



**AASG Fall Conference
iLead
West Anchorage High School
October 15-17, 2009**

General Assembly Minutes

- I. Call to Order Kari Nore
Meeting called to order at 7:46 p.m. on October 15
- II. Roll Call Sam McNelly
- A J Dimond.....not present for roll call
Anna Tobeluk Memorial..... 3
Barrow.....3
Bartlett.....19
Ben Eielson.....18
Bethel.....9
Bristol Bay Borough.....4
Chenega Bay.....1
Chief Ivan Blunka.....8
Chignik School.....1
Chugiak.....13
Colony.....5
Cordova.....9
Craig.....2
Delta.....9
Eagle River.....18
East.....11
Lower Yukon.....9
Glennallen Schools.....8
Highland Tech.....18
Homer.....8
Hutchison.....5

Igiuigig.....	1
James C. Isbell.....	2
Jimmy Huntington.....	not present for roll call
Juneau-Douglas.....	9
Kenny Lake.....	9
Ketchikan.....	6
King Cove.....	not present for roll call
Klawock.....	2
Kodiak.....	7
Kokhanok.....	3
Kotlik.....	not present for roll call
Lathrop.....	8
Levelock.....	1
Manokotak.....	3
McGrath School.....	3
Monroe Catholic.....	7
Mountain village.....	1
Mt. Edgecumbe.....	15
Nelson Lagoon.....	not present for roll call
North Pole.....	7
Oscarville.....	2
Palmer.....	6
Perryville.....	1
Petersburg.....	5
Pilot Point.....	1
Pilot Station.....	1
Polaris.....	4
Rocky Mountain.....	5
Russian Mission.....	1
Sand Point.....	3
Savoonga.....	3
Scammon Bay.....	4
Service.....	6
Sheldon Point.....	1
Shishmaref.....	3
Sitka.....	3
South Anchorage.....	40
Steller.....	5
Susitna Valley.....	9
Tatitlek.....	1
Thunder Mountain.....	8
Togiak School.....	2
Tri-Valley.....	3
Unalaska.....	4
Valdez.....	4
Wasilla.....	7

West Anchorage.....37
West Valley.....14
Whittier.....1
Yakutat.....3

Motion to recess
Sitka/Palmer
Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 8:11p.m.

- III. Announcements Kari Nore
None at this time.

- IV. Approval of the agenda Kari Nore
Motion to approve the 2009 Fall GA agenda
Bethel/Eagle River
Motion Passes

- V. Approval of the 2009 Spring GA Minutes Kari Nore
Motion to approve the Spring GA Minutes
Steller/Valdez
Motion Passes

- VI. Officer Reports
 - a. Vice President Tyler Young
Since the spring conference, I have been working on sending out resolutions, and we had a lot of them. So far for this conference, we have 18 resolutions. I also had the opportunity to attend NASC this summer. We all learned a lot, and we are excited to bring what we learned back to AASG.
 - b. Parliamentarian Megan Murphy
Since Mt. Edgecumbe, I have been serving on the Bylaw/Constitution and resolution committees. We do have two bylaw changes to propose at this conference. I have also been working on our latest project with Suicide Prevention. This is my last conference on the board.
 - c. Public Relations Kari Nore
We do not currently have a PR officer, the position is vacant.
 - d. SBEED Tim Rockey
My report is interactive, and I need the GA's help, I need a rhythm.
Hello everybody in the first GA
I'm Tim Rockey and today
I'm going to rap for my board report
So I'll try and make it good and I'll try to make it short
I'm the SBEED rep and in the last few meetings
We're discussing issues concerning our well-being

Compulsory school age and methods of education
 Test scores, NCLB and the proclamation
 The education plan for this great state
 Is a fine piece of work if I might say
 Your resolutions I presented in the summer
 We'll make progress and make your health class funner
 Unfortunately in the future I must leave
 Eventually my post on the board called SBEED
 Will come to an end so this is why
 We're looking for a junior rep to give it a try
 If you're interested in education and making a difference
 See me we'll see what we can do to get the position
 I'm stoked for this conference here in Anchorage west
 I hope it will be the conference that is the best
 Also I hope you've enjoyed my simple rhyme
 And I need an ending a dynamite line
 So have a good time and take it easy
 Members of the AASGEEZY.

- e. ASAA Ryan Varela
 I was able to attend all the ASAA meetings except one due to an injury I received at the last AASG. Also, ASAA is looking at supporting a new sport, and I will be coming to region meetings to talk about it. I have been serving on the bylaw/constitution review committee.
- f. Region 1 Jasmine Elkins
 I have been the Region 1 rep for about a month, and I have been getting in touch with schools in our region. We do not have too many people from Region 1 here now, but it is a work in progress.
- g. Region 2 Keaton Shepherd
 I have been working on getting more delegates at this conference. We have a good turnout, a resolution to present, and a candidate for the Eboard. We are the best region out there.
- h. Region 3 Mitchell Davidson
 Yo peeps. I'm the new region 3 rep. I have been working on getting new contacts with Region 3. I emailed every principal. We are working on getting connected, and we will have many awesome region 3 delegates here this weekend.
- i. Region 4 Jessica Veltri
 We have 100% participation from Region 4. I went to NASC this summer, and Elijah and I are excited to share what we learned. We have lots of new cheers too.
- j. Region 5 Tom Parker
 This is my first AASG while serving on the board. Since Sitka I have been making contacts and sending out newsletters. I am trying to keep our region updated and trying to talk with advisors.
- k. Region 6 Harmonee Quarnberg

This summer I went to NASC in Colorado and brought back lots of ideas for Eielson's conference. I have been contacting schools, and we have every school here with 79 delegates. We have been meeting monthly and cleaning up the hallways. We are busy planning the spring conference, March 25-27th, 2010.

l. Region 7

Kelsey Wallace

Since spring AASG, I have been in touch with lots of schools. I went to the Summer Business Meeting in Fairbanks at Monroe. I have been working on communication with schools. We have a bigger group than ever, we are loud and we are ready to have fun.

m. President

Kari Nore

Over the summer I went to NASC in Denver. There are always things to learn at NASC. I've facilitated all our teleconferences and business meetings.

n. Executive Director

Carol Waters

Motion to postpone report until tomorrow

Chugiak/Klawock

Motion Passes

VII. Old Business

a. Scholarships

Tim Rockey

Many of you received travel scholarships to come here.

