



AASG Fall Conference  
Legendary Leadership  
Bethel Regional High School  
October 14-16, 2010

- I. Welcome, Introduction of Executive Board
- II. Meeting Call to Order

**Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm**

III. Roll Call:

Akiachak.....	2,1
Akiuk Memorial.....	2,1
Anderson.....	3, 1
Arlicaq (Akiak).....	2,1
Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik.....	2, 1
Barrow.....	3, 1
Ben Eielson.....	4, 1
Bethel.....	43, 1
Chaputnguak.....	5,1
Chevak.....	6, 1
Chief Ivan Blunka.....	8, 1
Cordova.....	7, 1
Dimond.....	3, 1
Haines.....	8, 2
JoAnn A. Alexie Mem.....	4, 1
Juneau-Douglas.....	10, 1
Ket'acik & Aapalluk Mem...	4, 1
Ketchikan.....	1,1
Klawock.....	2, 1
Kodiak .....	2, 1
Lake and Peninsula SD...	2, 1
Lathrop.....	3, 1
Lower Yukon SD.....	8,2
Manokotak Nunaniq.....	4, 1
Monroe Catholic.....	1, 1
Mt. Edgecumbe.....	10, 1
Nelson Island.....	5, 1
Newtok.....	6, 2

Nightmute.....	4, 1
Nuniwarmiut.....	2, 1
Palmer.....	5,1
Paul T Albert Mem.....	3,1
Petersburg.....	4, 1
Qucguun Memorial.....	8, 1
Service.....	10, 1
Sitka.....	4, 1
Skagway.....	7, 1
South Anchorage .....	4, none
Thunder Mountain.....	4, 2
Tri-Valley.....	1,1
Unalaska.....	5, 2
Wasilla.....	11, 1
Yaakoosge Daakahidi Alt....	2, 1
Yakutat.....	2, 1
Z.J. Williams Mem.....	2,1
Kwig High School.....	2'1

**I. General Announcements**

**Michael**

If you are interested in running for the board please turn it in to Parliamentarian Arriana by 7:30 am tomorrow. General announcements from Jalene, and Madi: pick up snack coupons for the rest of the conference. The region meetings breakfast will be brought to meeting. Region one is in the art room, region 6 is in the portable and region seven is the gym. If you haven't signed up for the workshop you need to do that tonight or on your way to the region meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Michael**

**Motion to recess for region meetings  
South/ Monroe  
Motions passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 8:46 pm**

**Reviewed roll call, some schools came in late**

**Motion to approve the agenda  
Manakotak/ Cordova  
Motion passes**

**III. Reports**

**a. Officer Reports**

**i. Vice President**

**Ariel Zlatkovski**

My job is to keep track of resolutions, getting the resolutions, sending the resolutions out. If you have a resolution that you are working on right now get them to me as soon as possible; I also have been working on RSVP. RSVP was fantastic. I also worked on suicide prevention with Tessa.

**ii. Secretary-Treasurer**

**Tessa Baldwin**

As your Secretary Treasurer, I have been busy preparing my minutes for the conference, and many other large projects, such as the Theme workshop which is to help promote service in your community. The EBoard set up an absentee balloting contest, which I planned to help schools that don't attend AASG become familiar with AASG. I have chaired the Statewide Suicide Prevention Media Contest which is a chance for you to win cash prizes and help save people's lives. Some other things that I have been doing since the last conference was helping the board become more organized, I made ditto signs (if you have questions on how your student council can use these or what they are just find me!) . I also am getting ready to pass this executive board position to some amazing person this conference! More of my contributions to the board will be presented later on during this conference.

**iii. Parliamentarian**

**Arianna Cocallas**

Hello everyone. I am really excited for this conference to start and I'm thrilled to experience all the activities that the Bethel folks have planned for all of us. As your parliamentarian I have been concentrating on Elections and making sure those go smoothly. I also am looking to support the next parliamentarian and really excited about interviews. The main activity that I have been concentrating on is creating a parli pro handbook for the next parliamentarian. If you know about anyone who is going to run and has questions please encourage them to talk to me so their application is complete and they understand the process. I also served on the scholarships committee. The applications for the board are due 7:30 am.

