with the NASC advisory council this past weekend. Some of you may remember the star leaders conference, which is replacing their yearly summer conference. I don't have many details right now, but I do have some price figures. Early bird is \$350, without hotel and does not include airfare. NASSP (their parent organization) is also not paying for a few meals. The western states are hosting a leadership camp right outside of Tacoma this summer and we are guessing the registration for that will be about \$200 dollars including all meals and all activities. For AASG to send a delegate to the star leaders conference is \$1500. The Star Leaders camp is looking like \$745 dollars. Sometime we need to figure where AASG is going to send their delegation. Normally we go to NASC, so now we need to decide if we are going to send them to the Star Leadership Camp in Tacoma instead which is July 26th through the 30th. We know that we have changed the constitution so that we can tap into other experiences, which will give our board a little more flexibility. Carol said that NASC was wonderful, but it was so very expensive. It ends up being between 10 and 12 thousand dollars. Looking at the benefits of the camp, which is 5 days, we were thinking that we would prefer sending more people to the camp for the same cost. There are a lot of advantages and disadvantages. The two conferences are very different as far as speakers and the overall experience. You don't meet people from all over the country when you go to Washington, just the region. The leadership experience may be more powerful at the camp, and we would get to send a lot more people, for the same price. We would get more services for the amount of money spent. Fall conference registrars will need to plan if they are going to go to STAR or not. If Kodiak is selected in the Spring they will also need to know what their choices are so we can make a decision. Even if AASG does not send people, other schools can still register. Mike said that sometimes communicating with different places has different challenges. People that suffer from the same communication issues as ourselves would be in a condensed area. It would provide a lot more closer networking. Carol said that one of the things we have talked about a lot is that there is only one region in the whole country that works together; the southern region. That has really solidified those people. Western region is a lot more spread out, and they do a lot of flying. We would like to build more connections, and this leadership camp would give us that opportunity. Mitchell said that California does not send very many people since they are doing their own thing. If we host our own conference many people would be very open to something different. They see that NASC is making changes and everyone is going to need to make a decision fairly soon. The Washington Association of Student Councils has a learning center where this will be hosted. Mitchell Forbes said it is being advertised as a website is being put up. It is not being advertised to the public yet, but once we finalize things it will be. From here we can vote on how much we want to spend, or vote if we all go to the same camp. We do commit that we are paying for 2 people to go, the conference hosts, the president, and the executive director. Those 6 people have flexibility as to what program/seminar they want to go to. The camp would probably be \$200 to \$300, or about the size of an AASG conference. It would be a lot smaller and we would be sleeping in dorms. NASC region 7 is not recognized as an organization, and we do not have a budget. However, the registration would pay for itself and the profit might go back into a fund to pay for future conferences. In terms of workshops and speakers, we can slip in the western states camp, and there is a woman who professionally works with workshops and speakers. Some speakers would probably come in from the area. Ms. Anderson said that NASC is a wonderful experience with conferences in schools but sometimes you had to stay

in a hotel which was a greater expense. This year, the conference will be in a hotel. Things are turning around, and NASC is combining with National Honor Society. The experience has commercialized and might not be as personal. Carol said that in the past, we were a state delegation through the executive director. Now, you go on your own and their will not be any state group networking. You would attend as an individual. I think that since we are looking at the best value with our money, the STAR leaders would be a better deal. We have had to cut down on the amount of people we send to NASC since it is so incredibly expensive. Sending the president, the registrars, and the executive director is a commitment we have made. Ms. Hursh said that sending the host schools is helping them, suggesting things for their conference. We just need to decide also if this is going to affect the host schools. Mitchell said that since we approved this as an executive board, it would be a good idea to send the registrars. Looking at the cost, we could send 14 people instead of 6, which means we could improve the attendance. The constitution and bylaws say regional or national camp so that shouldn't be an issue. We should let our registrars decide where they would like to go. Ms. Mellor said that it helped their fall conference planning and gave them a lot of different ideas such as the community dinners. Otherwise, we could have planned the conference without it having been to several AASGs. We did see how different conferences are put on, but it does not make or break conference planning. Carol said that you would not get the same sense of seeing kids run things at the Washington camp. I still see speakers and can filter through that. We usually don't bring speakers outside since they are so expensive. There are speakers everywhere that we can see. There are things that we can tap into. When I go to the national conference, I am bringing things back all the time.