We had 70 applications for scholarships, and we gave away lots of them. Please apply for scholarships in the future!

b. NASC 2009

Motion to postpone report until Saturday

Thunder Mtn/Bristol Bay

Motion Passes

c. Fall 2009 Conference

Mara Roehl

We are still working on details! Peppercini's is catering the whole conference, and we are excited about their food service. We have 575 delegates. It has been really stressful, but we are all psyched to have you here!

d. AKSN

Tim Rockey

We want people to be on AKSN because this is the only means of AASG coming together when we are not at a conference. AKSN is awesome. We are trying to make it more like Myspace and Facebook. We are trying to improve the site, and we are open to suggestions. We will have a grand prize for someone that registers for AKSN during the conference this weekend.

e. AASG Theme

Kari Nore

AASG has a new theme that we will be working with: Technology through the ages. So we have created a technology committee.

f. Technology

Tyler Young

We have several ways to improve our student councils through technology, and we want to work with AKSN to get some polls going. We want to know what people think about their schools and student government issues. While at NASC we saw a neat thing, you can text a certain number for a poll, and then it immediately shows up on the screen. We want to implement technology workshops in the future. We can cover powerpoints, adobe, and we can improve everyone's AASG experience.

- g. Membership Jessica Veltri
We will support polls/surveys on the AKStudentNetwork. We want to help you reach your goals, and if we do that, we know we will get more delegates to our conferences.

VIII. New Business

- a. Constitution and Bylaw changes Megan Murphy
We have two proposed changes. The first is in Article 2 of the bylaws: "advisors will be responsible for students that attend all AASG sponsored events". The second is Article 6, section a, subsection 1. We recommend changing it to "Resolutions may be submitted prior to an AASG conference with the exact date and time posted on the AASG website with the conference registration information, as decided by the executive board."

**Motion to approve both bylaw changes
Barrow/Anna Tobeluk
Motion Passes**

- b. Student Councils of Excellence Kari Nore
AASG offers awards at the spring conference, and one of them is the student councils of excellence. We have plaques to award to Mt. Edgecumbe and to Klawock. This is the second time both schools have received this award, and if they receive it again they will win a banner for their gym. We have other awards also, to be presented at the Spring Conference, and you can go on www.AASG.org to learn more about them.

- c. NASC 2010 Jessica Veltri
I attended the 2009 conference in Denver, and the 2010 conference is in Indianapolis. The theme is "We'll meet you at the race track". There is also information about this conference on www.nasc.org.

- d. Fall Conference 2010 host Kari Nore
We are in the process of hearing presentations from potential hosts for the 2010 fall conference. We will have that decision for you tomorrow.

**Motion to move the announcement of host of Fall
Conference 2010 until tomorrow**

Sandpoint/Hutchison

Motion Passes

- e. Spring Conference 2011 host Kari Nore
Congratulations to Cordova, they are the spring 2011 hosts.
- f. Resolutions and Debate Megan Murphy
Debate Etiquette: There are two mikes, a pro and a con. If you have something negative to say, go to the con mike, but please stay positive, do not be negative or direct comments to the author. We have two placards, one is the Point of Order (PO) and one is the Point of Information (PI). These two placards take precedence over all other debate. There is also a Point of Privilege (PP) and either placard can be held up for that.

g. Resolutions

Motion to bring Resolution #1 to the floor

Monroe/Igiuigig

Motion Passes

Ketchikan High School

Resolution #1: Zero tolerance to cigarette butt littering

Region 1: strongly supports

Region 2: supports with opposition

Region 3: supports, but would like clarification

Region 4: does not support

Region 5: did not reach this resolution

Region 6: fully supports

Region 7: supports, but feels it needs some revisions

East: What would the cost associated with this be? This could be really expensive to put receptacles all over the state. There are no consequences for not using these receptacles, so this isn't really effective. Also, Alaska does not have the same population as Virginia, so the fact that mentions Virginia is not valid for this resolution.

Wasilla PP: Can we change the focus on the projector?

Eagle River: This is a good resolution, but it needs to be fixed.

Motion to amend clause 2 to read: Whereas regional executives will provide financial incentive in the form of grants if local businesses invest in efficient cigarette litter disposal

Eagle River/Wasilla

Mt. Edgecumbe: I did a report on this and I went all around town picking up cigarette butts, I picked up 10 mayonnaise jars full, and it was disgusting. We all know this is expensive and there aren't any consequences. Maybe we should provide information to communities about this issue if we don't do something to change it all together.

Eagle River: This amendment answers a couple of questions we had.

Motion to call the question

Eagle River/Petersburg

Motion Passes, question has been called

Amendment passes with noted opposition

Colony: We support this, but in the therefore statement, they say they want receptacles installed in the cities of Alaska. Who would be affected by this?

Colony PI: What classifies as a city?

Ketchikan: Communities, we want this to be communities and cities. A populated area.

Steller PP: Can we zoom in on the projector?

Bartlett PI: How would we enforce people using the designated cigarette receptacles?

Ketchikan: Businesses should put up ads with information about this, it will benefit them because their areas are being littered.

East: This seems like an inefficient use of funds. It isn't smart to use this much money on this when there aren't any consequences for it.

Eielson: We like this resolution.

Motion to amend the therefore statement to only effect the town of Ketchikan

Eielson/Homer

Petersburg: Ketchikan is not the only town with this problem, Petersburg is the same way. This could help everyone.