**iv. Public Relations**

**Charlie Klein**

Hello AASG, I attended the executive board summer business meeting at Service High School. I chair the Awards Committee, which includes gathering all the applications, setting up subcommittees to review applications, and presenting the awards. I have been working with Savannah with a new award. If you are planning to run for an EBoard position and public relations is on your mind, I am here to answer questions. This is a fun position and I encourage you to be on the board. Thanks for coming to the conference.

**v. SBEED Representative**

**Donald Handeland**

Since the last AASG I have taken over for Tim Rockey as the State Board of Education and Early Development Student Representative. In July I was selected to be on the Alaska Advisory Task Force for Higher Education and Career Readiness. This task force was created with the passing of Senate Bill 221, the Alaska performance scholarship. Its purpose is to combat Alaska's low graduation rate and the high rate of remediation for Alaskans who go to college. On this task force are the President of Alaska Senate Senator Gary Stevens; Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives Representative Chanault; Presidents of UAA, UAF ; the Commissioner of Education and Early Development; and may other dedicated Alaskans. We have met in

Anchorage for a meeting, in urban environments, in Fairbanks for a look at the college setting, and in Nome, Alaska for a look a more rural community. We have made significant progress in the last couple of months and plan to present to the legislature in late March early April. I have attended regular state board meetings where we are in the process of setting regulations for the Alaska performance scholarship. The scholarship currently has 3 levels, those who achieves the highest level upon graduation may receive honors diploma with the governor's signature if the state board approves it.

At this conference we will be picking 3 SBEED representatives to go to the state board of education meeting in December with me where our committee will choose a representative who will serve with me for six months before taking over as the next AASG SBEED representative.

**vi. ASAA Representative**

**Bethany Hladick**

Hi everyone my name Bethany, I am the AASG representative for ASAA, Alaska School Activities Association. Since I attended the summer AASG business meeting I attended the ASAA meeting. ASAA approved that 8<sup>th</sup> grades can attend our conference, with 20 students or less. Overall my experience for being on the ASAA board was great. For this conference I have prepared the new delegates and experienced delegates workshops and I also attended a meeting with candidates.

**vii. Region I Representative:**

**Jasmine Elkins**

Since Eielson I have been communicating with people in my region. We have been working on. In the smaller schools we have been working on getting more schools involved with student councils. I have been serving on the scholarship committee. We only have one school in region one at this conference.

**viii. Region II:**

**Ellen Brease**

I am the new region two representatives as of yesterday. I am looking forward to getting in touch with new schools

**ix. Region III:**

**Mitchell Davidson**

In the exceptionally magnificent region three, we have been communicating in preparation for this fall AASG, and we are extremely excited for the spring conference hosted within our splendorous region, in the sparkling metropolis of Cordova.

**x. Region IV:**

**Savannah Woolston**

Since I was elected for the board at Eielson we have been meeting every month, we are currently working on service things. I am been working on the scholarship committee and many more. I would like to host a conference next

fall after Cordova. Since all the schools are within 30 minutes of anchorage, region four has been meeting every month.

**xi. Region V:**

**Tyler Houseweart**

I am the new region five representative. The region of love has about 50 delegates attending this conference. I have also been working on a workshop with Tessa and Carol about service.

**xii. Region VI:**

**Hanna Brewer**

Since Eielson where I was elected we had two region six meetings. In those meetings we have elected all region members who represent us on the school board. We are working on our community service projects. We have also been working on our junior high workshop. I am also looking forward to getting in touch with my region.

**xiii. Region VII:**

**Mitchell Davidson**

Since being elected, I have been working on communication between the region and the board or region. I have attend the summer business meeting in August since that I have been working on putting together this conference, I hope you enjoy it, and I have been working on the binder that I received so I have been updating this so the next region seven person won't be so overwhelmed.

**xiv. President**

**Michael**

How many of you attended RSVP, how many of you guys attended the new and old delegates session? I am expressly happy to be finishing up my term in Bethel. I have been working on the last 6 months on getting the conference ready. I also have been working on getting my binder ready, for the next president. I also have been working on shaping up my leadership skills..