Motion to continue the discussion in new business
Houseweart/Elkins
Motion Passes

v. Rise Up and Serve Project Report

Tyler

I am trying to hype this through my region newsletter, and I would like to get people excited through service learning. There is a great section on the home page of AASG and you could copy and paste that into your letter to spread the word. When people see the results and spring conference it might help to spark interest with everyone. Carol mentioned that the book *Every Monday Matters* has some great ideas in it for service. The author of the book would also be a great speaker. On the website there is a section to register your service project. One of the committees should register at least one service project. Even the little projects that you do in your student councils should be registered. Tyler said that the idea was to keep going with this project depending on future board members. We are focusing on getting the projects in the spring, but we can always continue to support this. Tessa mentioned that we should honor and recognize certain schools with creative projects, like the most people participating, so that is something the committee can decide.

vi. Media Contest for Suicide Prevention

Sophie

On the AASG website you can see that you can now submit your project. I have packets to pass out to everyone, with flyers as well. Tessa and Carol have been putting in a lot of work with this. Carol said that Tessa's idea was to have all of us work on a media contest entry while we are here to see how easy it is. She also talked about the yellow ribbon campaigning. We now have \$2000 dollars for prizes so we need everyone to really start to publicize things. The service project, media contest, and suicide prevention really meld together. You could have the "safe-talk" in your school- that is a service project. There are so many things you can do with the topics that we have talked about, to change the climate of your school. You need to believe in your schools, and your service projects can do that. I see service as recognizing that we can honor what we have in our school. Sophie's school purchased goats and sent them to Africa. Savannah's school bought large coke bottles and the money they collected went to different charities. In May they are planning a community service scavenger hunt with a lot of cool opportunities. On the right side of the website, there is a column with websites and videos that you can tap into. They all have some really great materials that you can explore if you need more ideas

vii. Absentee Balloting

Mitchell F.

For the fall conference, we did not have a lot of success with our project. I would like to do some more absentee balloting for the fall conference. According to the bylaws for absentee balloting, we need to announce it on the website 2 weeks before the conference. If we start talking about it now we might be able to be a lot more successful. We just need to post that and notify people. Jasmine said that we had a lot of great ideas in the fall that we should follow through with, which the technology committee could work on. Carol said that we have done absentee balloting for a while using fax, but it was not a huge success. We can post speeches, but if they are not signed up for absentee balloting, we need to have some sort of system to keep track of who is going to vote. It has been a problem, although it is a great idea, it's hard to get it off the ground with all the work that we have had to do with communication. Savannah said that it's hard to make people that are not at the conference to be concerned about who is running for president. There is not really any way to make schools be concerned about the next president if they do not come to AASG. Elin said that if we had videos, there would be no way to make sure that they watched them. We need to look at all the options. Mitchell said that live-speech streaming is something that the technology can look into. Streaming takes up a lot of band width but the technology committee can look into how that would work. Arianna commented that it is very challenging how it is set up as an entire process. It might need to be laid out a little smoother to make things be more successful. If the timing of things was different it might help. Savannah said that at the spring conference we should make sure everyone knows that elections are coming. The majority of people at AASG don't think about elections until they are at the actual conference. We should remind them and get them thinking about how they can get involved. Ms. Hursh said that we should encourage the advisors and get them on board. We should ask what schools would absentee ballot if they were not there. You could survey schools, delegates, or advisors and see if there is a lot of interest. Mitchell said that the technology committee could look into sticking a section in the conference survey to get an idea as to how many people would like to participate. Mitchell Davidson said that if he hadn't seen the speeches, he wouldn't have been able to vote. If we did not have videos it would not be the same effect. I don't think that anyone in Kodiak would vote since they are

not educated about it. Ms. Anderson said that Klawock participated in the balloting one year, because they couldn't make it. If everyone could do absentee why would they come to AASG? Carol said that she does not know how to brand us since we are a closed system. If people are not already involved, it's hard to get them hooked in. In Cordova they don't have a huge system of schools around it. One thing we have been looking at is calling our conference a leadership conference instead of a student government. Maybe we would like someone to come into our conference to talk about branding. I would advise people to look at this from a different angle, to get some more motivation for them since we are dealing with such a closed system. If you are not at the conference, it is just such a different experience. It is not smart to vote off of names, so we should work on getting people to look at our organization from the outside. If we want to continue, overall we just need to see what we can adjust to make the system work. Mike said that he does not think he wouldn't have gotten hooked on AASG if his student council upperclassmen hadn't encouraged him. You have people that are excited which helps bring in the underclassmen. I would suggest pairing up upperclassmen with younger students to provide a mentorship to get more ideas into AASG. Mitchell Davidson said we would like to see what is going to happen but not to pursue this as a main goal since we do not have any executive board elections at the spring conference.