Monroe: If we look at the action statement, they want this sent to four Ketchikan places and one in Homer, but no other cities are included here.

Thunder Mtn: This is a problem in all of Alaska. In Juneau there is a \$100 fine for cigarette butt littering.

Homer: In Homer, business owners provide the receptacles.

Thunder Mtn PI: Did the authors of this resolution research state laws regarding littering? (Not in parliamentary procedure, can't be answered.)

Eagle River PP: Can the microphones be turned up? And people need to speak louder, we can't hear in the back.

Polaris: We should support this amendment focusing on Ketchikan because it will make this resolution stronger. If this goes statewide, it gets kind of blurred.

Delta: We should use Ketchikan as a test for this, that is why this amendment is a good idea. If the streets get cleaner, then we know this is worth our while.

Bartlett: But, this amendment limiting the resolution to Ketchikan sort of defeats the purpose of the resolution, it doesn't work anymore.

Ketchikan PI:

Motion to call the question (not in parliamentary procedure)

Mt Edgecumbe: This kind of littering is an issue statewide, not just in Ketchikan.

Motion to call the question

Kenny Lake/Su Valley

Motion Passes, question has been called

Amendment passes with noted opposition

Highland Tech: Instead of paying for these receptacles, can we suggest using this money to put out ads about the negative effects of littering?

Su Valley PI: Do you know if you will get these grants or not?

Ketchikan: No, this has not been approved yet, that was not apart of the resolution.

Eagle River PI: Do the others have unified information? They keep jumping back and forth between Ketchikan and Virginia Beach, and that detracts from the argument.

Ketchikan: We used Virginia Beach because the author is from there.

West PI: How are these receptacles different from trash cans?

Ketchikan: I'm not sure at the moment.

Juneau: Having the option of these receptacles is a good thing, that way, communities that don't already have these can.

Motion to amend the therefore statement to read: forms of disposal for cigarette butts (such as cigarette receptacles) be installed throughout the state of Alaska, that do not already utilize such disposal solutions throughout communities of Alaska

Juneau/South

Kenny Lake: Ketchikan took time to find information on this topic. They feel passionate about this and making this apply to all of Alaska, but we are large, so we should keep the focus on Ketchikan.

Motion to call the question

Shishmaref/Yakutat

Motion passes, question has been called

Amendment fails

Petersburg: There are grants available for bettering the environment.

Palmer: Funding wasn't brought up, and it doesn't say how much this will actually cost. We need an actual number.

Motion to amend to add a whereas statement to the end of the resolution: Whereas, defiance of the proper disposal of a cigarette butt be punished with a littering ticket of \$1000

Ketchikan/Service

Sandpoint: This is a good idea. We should have signs for littering, they would be a big help.

Mt. Edgcombe: The fine is way too high, it should be lowered.

Wasilla PI: If the littering law is already in effect, are cigarette butts excluded right now, or do they count as litter?

Ketchikan: I have never seen a ticket for littering with cigarette butts, but this resolution would reinforce that.

Kenny Lake: These high fines criminalize this act and it really isn't that severe. Business owners need to take more responsibility on this, because it is their property.

Eielson PI: Is the fine of \$1000 a real rule, or is that just a number that got thrown out?

Ketchikan: No, this is a real law, and \$1000 is the real fine. We didn't make it up.

East: We realize that this isn't criminalizing this, it is a real crime already.

Delta PI: Who would enforce this?

Ketchikan: The police.

Motion to call the question

Ketchikan/Glennallen

Motion Passes, question has been called

Amendment passes

Motion to call the question

Colony/Yakutat

Motion passes with noted opposition, question has been called

Resolution #1 passes with noted opposition

Motion to recess until called by the chair

West/Unalaska

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 9:16am

h. Nominations for elected offices

President Nominations

Juneau: nominates Sammy Alex

Sammy: I accept.

Bethel: nominates Michael White

Michael: I accept.

Kodiak: nominates Mitchell Davidson

Mitchell: I accept.

Kenny Lake: nominates Daniel Lahey

Daniel: I accept.

Eielson: nominates Tyler Young

Tyler: I accept.

Nominations for president are closed

VP Nominations

Mt. Edgcumbe: nominates Stacey Halverson

Stacey: I accept.

Eagle River: nominates Ariel Zlatkovski

Ariel: I accept.

Nominations for VP are closed

PR Nominations

Sitka: nominates Holly Reeder

Holly: I accept.

West Valley: nominates Brooke Wilson

Brooke: I accept.

Ketchikan: nominates Charlie Kline

Charlie: I accept.

Nominations for PR are closed

Parliamentarian Nominations

Service: nominates Arianna Cocallas

Arianna: I accept.

Klawock: nominates Sophie Clark

Sophie: I accept.

Nominations for Parliamentarian are closed

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer

Ketchikan: nominates Alex Jones

Alex: I accept.

Mt. Edgcumbe: nominates Teressa Baldwin

Teressa: I accept.

Nominations for secretary/treasurer are closed

Nominations for Jr. SBEED Rep

Mt. Edgcumbe: nominates Donald Handlin

Donald: I accept.

Unalaska: nominates Maddie Reinhardt

Maddie: I accept.

Nominations for Jr. SBEED rep are closed

Interviews for SBEED, parliamentarian, and secretary/treasurer will be during dinner today. We will get you room numbers later.

Motion to recess for our guest speaker

Polaris/Shishmaref

Motion passes

Meeting called back to order at 9:32am

Executive Director Report

Carol Waters

(Carol has laryngitis, so was read by Tim)

Good morning AASG Delegates!

Isn't this a fabulous conference? How about a round of applause for the West Hosters?