**b. Executive Director**

**Carol Waters**

Good day and Welcome to this great conference, where you can develop into a legendary leader!

What a wonderful conference this is! How about the fantastic host school Bethel? Ms. Mellor, Jalene and Madi have put together a great team of over 30 students to put on this great leadership experience! I have been so appreciative of their creativity, their enthusiasm and their determination to host a fabulous conference. They have been working for a year to get ready for you. Think about the perseverance it took to arrange all the workshops, the trip to Amautluak, the cultural experiences... and the housing, the food...Please let them know that you are amazed by this conference with a standing ovation!

Your Executive Board is working hard to respectfully facilitate this General Assembly and major initiatives to help you in your quest for legendary leadership. I am incredibly impressed with the work they have put into planning RSVP and the preconference workshops for new and experienced

delegates. This board has put effort and ingenuity into their projects: the media contest to prevent suicide, the new leader recognition program, and the theme of rise up and take action, with a focus on service. They have met in person, had skype committee meetings, convened teleconference sessions. Please let them know you appreciate their efforts with a big round of applause!

Think about all the work it took for your advisors to get this opportunity for you. They all do this because they want the best for you. Please show that you appreciate all their efforts so you can be here.

I know that you come expecting to have fun. I certainly hope that you do enjoy yourselves, mostly because you get ideas and new skills, and build a network of people who can help you develop into a great leader. As the Executive Director of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, I know how important this leadership experience can be in your lives. My role continues to be to help the Executive Board and YOU get leadership learning and opportunities offered through AASG. I hope you leave here with a renewed passion to change your life for the better, to make a difference in this world.

If you ask people what a leader is, you'll often hear that a leader takes charge, has great ideas, is organized, and has a positive attitude. Those are important skills. But more importantly, if you are doing all these things with grace, with a respect for the feelings of others, and honoring divergent points of view by listening and including others' ideas.... then you are acting as a great leader. The skills you learned in RSVP can help you be the best leader ever. The understanding you gained in the suicide prevention workshop can prepare you to listen and care about others' welfare. When Mike Smith shares his ideas in his keynote, If not me, who? you'll get insights into the ways to overcome adversity and stand up for others. And these are just a few of the many opportunities you will have to gain leadership skills at this conference.

As you observe those around you, appreciate their point of view, and show that you care about their ideas. That is exactly what the greatest leaders do. If you focus on others' needs, you will be a strong leader.

As a mentor to the Executive Board, I work at responding to their needs by providing opportunities and challenges. I model collaboration, listening, and working hard and conscientiously. I am proud to serve the Board and to serve you, the leaders for today and tomorrow.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **a. Approval of Spring 2010 General Assembly Minutes Tessa**

The minutes from Eielson are online. A motion is entertained to approve the Spring 2010 GA minutes.

**Motion to approve the Spring GA minutes**  
**Lathrop / Eagle River**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

**b. Fall Conference 2010 report**

**Bethel Registrars**

**Motion to table this report**  
**Ben Eielson/ Petersburg**  
**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**c. RSVP Training Report**

**Ariel**

If you have had RSVP training give a cheer, (thunderous cheer)...that right there is a testament that RSVP is great in Alaska. I don't have the exact number of people who attended today but it was over 100 delegates. Take this process back to your schools and implement RSVP.

**d. Suicide Prevention Activities**

**Tess**

How many of you know someone that has committed suicide? How many of you know someone that has been affected by suicide? It very common to know someone that has been affected by suicide in their life! Alaska has the highest rate of suicide in America, and the sad part is the numbers of suicides in Alaska are still increasing. This year's fall AASG is promoting suicide prevention in a number of ways. Megan Crowe did suicide prevention training at the beginning of the conference and there will be a workshop to talk about suicides in Alaska and our plan for making a difference. Think about ways you can prevent suicide. How does this affect people, communities or even regions? I have been a AASG suicide prevention representative since January, where I went to a suicide prevention summit with Ariel and Carol in Anchorage. Some of you may know it by "mending the net." From there on AASG has grown with the topic Suicide prevention and how to practice doing activities that are related to suicide prevention. This year we have partnered with ANTHC to promote suicide prevention through a PSA media contest. The Media Contest has cash prizes and production of the winners statewide. You'll be able to develop a message using art, music, poetry, dance, stories, and then posting them on YouTube! This contest can be entered by any of you! If you would like to enter please ask Carol, me or the attend the suicide workshop where forms will be left.