**Motion to allow Arianna to talk about the Fall 2011 Conference.
Elkins/Forbes
Motion Passes**

g. Fall Conference 2011

Arianna

As you know, the next fall conference is going to be at Service High. We have been working with our theme and the ASD administration about the housing situations. One of the things we were talking about with themes is how some themes are really well incorporated, such as at the Eielson conference. They could incorporate things together will all aspects of their conference. What we came up with was "*Back to the Future*," a movie from the 1980s. Our theme thoughts were "*Forward to the future, overcoming the challenges of today and tomorrow*." So our conference would largely be centered on this. We would try and promote projects that you can take back to your school, and how those projects impact tomorrow. I just wanted to get some feedback from the board and hear some more ideas. Claessa said that she liked the theme so far and it sounded like they had good things going. Arianna said that they were interested in getting Michael J. Fox to come and speak at the conference. He has Parkinson's disease, and has had some challenges he has had to overcome throughout his life. We thought this would fit nicely into suicide prevention to incorporate ways and techniques to overcome challenges with all aspects in everyday life. My student council is planning on doing some more fundraising to get sponsors as well. We also want to get a meet and greet session with some of Alaska's local senators and congressmen. The other thing we have been working on is the housing situation. ASD does not like having people stay at their schools overnight. They did not really latch on to our presentation. We have a lot of people to go through, and they do not want to set a precedent. We have not gotten any official responses back from them saying no yet. Our next step is to try and get an agreement and finalize some answers. Sophie said that at NASC they all had people stay in the same hotel so they could socialize at the same time.

Arianna said that at West High Conference they had about 500 delegates. We hope to get a lot more publicity going out and maybe try for 700 delegates. It is hard to look at community housing because of the liability issues that it presents. Carol said that it would be a good idea to find a few hotels that are close together to host everyone. Service's idea of having a big speaker would really draw in delegates. If we publicize a speaker to announce at the Spring Conference, that would be best to draw people. We would not need 700 rooms for delegates; it would be more like 150. NASC reserves a hotel block and the rooms are paid for by the registration. Service was also looking at going to the Dimond Mall as part of an urban delegate experience. As far as transportation, Arianna said that if the housing thing falls through, they would ask to get help with busing. The busses would be expensive to rent, but we hope to get funding and provide transportation. If a school needed transportation, we could suggest the selected hotel in which transportation would be provided. Also, scheduling would be complex. We were hoping to have region busses in order to be responsible, and check in with all advisors in all regions. Arianna also said that they were hoping to organize their name tag schedules very precisely in terms of workshops. Color coded groups, and mix kids up between regions. It would be a lot of work, but it would be a good thing to do to make things a little more concrete.

viii. Resolution Update

Mitchell F.

I have been working on follow up with the resolutions and I have got only a few responses. I will hopefully be talking to schools that have members at our meetings to see if you have done anything with your resolutions. The resolutions committee will be talking about this and reporting later.

Motion to recess for teambuilding activity

Forbes/Elkins

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order @ 4:23pm

Committee Assignments A:

Technology: Mitchell Forbes, Mitchell Davidson, Claressa Ullmayer, Donald Handeland, Savannah Woolston, Bethany Hladick, Mr. Neagley

New Delegate Training: Tyler Houseweart, Mike White, Tiarna Fischler, Ms. Germaine

Media Contest: Elin McWilliams, Hanna Brewer, Sophie Clark, Jasmine Elkins, Rachel Gulanes, Emily Brease, Ms. Mellor, Ms. Anderson

Committee Assignments B:

Budget 2011-2012: Donald Handeland, Bethany Hladick, Mr. Pate

Rise up and Serve: Emily Brease, Mitchell Davidson, Jasmine Elkins, Hanna Brewer, Tyler Houseweart, Ms. Bartman

Resolutions: Mitchell Forbes, Sophie Clark, Tiarna Fischler, Ms. Anderson

Awards: Claressa Ullmayer, Elin McWilliams, Mike White, Rachel Gulanes, Savannah Woolston, Ms. Hursh, Ms. Germain

ix. RSVP Carol

Our plan is to do RSVP in the spring conference. I need to know who are going to be a few major facilitators and then break out into pair groups. Since it worked well for the fall conference I think we will do the similar plan with the same agenda. Sophie Clark, Mike White, Tiarna Fischler, and Claressa Ullmayer will be the 4 big group facilitators.