The exec board has worked hard to set the stage to challenge you to be the best leaders you can be... to make changes in your own life, in your school, in your

community. I am sure you appreciate them! That's why they offered the suicide prevention training. Please stand up if you went to that training yesterday! When anyone feels that they are outcast, uncared for, useless, that is a challenge to all of us to do more. So the Exec Board challenges you to welcome, encourage, care about yourself and others so we all stay safe. Eric Boyer will do another session today on suicide prevention... this is another opportunity to challenge yourself and step out of your comfort zone.

The exec board has now offered training in Raising Student Voice and Participation at our last four conferences. Yesterday over 150 delegates and advisors did the training, which was facilitated by all of the Exec Board. Please stand if you were in that training yesterday. Congratulations! How wonderful that you are seeking ways to challenge students to make your schools better! How many of you have done the RSVP training before? We encourage you to continue your work to make your school better.

These are just two of the opportunities you have taken advantage of to challenge yourselves to be more effective leaders. The exec board has continued their quest for leadership on your behalf!

To support you in your quest to be the best leader you can be, the Exec Board has strived to award scholarships to you. How many of you received a partial scholarship to come here? Please stand to be appreciated.

Each person who received a travel scholarship did at least 20 hours of service in their community (from serving meals in a soup kitchen, to hauling water and wood for an elder, to helping a kid with homework, to helping set up a carnival...). Each person who received a scholarship also shared their leadership goals and signed on to the AKStudentNetwork. They will post their reactions to this conference experience for you to read on the AKStudentNetwork. The Executive Board salutes your leadership drive! (pause)

A few days ago I had one of those aha minutes... you've had those too, right? I heard an ad on the radio... It told of an adventurer named Eric Wineman who has climbed all seven of the most challenging mountain peaks in the world. That is impressive! But that's not the end of the story. Because Eric did not see the sky, the ground, the rocks, the crevasses... he didn't peer from the top of those mountains when he reached the peaks. Because Eric Wineman is blind. He climbed those peaks without seeing. How did he do that?

Because although he couldn't see, he does have VISION.

That is what your Executive Board is striving for... developing a vision of leadership. That is what they challenge you to do... develop a vision of how you can be a leader.

So what does that have to do with my job? I work every day to support the Executive Board and you all as you develop and implement your vision. I email, call, cheer you on, encourage you to save money and spend money, share messages of hope and optimism, stretch, grow, even sometimes cajole and hopefully inspire. That is what I do as your Executive Director.

I am happy to serve you.

Tim says: Carol is in constant communication with the Eboard.

Thank you Carol, for all of your hard work for AASG!

Motion to bring Resolution #2 to the floor

Delta/Sitka

Motion Passes

Glennallen High School

Resolution #2: No hall passes on Mondays and Fridays

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports the intent

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports, but would like it to be put in proper resolution format

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports the intent with noted opposition

Region 7: supports the intent but would like more information

Motion to amend the title: Allow hall passes on Mondays and Fridays

Kodiak/Mt. Edgecumbe

East: The old title made it sound like they didn't want hall passes on Mondays and Fridays, this is just clearer.

Amendment Passes

West Valley PI: Why were these hall passes banned in the first place?

Glennallen: Our school believes that since we don't do blocking, we can wait 50 minutes to use the restroom, but we only have 4 minute passing periods, so we can't go to the restroom and get our books and still be to class on time.

Bethel PI: Are there longer times between classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday?

Glennallen: We have 5 minutes, and it does make a difference.

West Valley PI: Are you allowed to carry bags to class?

Glennallen: No we are not allowed to take bags to class, but people do anyway, it is not really enforced.

Highland Tech: This is only affecting Glennallen, and if they think they need this, we should support them.

Resolution #2 passes

Motion to bring Resolution #3 to the floor

Chugiak/Su Valley

Motion Passes

Petersburg High School

Resolution #3: Bagasse: Trays take over the world one school at a time

Region 1: supports

Region 2: does not support

Region 3: is split, more clarification is required

Region 4: supports, but would like a different title

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports the intent, but suggests a different alternative

Region 7: supports, but wants more clarification

Kodiak PI: Does Petersburg have on or off campus lunches?

Petersburg: We have an open campus policy.

Monroe PI: Is polystyrene essentially Styrofoam?

Petersburg: Yes, but Styrofoam is a trademark brand of polystyrene.

Bethel PI: Are the bagasse trays thrown away after a single use?

Petersburg: Yes, they would be thrown away, but they decompose. In the future they could be composted by the Petersburg Indian Association.

Shishmaref PI: Since reusable trays are available from food service, has Petersburg considered using reusable trays?

Petersburg: Yes, we have considered it, but there isn't enough staff to clean all of them, the upkeep isn't really feasible.

Mt. Edgecumbe PP: Can the authors go and stand on stage?

Colony PI: Where is the funding coming from for this project?

Petersburg: At our high school, we have an Earth Club, and they have said they will help with fundraising for this.

Motion to amend the title: Bagasse: a polystyrene alternative Eagle River/Service

Wasilla: The title is kind of confusing now, it should be changed.

Kodiak PI: What was the original title?

Tyler: Bagasse: trays take over the world one school at a time

Lathrop: We think it should say "trays" in the title to clarify it.

Motion to amend the amendment: Bagasse trays: a polystyrene alternative

Lathrop/Barrow

Amendment to the amendment passes

Amendment passes

Motion to call the question

West/Tri-Valley

Motion passes, question has been called

Resolution #3 passes with noted opposition

Motion to bring Resolution #4 to the floor

North Pole/Bethel

Motion Passes

Ketchikan High School

Resolution #4: Statewide Styrofoam Ban in Alaska

Submitted as read

Region 1: undecided and wants more information about alternatives

Region 2: unanimously opposes

Region 3: does not support with noted opposition

Region 4: supports the intent, suggests that is rewritten

Region 5: supports with noted opposition

Region 6: does not support with opposition

Region 7: split opinions

Ketchikan: There are concerns about costs associated with this, but there is no cost difference, they are all about the same price. We aren't asking businesses to give up profits, we just want to make the earth greener.