**e. Student Councils of Excellence**  
**Recognition of qualifying schools**  
Alright

**Charlie**

**f. Constitution/By-Law Revisions**

**Arianna**

We have three changes. In the Constitution, Article 3 sect1a we propose “non voting except in tie”. Re ASAA vacancy, there will be a vacancy rule now. In the By-laws in article three, recommend revision so executive director may attend either national or regional activities.

**Motion to ratify all the amendments  
Yakutat/ Nelson Island  
Motion passes**

**g. Absentee Balloting**

**Tessa**

The executive board wants to increase absentee balloting for schools not attending the conference. Absentee balloting is the process that schools that don't attend the conference to vote for candidates for office, who are AASG members. The board had a contest to see which board member would get the most schools doing absentee balloting. Next year we will hopefully be doing this again but finding better ways to contribute towards these types of projects. If you have questions and suggestions, please check in with me.

**V. New Business**

**a. Travel Scholarships**

**Arianna**

AASG awards travel scholarships for conferences, and I served as the chair of the scholarship committee. We approved all and awarded each half of their travel costs here to Bethel. There are twenty two scholarships, from seven schools awarded. To all recipients we awarded 50 percent of their way paid. If you are interested in applying you can go to [www.aasg.org](http://www.aasg.org).

**b. 2010 National Association of Student Councils Conference Delegate Report**

**Conference  
Delegates Jalene,  
Madi, Michael,  
Mitchell F., Sophie  
Clark**

Presented a slide show on NASC. It was in Minneapolis, and it was a long trip! Minneapolis was really hot. We toured the area for the preconference: went to a professional ball game, went to the zoo, went to see the musical Jersey Boys, and we had an awesome time!

The whole conference was four days. We were there for six days. Sophie, Carol, registrars Madi and Jalene, Mrs. Mellor, Michael White, Mitchell and Sonnie went. We learned about different methods that student councils did across the US. Our delegation did a workshop on how we do resolutions and communicate in our conferences and AASG. Most state conferences do not do resolutions. We used a lot of ideas that were presented at this conference, such as the community dinners, and the count down towards the general assemblies.

The NASC conference will change to the STAR Conference next year and will include National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members. The Conference was a great experience.

**c. Region 7 NASC Report**

**Mitchell Forbes**

As the NASC Rep for Region 7 (Western States), I got to meet all of the state people for the first time. There are 8 states that want to work with AASG on networking. We may have some state presidents that will attend the Cordova AASG.

**d. Technology: AASGFan Facebook**

**Mitchell D.**

I am on the technology committee with both Mitchell Forbes and Ariel. We used to have AKSN for student government which was like facebook. We only have 80 people signed up right now but this conference maybe we can have more. We also have been working on AASG.org to make it more available. The website is [www.facebook.com/aasgfan](http://www.facebook.com/aasgfan). We have been mostly working on facebook.

You can go on that here or at home. We want to increase communications between the members and the executive board.

**e. AASG Theme: Rise into Action!**

**Tessa, Tyler**

Do you know Virginia Richards who help create a service to her school to get over obesity and diabetes? Do you know Kelsey Fall who started a marching band? Do you know anyone in Brevig Mission who repaired bikes as a service for younger students to ride to school? Do you know Elin and Sophie from Klawock who put on a community service by starting a blood drive? Well, they all have something in common, they provided service to their community. This year's executive board theme is "Rise up in to Action." This year's theme is to challenge all of you to do what needs to be done in your communities. What service projects are being done in your community? What can you do to improve your communities? What can you be done that isn't being done already? Most of all what can benefit your community for the better?

We will be hosting a workshop with the help of Anchorage's Promise Youth Alliance on how to create a service plan. We encourage all of you to register your service projects on a national registry. That way during the next AASG conference in Cordova, we can present the number of hours our student councils have completed this year, the best service award, the most number of people that were involved and best individual service plan.