The pairs will be as follows:

Mitchell Forbes-Bethany Hladick
Rachel Gulanes-Elin McWilliams
Jasmine Elkins-Mitchell Davidson
Emily Brease-Donald Handeland
Hanna Brewer-Savannah Woolston
Tyler Houseweart-Sophie Clark
Tiarna Fischler-Mike White-Claressa Ullmayer

I still have the RSVP agenda from the fall conference so I will bring all of my materials for the spring conference business meeting. We did a great job at the fall conference with training so we should be fine if we walk through it again at the business meeting.

h. Committee A Reports

i. Technology Committee Report

Mitchell F

We found that there is an AASG group and also a fan page that was created a while ago. We are going to try and message all of the members to get them to join the AASGFAN group. There is a lot of administrators on the group page so we are going to make sure that everyone has more direct comments, and try and eliminate confusion. We are going to message people to move to AASGFAN. As administrators we will delete the AASG group after we send out the messages. We also talked about the printing of the passed resolutions. The resolution that passed about professional printed resolutions will start at the spring conference. When resolutions pass from here on, they will be printed and framed. The president, vice president, and executive director will also sign all of these. Since we will be printing these at the conference, we can easily sign and print a few colored copies. We could even scan them into the website so that we could access the professional ones with the signatures. When it is all said and done, a signed resolution will go back to the author in a nice folder. We also found some neat frames that come with plexi glass already attached

so you can slip the resolution in. We would need to take that out of the budget, and I will calculate figures and get them to Bethany.

**Motion to frame passed resolution certificates
Forbes/Handeland
Motion Passes**

We can print the AASG logo on the folder to make things cheaper, and not have to get them embossed. The media contest registration link also needs to be checked on to see if that still works for everyone. We did talk about the speeches a little for the absentee balloting. There are a few services online we can use to stream the internet. We would need to work with Service in order to do it, but eventually we could probably stream live speeches on the AASG website during our election.

ii. New Delegate Committee Report

Tyler, Mike, Tiarna

We looked at possibilities for what we could do to make the New Delegate experience better. We hope to have two committees with New Delegates and Old Delegates and have another candidate dinner. Mitchell Davidson opposed an experience delegate workshop since we have not had a successful workshops at past conference. In Sitka, Savannah liked how you had 3 block segments with parli-pro, resolutions, and GA etiquette. If we were not having a workshop for experienced delegates, they would be going to normal preconference workshops. Even though they have already been to a conference, it's always helpful to learn things again. Some delegates do not like to split up from each other, they prefer to go and learn things together even if they have not been to the same amount of conferences. The vice president could lead a conference on resolutions, the parliamentary could lead parli-pro with worksheets, and there could also be a GA workshop and a new delegate. At Mt. Edgecumbe, Claressa thought that rotations were really helpful and she learned the most at that conference when she was a freshman. Savannah said that each session could be around 25 minutes each with 5 minute transitions.

**Motion to determine who will be assigned to committees
Brewer/Handeland
Motion Passes**

Pre-Conference Workshop Committee Assignments

Parliamentary Procedure: Sophie Clark, Tyler Houseweart, Bethany Hladick, Hanna Brewer
New Delegate: Mitchell Davidson, Claressa Ullmayer, Tiarna Fischler, Donald Handeland
Resolutions: Mitchell Forbes, Rachel Gulanes, Emily Brease,
General Assembly: Jasmine Elkins, Mike White, Elin McWilliams, Savannah Woolston

iii. Media Contest/Suicide Prevention Committee Report

Sophie

We talked about planning a workshop for the spring conference. We also talked about the Safe Talk training which is about 3.5 hours long for only 15 people. Hopefully we could

have two separate rooms with two small groups. Carol said that she is working with Cordova to find slots for the schedule. We discussed things, and many people thought that the suicide prevention talk with the large group had a lot of distractions. Elin said that in smaller groups, people might be a lot more involved. Mitchell Davidson said that it is hard for one presenter to hold the attention for a long period of time. The smaller group would make sure that students are best prepared for suicide prevention. Jasmine said that they are going to start a group to plan a shorter workshop. It is going to be mainly focused on hands-on scenarios for what you would do in challenging situations. We could pass out some information and it would be more like an awareness course. Sophie said that they were thinking that in order to split the e-board into groups this evening to work on a short project and get some examples for the suicide prevention media contest.