Wasilla PI: The title suggests that this be a statewide thing, but in the therefore statement, it says all retail food vendors during all state sponsored events. Which is it?

Ketchikan: We want this to be statewide, but we have to start somewhere, and that is why we targeted the specific events.

Mt. Edgecumbe PP: Can we please turn off the AC?

Bethel PI: We were wondering if there would be a consequence if they did use Styrofoam?

Ketchikan: We are not proposing a consequence, because we do not know enough about the legal system, that is up to the police and law enforcement teams.

Glennallen: This does not seem practical, it is too broad, and there is no real alternative for the restaurants to use.

West PI: What happens to the companies that make Styrofoam?

Ketchikan: They will suffer, but they are selling non-biodegradable, non-recyclable products.

Homer PI: The ban includes all Styrofoam, what is the suggested alternative and how will that impact our school?

Ketchikan: We are not bringing this into schools right now, that is too broad of a place to start.

Hutchison PI: Even if we take the schools out, we still have retail vendors that use Styrofoam, and lots of different things are sold using Styrofoam, lots of things will have to be replaced. How costly will this be?

Ketchikan: There are lots of alternatives, paper, wax paper, bagasse, etc.

Anna Tobeluk PI: How would this be implemented?

Ketchikan: There was no deadline put in the resolution, and that should be up to the legislature.

West PI: If it is a statewide ban, why aren't you including schools?

Ketchikan: We aren't including schools right now because it is just too broad. We need to have a starting place, and this is it.

Bartlett PI: What industries are currently producing alternatives?

Ketchikan: There are lots of recyclable alternatives, and Styrofoam isn't one of them.

Anna Tobeluk PI: How will this be implemented and enforced?

Ketchikan: I don't know about the enforcement, that is the legislatures job, not ours.

Glennallen PP: Can we move the con mic out? We can't see them and we haven't heard from them.

Bartlett PI: Who are the industries that are producing the alternatives, and will they give us a price? Will they give us these alternatives voluntarily or will we have to pay?

Ketchikan: Nobody is giving us anything, it is just like buying Styrofoam, this is equal commerce. I don't have names of specific industries.

Palmer PI: What do you classify as a restaurant? What about coffee shops and stuff like that?

Ketchikan: If you are listed as a restaurant on your business license.

Sand Point PI: Do you have an estimate on how many people in Alaska produce Styrofoam?

Ketchikan: I don't think there are any, but there might be.

Chugiak PI: Couldn't the larger businesses like Costco that supply Styrofoam just supply the new alternatives?

Ketchikan: This does not include Costco right now.

Polaris: This is not expensive, small businesses in Anchorage do this, it is totally doable. There are to-go boxes made out of alternative materials. This is an awesome resolution. Other states have done this, and it is great that we are trying to do this. Other countries have also done this. Styrofoam is just terrible all around.

West Valley PP: Can we please stop the flash photography?

Chugiak PI: How would this affect small businesses?

Ketchikan: This is restaurants, all retail food vendors.

Bethel: This would be a tough blow to our economy, because most restaurants use Styrofoam bowls and trays to serve. I would like to reiterate region 4's advice, they should withdraw this and come back in the spring with more information on replacements and costs.

Service: We support this, but the authors should take it back, revise it, and make it stronger.

Kenny Lake: This could cause huge setbacks for businesses, and the state would have to pay for enforcement.

Bartlett PI: You said there were no consequences for this action, but if there aren't any, then how would this law be enforced?

Ketchikan: I didn't say I didn't want to implement consequences, but that isn't AASG's place, that is the legislatures place. Consequences should be made, just not here. On annual license

renewal forms, they would have to be in compliance, so it would be checked.

Motion to amend the title to read: Styrofoam ban in Alaskan Restaurants/Retail food vendors and State sponsored events
Wasilla/Anna Tobeluk

Amendment Passes with noted opposition

Shishmaref: We know that Styrofoam isn't the best product, but in subsistence activities we use Styrofoam, and this would make that much more difficult.

Motion to call the question

Wasilla/Valdez

Motion Passes, question has been called

Resolution #4 fails

Motion to recess for 10 minutes

Kodiak/Kenny Lake

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 11:07am

Announcements: There are a lot of new delegates here, and if Kari has to correct you, please don't be discouraged from coming up to the mic again, we are just trying to make sure everything goes smoothly. Also, we have a lost bag, and it has an H2Oasis ticket in it. Mara has the bag. Advisors now have a special box! It is to take your cell phones if you are texting during GA's, be careful!

Motion to bring Resolution #5 to the floor

Dimond/Levelock

Wasilla PI: Will this be submitted as read?

Ketchikan: Yes, there are some typos.

Motion passes with noted opposition

Ketchikan High School

Resolution #5: Seatbelts in Public School Buses

Submitted as read

Region 1: supports the intent

Region 2: opposes

Region 3: does not support as the cost would be unreasonable

Region 4: did not reach this resolution

Region 5: supports

Region 6: is split

Region 7: in the middle of discussion on this resolution

West Valley: This is just too much money for something that is just encouraged.

East: This resolution just says that we would support putting seat belts in buses, not that it is required. There is no money being requested now.

Wasilla: We don't have these seatbelts now because little kids panic and they can't get out of the seatbelts in accidents. It would cost \$50 million just to do this with lap belts, not shoulder belts. 6 children dying every year is awful, but this is unreasonable for buses.

West Valley PI: Why was this failed in 17 states?

Ketchikan: I'm not sure.

Wasilla PI: What do you mean by the effort on Beacon Hill? Is this the one in Massachusetts?

Ketchikan: Yes, that is the one in Massachusetts.

Klawock: I understand that there is a cost here, but it is worth it because seat belts are also behavioral aides.