Now start thinking of what service plans you want to do, because this year's executive board will be promoting this theme through region meetings, and workshops. Any questions? Just ask any Board member. And we will be answering them at the workshop! So make sure to sign up for our workshop to promote service in your school, Community, and region!

**Motion to recess for two minutes**

**Lathrop/ Skagway**

**Motion passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 9:45pm**

**f. Membership**

**Mitchell D.**

There are 197 schools in Alaska and AASG has 132 member schools. We are working on getting more schools part of AASG and having all the schools attend the conference. There are 48 schools here currently. A challenge for you is when you go back to schools, to connect with student councils in other schools to come here at the conferences. It is a great thing to get more people involved. Any small schools need your hand to get here, and we as an executive board are asking for your help.

**g. Middle School and Small School Participation Bethany**

AASG passed a resolution proposing that schools with twenty students or less can take 8<sup>th</sup> grade delegates to the conferences. As AASG rep to the Alaska School Activities Association, our parent organization, I will be proposing that ASAA approve this. We are encouraging all regions to provide leadership opportunities for middle school students. Region 6 does a really good job of having 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in activities. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are the future of AASG after all. Please talk with your region about how to involve middle school students. Region 6 can help you!

**h. Conference Host for Spring 2011, Fall 2011**

**Michael**

Cordova will be hosting the conference in the spring. We are currently looking for a school that will want to host the fall 2011 conference. If you want to host a conference come and talk to the executive board.

I entertain a motion to extend the region meeting tomorrow into GA time to work on resolutions.

**Motion to extend to region meeting tomorrow which the time will be taken away from the GA time**

**Monroe/ Haines**

**Palmer: Point of order, we need to rescind the motion in order to approve the agenda?**

**Parliamentarian: it is not the agenda, it is the schedule.**

**Motion passes**

**Motion to recess until GA tomorrow morning**

**Lower Yukon School District / Yakutat**

**Motion passes**

Announcements: Just a couple of reminders. Tomorrow everyone should wear pink to represent breast cancer awareness. If you don't have pink we will be providing ribbons. The conference shirts say "Ciuliqgta" that means great leader in Yupik. The shirts will be worn on Saturday.

Your name tags have the schedule on them.

Our key note is Michael Smith and our local address will be by Ms. Sadler.

### **Meeting called back to order at 8:45 am**

#### **Nominations:**

If you have nominations for officers go to the microphone and say who you are nominating.

#### **President:**

Mt. Edgecumbe nominates Tessa Baldwin

Tessa Accepts

Bethel Nominates Michael White

Michael accepts

#### **Vice President:**

Bethel Nominates Mitchell Forbes

Mitchell Accepts

#### **Public Relations:**

Juneau Douglas Nominates Clarissa Allmer

Clarissa Accepts

#### **Parliamentarian:**

Klawock Nominates Sophie Clark

Sophie Accepts

#### **Secretary Treasurer:**

No nomination

Accepting application until tonight

#### **Nominations for ASAA Rep position:**

Monroe Catholic Nominates Emily Sexton

Emily accepts

Unalaska Nominates Rachel Gulanes

Rachel Accepts

#### **SBED Representative**

Bethel Nominates Jeremiah Klejka  
Jeremiah accepts

**Nominations for SBEED are still open. We can accept nominations for SBEEC Rep after the conference, since the position does not get filled until December.**

**i. Awards at Spring Conf: Review**

**Charlie**

Hello AASG, I am the chair for the Awards Committee. At the spring conference we give out awards. The Student Council of Excellence award is given to all schools that complete a portfolio demonstrating excellence in service, organization, school and community involvement, respect for diversity, increasing student voice, and commitment to school and community improvement. Three schools are being honored for their hard work. Congratulations to Mt. Edgecumbe, Klawock and Bethel.

We also recognize the Advisor of the Year. Students nominate their advisor for outstanding service to student council. For this award there was one winner, there are always a lot of applications. This year the Awards Committee selected Sonnie Anderson as the Advisor of the Year. Sonnie Anderson is from Klawock. Sonnie will be our nominee for the National Advisor of the Year, which will be announced at the next NASC/STAR Conference in June 2011.