Motion to make the Suicide Prevention Media contest entry as a E-Board
Jasmine/Savannah

Elin said if we all break off into separate groups we could get a wide variety of entries. Doing the entire project as one board wouldn't really give people a variety. Mike said that each of us have different talents and we could really get some different ideas out. On a side note, we cannot use published songs or media for side notes. Savannah said that she does not feel we have enough time to make an effective, good example of a video. Sophie said that we are mostly trying to get examples about topics relating to suicide, and give students an example of what we are looking for. Ms. Hursh suggested that we casually sit in this room and share our stories like we had earlier with Ms. Bartman. Savannah said that we could all be in the video together, and if anyone wanted to break off and work together later tonight they could.

Motion Passes

Motion to go back into committee group B sessions
Elkins/Forbes
Motion passes

i. Committee B Reports

Called back to order @ 6pm

Budget Committee Report

Bethany, Donald

Donald and I reviewed the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. So far things have balanced out equally. The only major change that we have made was to our business meetings. We had originally budget 4,000 dollars for our meetings. Since we have so many board members from rural areas, we increased this to 8,000 dollars for both the winter and summer business meeting. We were able to do this since we are hosting an urban fall conference at Service and hope to bring in more income from this. I have a report later in the agenda under new business and I will pull up the agenda for all of you to see and ask questions about. We will approve the 2011-2012 fiscal budget at the spring business meeting.

Rise Up and Serve Committee Report

Tyler

In our meeting we discussed different types of awards we could present to recognize peoples service projects. We discussed several different categories, and what projects we would like to recognize. In the end we decided to pick out some outstanding projects and use this first year to decide what categories we would like to implement. The winners will get a certificate and a medal to recognize their efforts. If we have a dollar figure then Bethany can work that into the budget. The budget does not need to be approved this business meeting, but it would help to have to ideas and give time to redirect things.

Resolutions Committee Report

Mitchell F.

We talked about when resolutions will be due at the spring conference. Carol and I talked about having resolutions being due at the first night of the conference around 9 or 10pm. We also talked more about folders and more of the printing details. On top of getting frames and printed certificates, we hope to give them a cover folder with AASG. For 250 folders, it would be around 380 dollars. It would not just be for one conference, we could use them for quite a few. We would probably look at getting them in bulk supply do it would be cheaper.

Awards Committee Report

Claressa

We went on the website and checked to see if all the applications are updated and we found they are. We also talked about making another drop down tab for the awards since they are a little hard to find. The group also decided that we might change when the awards are due so that the awards don't have to be due three days before the conference. It is unclear for when all the awards are due, so we would like to change that so that everything is the same and comprehensible. We also discussed that it might be a good idea to write letters to people who did not receive the award and thank them for applying. Savannah did a great job getting the award for the student leader in line. Carol would like the group to finish the award and make sure everything is clear so that can be finalized and posted on the website. Claressa is also going to make a new template for the awards. Mitchell Forbes commented that since we have the certificate for the resolutions, we could easily use that for the award winners.

Motion to recess until tomorrow morning at 9am

Brewer/Elkins

Motion passes

Meeting called back to order at 9:29am

j. New Business

i. DOT Grant Work and Brainstorming

Bethany

Yesterday when Carol, Mitchell and I got together to do some pre-business meeting planning, we talked a little with Teresa Johnson from the ASAA office. She is on the ASAA board and is responsible for working with the TAD program, and promoting “play for keeps, win for life.” She has a grant for about \$5,000 dollars to promote healthy life styles. This comes from the department of transportation, and she is interested in granting this money to us, if we promote healthy lifestyles at our conferences. Besides the water bottles that she provided at this business meeting, she also has a few other gadgets we may be able to take advantage of for our Spring Conference. If we promote the whole “healthy student lifestyle” idea, we can use her grant money for flying public speakers to our conference, promotional curriculum, and a lot other things. The blue TAD water bottles and the pedometers are from Teresa, and she has offered some other advertising gear for us. We could start a contest at the Spring Conference with the pedometers and see which region had the most steps in one day, the overall winner, etc. This is a great opportunity for our organization to promote healthy teen lifestyles, and to get help paying for some keynote speakers. We can talk with Cordova and make sure that they tie in their keynote speaker with healthy life styles. We can even use their theme “envision” to tie into this, and show positive communication. Savannah thinks we should bring back the beamer wall, to bring back the past positive experience. If we keep our messages throughout our conference positive, that we care about each other, our beamer wall can be positive. If the secret messages were posted written and show to everyone instead of being secret, we might have more luck with it. Since Cordova is not here, Mitchell Davidson will pass on some of the board’s ideas and connect with the registrar. At the next TC, please brainstorm some positive ties that we can make at our GA’s to target positive messages. Sophie thought that if we had everyone write down random acts of kindness, we could make that part of the closing ceremonies. We could also set up a video camera and have people share positive messages. Then the final closing could be a part of the closing with a constructive twist. So far we have chain reactions idea, some thoughts of random acts of kindness, and a video for the closing ceremony. Mitchell Forbes said that if we do decide to do a video we should talk to Cordova to set up a camera throughout the conference where people could randomly say some nice comments. Elin thinks that the suicide prevention committee could work more on this.