Bartlett PI: Is this optional for the kids, or are they required? What are the consequences?

Ketchikan: Yes, the kids would be required to wear them, and it would be up the school district to make a penalty.

Glennallen: We only have about 5 buses, and some of the little kids triple up in seats, so if we install seatbelts in buses, then we won't have enough room to take the kids home. This wouldn't be very effective.

Bartlett PI: If this is a requirement, how do we enforce this? The drivers already have a lot of responsibilities.

Ketchikan: In Ketchikan, on some of the rowdier buses there are attendants that could do this.

Hutchison PI: What is defined as an injury?

Ketchikan: Being hurt.

Juneau: We talked about the cost of implementing this, there are grants available for schools that want to do this, and anybody that wants to can apply. The issue is the safety of children, and we have the opportunity to supply the option to keep kids safer. Even if one of the kids buckles up, it was worth it.

Highland Tech: An issue that we noticed was that the size of the child is important, booster seats may be necessary.

Eagle River: We were talking to a bus driver about this, and he said that although ASD owns some buses, some are chartered, and we can't force them to implement seat belts, so manufacturers can't be forced to do this.

Motion to call the question

Delta/Perryville

Motion passes, the question has been called

Resolution #5 fails

Motion to recess until called by the chair

Bartlett/Chignik

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 3:58pm

Roll Call: Everyone except Pilot Station, Mountain Village and AJ Dimond are present.

i. Campaign Speeches

President: Sammy Alex, Mitchell Davidson, Daniel Lahey, Mike White and Tyler Young.

VP: Stacey Halverson and Ariel Zlatkovski.

PR: Charlie Kline, Holly Reeder, and Brooke Wilson.

Announcements: Please no stepping over the chairs, use the aisles, and don't step on the seats. Also, no sleeping, food, gum, or cell phones.

Motion to bring Resolution #6 to the floor

Savoonga/Klawock

Motion Passes

Tyler: If you have looked at Resolution #6, it was presented in Palmer, but there were a few changes made and it was resubmitted. We have already seen it. Anybody whose resolutions failed, please edit them and resubmit them for the next conference.

Ketchikan High School

Resolution #6: 0 Grams Trans Fat

Submitted as read

Region 1: does not support with noted opposition

Region 2: does not support

Region 3: is split

Region 4: does not support with noted opposition

Region 5: supports with noted opposition

Region 6: does not support with noted opposition

Region 7: is split

Eielson PI: The cost of the cooking oil that is healthier isn't discussed. How much will this transition cost?

Ketchikan: They would use canola oil, and there is no price difference. The other oil is used because of the taste. The bad oil hydrogenates during cooking.

Eagle River: We are against this because people make the choice to eat unhealthily. It is their choice to eat whatever they want. We are taking away a choice.

Ketchikan: We are trying to balance out what restaurants serve, but we aren't going after the big businesses, McDonalds will still be McDonalds.

Bartlett: We want to advertise this, but not demand it. You can't choose how someone else lives.

Wasilla: Most of the fast food chains across the nation do not cook their foods in trans fats. Obesity is one of the top 10 killers. This is just one step to curing the obesity epidemic. This is to help

other people, we want to have the option of eating healthy. We should support this.

Ketchikan: People can still cook their food at home in trans fats if they want to. We shouldn't waste money on advertising this, we just need to do it, because people don't know what they are putting into their bodies. We need to save America from becoming chunksters.

Eagle River: The problems of New York are NY, not Alaska. We have different statistics and different people.

Motion to amend the therefore statement to read: Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that Alaska adopts the New York City model for banning trans fats in locally owned restaurants. Action statement: Please send this resolution and the New York City plan to:

Juneau/Thunder Mtn.

Ketchikan: If NYC can do this, then we can too.

Amendment Passes

Motion to strike lines 4, 5, and 6.

Kodiak/Hutchison

Kodiak: Even though we discussed that NY is a good example and we should follow their example, if anyone wanted to know about NY, they could just go to the reference, we do not need to include it in the resolution itself.

Eielson: We just made the amendment agreeing that we want to keep the NY information in because we thought it was relevant and necessary for it to be there. If we are using NY as a guide and example, we need to know what they are talking about.

Colony: We should keep this in because it shows that if 500 people in NY die because of this, then we know it is a real issue.

Motion to call the question

Ketchikan/East

Motion passes, question has been called

Amendment fails

Su Valley: Trans fats do not occur naturally, they are created by a chemical process, and they are one of the most redundant chemicals in your body. They are the last remains of nutrients. They are not needed at all, they aren't carbs or proteins. They are complex artificial chemicals. They don't make a difference until you look in the mirror.

Steller: You are saying that you know more about me than I know about me. You are not allowing me to make a choice. When you look at a McDonald's container, it tells you everything that is in the food.

Barrow PP: Can we have a larger font size?

Eagle River PI: In line 11 there is a blank, is that supposed to be there?

Ketchikan: No, that was fixed when it was submitted as read.

Bethel: There aren't always big signs telling you what is in a food. We don't analyze our foods. Trans fats are horrible for us. And I am still confused as to who is on a hunt for trans fats?

Kenny Lake: In clause 12, does it make sense to ban an already unpopular substance. This is messing with free enterprise.

South: Even though lots of people can go into fancier and healthier restaurants, a lot of restaurants that use trans fats are a financially sound option for families in a tough spot.

Palmer PI: In clause 7, what is being targeted?

Ketchikan: When he says restaurants, he means food in general.

Delta: The more I hear the more it sounds like communism. There is a line that government should not cross, on one side they are helping us, but sometimes it is too much control.