Another award given at the Spring Conference is the Student Leader in Service. Students who do service can be recognized by this award. The committee selected two students who worked on a combined blood drive. This small school on Prince of Wales Island wanted to do a blood drive to honor a teacher who had died, but the Blood Bank could not bring the needed equipment to the island. So an Anchorage student council did the blood drive, and the students at Klawock organized the publicity. This was a joint service project between Klawock School and South High. The award for Student leader in Service was given to Sam McNelly from South High and Sophie Clark from Klawock.

If you are interested in any of these awards you can apply for them and turn the applications in during the spring conference in Cordova. The applications are online at [www.aasg.org/conferences/awards](http://www.aasg.org/conferences/awards).

**j. Student Leaders Recognition**

**Savannah**

The awards committees created a new award this award is called the student leader of excellence award. There are multiple activities required to earn the award which will honor those students who demonstrate extraordinary leadership skills through action. The application for the award will be online soon, and the award will be presented at AASG at the Spring Conference.

**k. Resolutions**

**Ariel**

As vice president, I am keeper of the resolutions. Right now we have four resolutions. I will be accepting them tonight until midnight. Resolutions that are submitted after that will now go to the spring conference. Now we are going to go on to presentation and debate of resolutions.

**I. Parliamentary Procedures Guidelines**

**Arianna**

There are two microphones for you to use when you wish to speak: If you support a resolution, go to the right side. If you wish to speak against a resolution or motion, go to the left mike.

There are three signs to indicate point of personal privilege, point of information and point of order. If you have a question wait till the chair/president recognizes you. The president will then direct the question to the author. The point of order will be accepted before any other action. If there is anything being done that you think is wrong you can use the sign for a point of privilege. The reason we have microphones and the placards, we are facilitating the conversation. Please show respect for different points of view by not clapping when a resolution fails. You can snap if a resolution passes though, that is fine.

**m. Presentation of Resolutions, Debate, Vote**

**EBoard, GA**

**Motion to bring resolution 1 to the floor**

**Diamond/ Cordova**

**Motion passes**

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports,

Region 4: supports

Region 5: unanimously supports this resolution with small factions

Region 6: supports

Region 7: unanimously supports

**No discussion.**

**Resolution one passes.**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Resolution #1 (PASSED)**

**Professional Resolution Format**

**Submitted by: Tessa Baldwin and Donald Handeland**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

1. **Whereas**, Alaska Association of Student Government deals with professional organizations;
2. **Whereas**, other organizations have their chief officer sign passed documents;
3. **Whereas**, schools who pass resolutions should be presented with a formatted version for their school;
4. **Whereas**, presently no resolutions passed at AASG are signed into effect;
5. **Whereas**, AASG should strive to promote a professional image to those whom we send resolutions;
6. **Whereas**, authors work extremely hard on their resolutions and should have them received in the best possible light;
7. **Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that all resolutions passed be professionally printed, signed by the president, executive director, authors and sent to the author's school and those in the action statement.**

**Action Statement:** If passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to the following people:

President of AASG, 2009-2010, Michael White [Mikewhite1994@aol.com](mailto:Mikewhite1994@aol.com)  
Executive Director, 2009-2010, Carol Waters [Ma2tna@acsalaska.net](mailto:Ma2tna@acsalaska.net)

References:

1. "12 tips for creating better documents." *Microsoft Corporation*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Oct. 2010. < <http://www.microsoft.com/atwork/skills/documents.aspx>>

**Motion to bring resolution 2 to the floor  
Anderson/ Mt. Edgecumbe  
Motion passes**

Juneau Douglas with a point of privilege: the font is too small. Could you enlarge it?  
Ariel does so.

Region 1: supports  
Region 2: supports  
Region 3: the travel friendly region 3 supports student activity expansions by the way of abolished travel day in the UCSD.  
Region 4: supports  
Region 5: unanimously supports  
Region 6: supports  
Region 7: supports

**Wasilla:** point of information- why is the 20 day rule in place?

**Author:** because we have teachers that believe that students need to be in school as much as possible. They feel that when students are absent they are missing important lectures

**Juneau Douglas-** Point of info- when you put in the 2.5 GPA, do this mean you want to get rid of the grade point average.