ii. Budget 2011-2012

Bethany

Carol, Mitchell Forbes, and I all got together to look at the budget and predict figures for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. With my committee, I hope to get some feedback from the board about how things have balanced out. I would appreciate everyone’s comments so we can get ready to approve it at the Spring Business Meeting. Please review the spreadsheet that Carol and I made and ask questions if you need further clarification. The ASAA rep travel expense has changed since Rachel’s school has agreed to pay for her travel expenses. In the past, the ASAA representative has always been from Anchorage or an urban area.

**Motion to take the “ASAA representative travel plan” out of the school agreement form
Woolston/Gulanes**

Mitchell thinks that we should assume that AASG can pay for it. In the future it should be assumed. Carol said the reason they are paying for it is because it is in the agreement. Schools won't take on the payment unless we say to. I don't think that you should offer them the option to either pay or not. We either need to completely pay for it or bargain with them. Mitchell thinks that one position should not be forced to sacrifice more than another for their position on the board. Donald said that they department of education is willing to pay for all of his travel with the SBEED position. It has not been a problem with his travel. Carol said that if we say "ASAA" we should also say "SBEED" because different school districts will take on different costs depending on the location, and the students. Ms Hursh said that there is a region representative on the ASAA board so that you could send the representative member with that adult representative. Rachel said that she would need to meet up with her region representative if that was to happen who is from Bethel. Carol said that we should either take out both or leave both in since we are just simply deciding on whether or not to leave both in or out.

Motion Fails

Donald said that the school should decide whether or not they are going to send a chaperone or not. If a school makes a rule, we should not have to pay for them as well.

Motion to add to the agreement that "AASG will pay for the student members of ASAA and SBEED to attend meetings. Advisors/Chaperones will not be funded by AASG." Handeland/Savannah

Donald said that this will eliminate the confusion so that if the district would like to send an advisor they will pay for it. Carol said that we can find the money for that travel. Rachel said that ASAA said that she goes to 4 ASAA trips a year besides our 4 conferences. This will be a large chunk of our budget, if we chose to go through with this. Carol thinks that we can interpret this statement in a few ways. We are saying is that everyone should have their way paid for. The trips for the extra trips like to ASAA and SBEED are beyond what happens for our organization. We support them however, and they get their business meetings paid for. You can look at in both ways, and what we have now saves money in our budget. We want these positions to be there. Donald said that the school districts can pay for some things, but we have a safety net for those who can still apply for these positions and travel. Ms. Mellor said that no matter what we decide the money will come from somewhere. It is difficult enough for her to allow students to run for the e-board. It has benefits and it is a sacrifice. If a student came to her and wanted to run for the ASAA rep and had to pay for double the trips, her student council travel budget could not sacrifice that much money. Savannah said that if we say yes to Donald's motion, we should decide if we want to support the ASAA position and decide if we want to spend 2000 dollars. Mitchell said that next year at the Fall Conference, that implies heavily that we will have more students from the road systems which might cut our budgets heavily from our summer and winter business meetings. Carol said that we have other positions that everyone can run for. If your school said they would not support you going to a conference you would not be here. Recognize that every position that we all have to pay for trips. To

make it fair, everyone should have the same opportunity which is two trips paid for and nothing else. Mitchell thinks that if we need to save the money, we should not have the ASAA rep and adjust the budget. Carol said that if this takes place, this will change

Motion to amend to the motion so that this change would take place in the fall 2012 agreement form.