Motion to call the question

Homer/Barrow

Motion Passes, question has been called

Resolution #6 passes with noted opposition

Motion to bring Resolution #7 to the floor

Bristol Bay/Chief Ivan Blunka

Motion Passes

Bethel Regional High School

Resolution #7: Allowing Personal Media Players

Region 1: supports with noted opposition

Region 2: supports

Region 3: unanimously supports

Region 4: supports

Region 5: supports with noted opposition

Region 6: supports with noted opposition

Region 7: unanimously supports

Glennallen: Since they did note that if this is passed, it is up to the teachers, this sounds good. Some people do work better with music in the background, and some teachers will play music for students if they need it.

Chief Ivan Blunka: We allow high schoolers to use iPods with teachers consent, usually with one earphone. If they become a problem, then they are taken away. We have been doing this for two years with no problems.

Kodiak: Not everybody is going to do work if they have their iPod, some people will just play around with their iPod.

Palmer: We are trying to find new ways to innovate education.

Commissioner Ledoux is constantly playing with his iPhone.

There is always a possibility that this will be a distraction, but it is also an opportunity for advance.

Motion to call the question
Kenny Lake/Perryville
Motion Passes, question has been called
Resolution #7 passes

Kodiak PI: Are Eboard members allowed to make comments?

Kari: His comment was relevant to his SBEED position. It is very uncommon for Eboard members to comment, but he was speaking on behalf of SBEED.

Tim: I felt that this was an important piece of information, the opinion of SBEED is important, and no one else in the room was there to present the opinion.

Motion to bring Resolution #8 to the floor
Tri-Valley/King Cove
Motion Passes

Kenny Lake High School
Resolution #8: Private School Voucher Program
Region 1: supports with noted opposition
Region 2: supports
Region 3: does not support
Region 4: did not reach this resolution
Region 5: does not support and would like clarification
Region 6: does not support with noted opposition
Region 7: abstains until further information is presented

Motion to strike clause 13

West Valley/Igiuigig
Amendment Passes

Sitka PI: We are really confused on what the voucher itself is.

Kenny Lake: A voucher program is like a food stamp. Lower income families can apply for this funding to attend a private school of their choice.

Eielson PI: If in clause 2 the annual dropout rate in Alaska is 8%, is that just seniors? Does this statement match clause 3?

Kenny Lake: No, this is just seniors, and this is reliable because it is from the US Department of Education.

Su Valley PI: Are these prices for single years or for 4 years?

Kenny Lake: That is the average for a single year of private school tuition. When parents select to send their children to private schools, they are essentially paying for public and private schools because of taxes.

Bethel PI: Is this like a scholarship type deal, is this dependant upon GPA, or is it based on financial need?

Kenny Lake: This is not a scholarship, there are other requirements. This just gives them the opportunity financially to

attend a private school. They should get to attend the school of their choice regardless of income.

Ketchikan: In clause 10, where is this money coming from?

Kenny Lake: In all cases, the voucher program is fiscally neutral. They do not cause any setback since schools are paid on a per student basis. Now they are able to put money back in to the public school system. This will benefit public schools too, not just private schools. Public schools also benefit because it brings them competition, and then the public schools are competing for students. They are going to adopt the best possible policies.

Lathrop PI: Have you factored in schools like Eielson where they are technically drop out/military schools?

Kenny Lake: I'm not sure, but it is cited, and I will check.

Hutchison PI: It says in clause 4 the average cost to educate a public school student, but for private schools it is less. Is the private school tuition based on Alaska, or somewhere else?

Kenny Lake: No, the private school tuition is national. The problem is that the federal government doesn't regulate private schools. Statistics are pretty rare. The Department of Education does take statistics, but it is rare.

Unalaska PI: Are there any boarding private schools? A lot of districts in our region don't have private schools.

Kenny Lake: I'm not sure, but I am assuming there are. If there wasn't a private school in your area that is ok because the extra funding will come back and reach your public schools.

Thunder Mtn. PI: How is dropout defined? Are students that go on to get GED's counted?

Kenny Lake: People that leave school are included. We have the 2nd highest dropout rate in the nation.

Bethel PI: Why is it so much more money for a public school education than a private school?

Kenny Lake: As with any public system, efficiency is sacrificed. When USPS allowed businesses like FedEx to come into the market, efficiency went up.

Teller PI: If our district doesn't have a private school, would this money pay our way out of the district?

Kenny Lake: No. But it will improve your education.

Wasilla: In whereas statements 2 and 3, rates are not comparable. Clause 2 is students in general, and 3 is just seniors. Most dropouts happen before your senior year. Clause 4 and 5 compare the cost of education. There are other sources of funding that sponsor private schools. It is detrimental to the public school system to allow students to use this money to attend private schools. Alaska is unique in that we have a lot of small villages, and it is hard enough to keep kids enrolled in those public schools.

Motion to table this resolution until tomorrow

**Eagle River/Craig
Motion Passes**

**Motion to recess until called by the chair
Whittier/Chignik Bay
Motion Passes**

Meeting called back to order at 9:15 am

Voting: We will now do voting for AASG President, VP and PR officer by a roll call. Voting is now closed.

VII. Old Business

h. NASC 2009

Jessica Veltri

Kari, Harmonee, Tyler, Jessica, Elijah, and Sam went to NASC in Denver this June. Powerpoint presentation of NASC activities. The NASC Conference had a climbing theme. This summer is in Center Grove, Indiana, and the theme is "See you on the Racetrack." The Recycling X-Games workshop came from NASC.

i. Fall Conference Host 2010

Kari Nore

Congratulations to Bethel Regional High School, who will host our Fall 2010 conference!

**Motion to recess for a speech by Commissioner Ledoux
Igiuigig/Eielson
Motion Passes**

Meeting called back to order at 10:40am

VIII. New Business

g. Resuming debate on Resolution #8

Mt. Edgecumbe PI: Is Mt. Edgecumbe a private school?

Kenny Lake: No.

East: In clause 2, the annual dropout rate, this is public and private, and it doesn't specify. 2% is nationwide, so that isn't pertinent. In clause 5, the author doesn't mention if the kids already in private school get money or not, because that is an extra \$13 million. In clause 8, it doesn't specify what public and private schools. The student makes the school, the school doesn't make the student.