Davidson/Ullmayer

Savannah said that this is a good amendment since the budget has been decided and that this will need to be worked in.

Motion Passes with noted opposition

Motion to amend the amendment to have the schools not pay for the conferences already paid for by AASG

Davidson/Savannah

Rescind the amendment to the amendment (Davidson)

Rescind the motion(Handeland)

Motion to amend administrator agreement to student candidacy for AASG position bullet point five to read, "I agree that our school is responsible for Fall and Spring Conference/Business meeting expenses, including travel, housing, and conference fees of this student, Excluding the ASAA and SBEED meetings unless otherwise neglected with AASG.

Davidson/Handeland

Motion passes

Motion to amend the registration form to read "the school will support the advisor to travel with the students to all meetings required by their appointed position"

Davidson/Handeland

Motion Passes

Motion to recess for Anchorage's Promise Presentation

Forbes/Brewer

Motion passes

Called back to order at 11:27am

I am just going to go over some basic things that I have looked at starting with bylaws. We are going to change some things at the next teleconference since we have to submit it in writing two weeks before the spring conference. Under PR officer, we have a wording change that says item "g. to coordinate the awards committee with the assistance of the Executive Director. H. to update the AASG Website in coordination with the Technology Committee and the executive director at least two months before and one month after each conference." Mitchell does not think that this is necessary since the PR officer is responsible for this information, and she can do this when she needs to. Mitchell Forbes said that 2 months before the conference might not necessarily be needed. Maybe it could only change to one month before the conference. Savannah does not think that there needs to be a time limit and just update things in time which is reasonable. Ms. Hursh said that she plans things 2 months before, so we should match the same frame as when we open registration. Mitchell Davidson said that we should take into account precedents, and consider just simply asking the PR officer to do this. Claressa feels that when you are elected as PR, and you look for your job exactly, you look under the bylaws. On a side note, Savannah said that the chairs of the committee should not necessarily be determined on who the board member is. Carol said that we need to declare chairs, and it happened when Charlie Klein worked with it awards heavily. Savannah does not think that we should change these things since board members change, and it depends on what they were interested in and what their passion is. Mitchell thinks that there should be a constitution and bylaws committee so that we can talk about these changes and details:

New Constitution and Bylaws committee: Savannah Woolston, Donald Handeland, Mitchell Davidson, and chair Sophie Clark.

iv. Region Communication

Region Reps

This is to talk about region communication and your jobs as region representatives. You can work with Claressa to send things out. Emily has already put together a great newsletter and you can use hers as a great template. Region representative's responsibility is to communicate with your regions, under our bylaws. Carol has sent out information to the advisors, but the representatives have better chances of getting things together. If you contact any of your schools, please give me the contact information and the people you are networking with. Mitchell thinks that this is a great idea, to have region representatives to distribute one large newsletter. You can post your newsletters on the facebook website as an image. Mike said that we also have an AASGFAN youtube account. We could have someone read the newsletter and put a face to the information. Mitchell said that under the executive board and duties, it says that the PR officer shall coordinate with the executive director after the newsletter is posted on the website. Carol said that the consensus of the group was more of an advisor headquarters. We wanted an informal conversation going on with students. The Facebook page is more of quick notifications to let people what is going on. We used to post the newsletters on the website, but some of them were very inconsistent. Mitchell D thinks that we should put the newsletter on both websites. Savannah said that it would be more consistent if we keep it as one newsletter and there would not be an issue. Mitchell Forbes said that if we post the newsletters as a note on Facebook, it would be a simple link that would not change. If we post that the link is on the website that would not be an issue with the constitution or bylaws. Mitchell Davidson

thinks that it would just be easiest to post a PDF file on the website. Ms. Hursh says that as an advisor, when she gets the newsletter, she might print them or post them so it would be good to provide a hard copy. Also she feels that each region should put out their own newsletter since we have different region specifications. Mitchell Forbes said that we are not able to post PDF's by ourselves. We have to work with the technology coordinator, and we have to pay him to do this. Carol's concern is that she has sent out many e-mails from her region representatives, and she has only gotten one all year. We need communication, and we should report it out to our board that you are following through on your job. Posting the newsletter on the website does not provide the communication within your region. We should be using communication outlets like facebook and youtube so that they have a better flow. Mitchell Forbes says that if we do one big newsletter, we can simply put everyone's reports in it. Ms Anderson said that it is nice to have a compiled newsletter, but it would not be good to take away the duties of the region representatives. Claressa can call a skype meeting so we can communicate more about this. Mitchell Forbes said that there are a few organizations that can send out promotional information, and the regions can sign up to get e-mails with the newsletters.

Motion to skip ahead in the agenda to the "Awards for Spring Conference" discussion
Forbes/Ullmayer
Motion passes

v. Awards for spring conference

Rachel, Claressa

On the awards requirements, the website says that you have to turn in your awards 3 days before the conference in the e-mail or fax. We feel it should be turned in at the conference so that things look a little more professional. We could have a table by registration, or a certain time during the first night when all awards would be due. This would give a better chance for people to give a completed award in hand.

Motion to change the award application so that all awards must be submitted to the executive board by 7pm on the first night of the conference
Woolston/Gulanes

Amend the motion to turn in the application to the PR officer
Ullmayer/ Woolston
Amendment Passes

Donald asked if we will have time to evaluate them before the conference. Carol said that we changed this so that we could discuss the awards during the business meeting before the conference. Elin said that we have not looked the awards over until after the first day anyways. Ms. Germaine said that we have not looked at them because some of the awards come in a place that cannot be mailed. As long as your PR officer is organized, things will work fine.

Motion Passes

Elin said that they talked about recognizing people who had applied for the award since they have worked so hard. We could give them a formal letter and thank them for applying, and encourage them to apply again next year. Mitchell said that we might have extra folders so that we can get a wonderful AASG letterhead in a wonderful AASG folder thanking them. The student leader award is also completed.

vi. Surveys to assess needs

Carol

We are interested in looking at surveying people's needs as far as suicide prevention and service projects. If you have any surveys that you would like to look at, or consider surveying AASG you can let me know and we will look at putting that survey on the website or on registration.

vii. Spring Conference Planning Carol (subbing for Cordova Hosts)

Theme development

Registration set-up

Workshops

Service

Speakers

Food: Meals and Snacks

Transportation

Housing

Delegate Numbers

Schedule

GA times and location: tech needs

Access to Internet

Location for EBoard meeting on April 13 and during conference

Cordova web page

Estimate on Costs

Most of the time, the conference host schools ask for the board's opinion when they come to our business meetings before the conference. The next few months we will receive reports upon the conference. We can look at GA times quickly and see if those things work. Access to the internet can be completed if you go on the website and complete their form. Mitchell Forbes says that we have some technology concerns that we will need to work with them over teleconferences. Mitchell and Elin will continue to communicate with the registrars. The ceiling for the conference is going to be 350 people. Savannah feels that we should place deadlines for some more information from the registrars so that our schools know what they are sending us to and some of the things we can learn. They do have a blog up and if they would continue to post information as it progresses that would be very helpful. The link is on facebook.com/AASGFAN. If we could have the workshop information up by March 15th, that would be helpful.

www.kognito.com/atrisk

There is an excellent book of service projects called *Every Monday Matters* and there are some great things we could do to promote things at our conference. The author of the book would also be great to look at to speak at one of our conferences and match our "Rise up and Serve!" We have a video we would like from *Every Monday Matters* that will tie into both our Rise up and Serve! and our media contest for suicide prevention. Mitchell said that there is a program called At Risk that allows you go through a scenario to determine if a student needs counseling or not.

Motion to recess for 5 minutes
Davidson/Handeland
Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 12:42 PM

Carol said Kognito has a 30-day trial that we could have available at the Spring Conference. Carol thinks that there is a high school version and we could look into doing a pilot program statewide. Mike said we didn't have time to produce a suicide prevention media contest entry. Savannah said she was going to make one with here student council. Carol suggested doing something with Rachel's Challenge.

Motion to move to the Region 7 Nasc Discussion.
Forbes/Woolston

Amendment to motion to put a 10 minute time cap on discussion.
Hadeland/Brease

Motion passes

We discussed what we would like to do for a summer camp. Mitchell will be attending STAR Leaders regardless and Savannah didn't think we would have very many people going. Elin thinks we should just send people to the STAR Leaders Conference. Mike suggested sending some people to STAR and some to the Western Leadership camp. Carol says we need to decide if we are going to keep sending registrars to STAR or send them to the Western Leaders camp. Elin asked if we could split up our delegation. Carol recommends that the rest of the Alaska delegation go to the leadership camp.

Motion to send the Alaska delegation to the Western Leaders camp.
Forbes/McWilliams
Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn winter business meeting
Handeland/Brewer
Motion passes
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bethany Hladick.