Motion to call the question

Mt. Edgecumbe/Delta

Motion passes, question has been called

Resolution #8 fails

**Motion to bring Resolution #9 to the floor
Highland Tech/Oscarville
Motion Passes**

Kodiak High School

Resolution #9: Installation of Additional Surveillance cameras in Kodiak High School

Submitted as read

Region 1: strongly supports

Region 2: unanimously supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports

Region 5: unanimously supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: supports

Steller PI: We would like to know why the school is requesting the money and the purchase of these cameras by the police department, and why they can't pay it themselves?

Kodiak: Theft and vandalism is the responsibility of the police department.

Ketchikan PI: Is the \$1400 only for the cameras or for the operation of them?

Kodiak: It is only \$1400 to install them, the system is already there, they just need the cameras.

Motion to amend Clause 4 to strike: In the locations stated at the bottom of the document

Sitka/Tri-Valley

Amendment Passes

Eagle River PI: When are you expecting that Kodiak will be renovated next?

Kodiak: We are up to get renovated and reconstructed very soon. We are overcrowded by 300-400 people. There is a release of toxic chemicals going on. This will be complete in 5 years or so. They will start this summer.

Motion to call the question

Monroe/Wasilla

Motion Passes, question has been called

Resolution #9 passes

This is the last resolution we will be able to reach. There needs to be a run-off election between the two candidates for president with the highest number of votes, since the difference was fewer than 10 votes. We are calling an extra region meeting for the runoff for the office of AASG president.

Motion to table all resolutions indefinitely

Barrow/Bethel

Kodiak: If we have a chance to get to one more resolution, we should. We are here to get through as many as we can.

Kari: We need to vote, count, and report votes, and we need to be back here by 11:30. The ballots will be collected at the region

meetings. These resolutions will be eligible for resubmission at the spring conference.

Motion Passes

Schools are called up by roll call to receive ballots.

Wasilla PO: We would like to know the difference that makes it necessary for a runoff election. The bylaws says 10 votes requires a runoff.

Megan: The official votes will remain a secret, but it was within 7 votes.

Tyler: Earlier on, I made a mistake in a word choice, and I just wanted to apologize. I was rude, inconsiderate, and very unprofessional.

Kenny Lake PO: Why was one of the Eboard members just allowed to apologize?

Kari: He said an inappropriate word, and he was merely apologizing. We are remaining neutral, and not announcing who the runoff is between.

Motion to recess until called by the chair

Service/Levelock

Motion Passes

Meeting called back to order at 12:57pm

Motion to suspend the rules so Kodiak can resubmit their resolution on the Governors proposal

Juneau/Palmer

Motion Passes

Kodiak High School

Resolution #10: Support for Governor's performance scholarships

Region 1: unanimously supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports with opposition

Region 5: supports with opposition

Region 6: supports with opposition

Region 7: supports the intent

Motion to limit debate to 5 minutes

Juneau/Wasilla

Motion Passes

Bethel: Can we say you have to have been a resident of Alaska for a certain number of years? We don't want people taking advantage of this.

Chugiak: Since this is GPA based, this will reduce the rigor of classes that students take, because then it is easier to get a high GPA.

Juneau: This is more of an informative thing, we are supporting a bill the legislature will be looking at. We want Alaskan students to support this.

Motion to amend to create a new whereas statement: Whereas, to be eligible for this scholarship you must be a resident of Alaska

Bethel/no second

Amendment fails

Eielson: This is a bill in the legislature, we don't have the right to amend what they have done.

Steller: We would like to remind the GA that if you are the son or daughter of a military member, you are not a resident.

Resolution #10 passes

Motion to bring Eielson's special resolution to the floor

Steller/Chignik

Motion Passes

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: supports

Special Resolution passes

Motion to move the recognition of outgoing members to closing ceremonies

Ketchikan/West Valley

Motion Passes

j. Introduction of new Eboard officers

Please come and stand behind the person you will be replacing.

President: We need to explain this. The outcome of the first ballot was a separation of only 7 votes, which, according to our bylaws necessitates a runoff election. After the first vote, something happened where one of the final two candidates was allowed to say something to the GA. This would have never happened had the Eboard known who was on the ballot. The outcome of the runoff did not yield a majority vote. When this happens, according to the bylaws, the Eboard votes by secret ballot to decide the outcome of the election. Our VP (one of the candidates) removed himself from the voting. Both candidates have the option to contest the election if they wish.

Congratulations to Mike White, the new AASG President.

Other officers elected/chosen by interview:

VP: Ariel Zlatkovski

PR: Charlie Kline

Secretary/Treasurer: Tessa Baldwin

Parliamentarian: Arianna Cocallas

SBEED candidates: Donald Handlin and Maddie Reinhardt

To clarify, Mr. Heckman read the bylaws where we decided the procedure of the elections. Mr. Heckman, AASDA President, read Article 7, section d, subsections 1-5 of the AASG ByLaws, related to election.

k. Swearing in of new officers

President Mike White accepts the duties of his position

VP Ariel Zlatkovski accepts the duties of his position

PR Officer Charlie Kline accepts the duties of his position

Secretary/Treasurer Tessa Baldwin accepts the duties of her position

Parliamentarian Arianna Cocallas accepts the duties of her position

SBEED rep will be sworn in at the next SBEED meeting after interviews.

There will be a short meeting of the old and new Eboard after closing ceremonies.

g. Motion to bring Special Resolution #1 to the floor

Su Valley/Kokhanok

West delegation present to enjoy the resolution celebrating the superb Fall Conference hosting.

Motion Passes

Region 1: strongly supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: supports

Special Resolution #1 passes

Motion to adjourn the Fall 2009 GA

South/Eielson

Motion Passes