**Author:** no the grade point average is still going to remain the same.

**Motion to strike line three**

**Palmer/ Chugiak**

**Motion resends**

**Motion to strike line 4**

**Palmer/ Mt. Edgecumbe**

**Eagle River:** what line are we striking?

**Author:** Line four.

**Motion on striking line four passes with noted opposition**

**Resolution passes with noted opposition**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Resolution #2 (PASSED)**

**Academic Activity Enhancement through Participation**

**Submitted by: Bethany Hladick**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

**1. Whereas,** high school students that attend Unalaska City School are limited to 20 days for school sponsored travel, which includes academic and athletic travel;

- 2. Whereas,** Unalaska City School District requires students to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in order to participate in school sponsored travel;
- 3. Whereas,** academic activities such as Student Government, Oceanic Science Bowls, Music Competitions, Skills USA, Business Clubs of America, and Academic Decathlons positively enrich a student's academic performance;
- 4. Whereas,** a travel policy should not be in place to limit a student's academic performance;
- 5. Whereas,** your co-curricular experiences are valuable to your personal and professional development;<sup>2</sup>
- 6. Whereas,** in a study written on extra-curricular activities and academic performance, results indicated that the group involved in activities outside the school day yielded better academic performance;<sup>3</sup>
- 7. Whereas,** according to the UCSD mission statement, UCSD provides an exemplary education foundation preparing students to enter the world of opportunities, inspiring them to challenge themselves as problem solvers, lifelong learners, and contributors to an ever-changing global society, and academic and co-curricular activities helps to fulfill this;<sup>1</sup>
- 8. Whereas,** through involvement in co-curricular experiences, you gain transferable skills that can be applied to many areas;<sup>2</sup>
- 9. Whereas,** graduates who can demonstrate a wide variety of skills and experiences are highly sought after as they move into professional careers, and these skills are enriched through co-curricular participation;<sup>2</sup>
- 10. Whereas,** if a student exceeds their travel days, they cannot travel through school-sponsored academic programs, potentially limiting their academic growth, and eliminating this limit would do away with this barrier.

**11. Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that we support a policy to not include students' academic travel for their overall travel day count in the Unalaska City School District.**

**Action Statement:** If passed by the AASG General Assembly, this resolution should be submitted to the Principal, Superintendent, and School Board of Unalaska City School.

**Sources:**

1. School Board. "Mission Statement." *Unalaska City SD - AK - District Home*. Web. 14 Oct. 2010. <<http://www.ucsd.net/>>.
2. Office of Campus Activities. "Co-curricular Resume." *Drexel University*. Web. 13 Oct. 2010. <<http://www.drexel.edu/oca/l/resume.asp>>
3. Moriana, Juan Antonio, and Francisco Alos. "Extra-curricular Activities and Academic Performance in Secondary Students." Web. 13 Oct. 2010. <[http://www.investigacion-psicopedagogica.org/revista/articulos/8/english/Art\\_8\\_82.pdf](http://www.investigacion-psicopedagogica.org/revista/articulos/8/english/Art_8_82.pdf)>.

**Meeting at ease**

**Meeting called back to order at 9: 12 am**

Announcements: Parliamentarian Arianna: Some directions re debating: If you have something that you would like to change or don't know what it is asking, you can ask a question using one of the signs. You can also say why you support it or why you don't. The idea of having a resolution is to debate in a large group the pros and cons of the resolution and decide if the organization supports the action. We also make resolutions so much stronger by debate of the GA, so I encourage you to share some comments.

**Motion to bring resolution number 3 to the floor**

**Haines/ Service**

**Juneau Douglas:** Point of privilege- May the president speak a little slower please?

**President Michael will try.**

**Lathrop:** Point of order- Can we please go slower, so people can consider how they want to amend things and we don't know if they are changes, can we please slow things down a little, take it down a notch?

**President Michael will pause more.**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

Region 1: unanimously supports the intent, but would like to see some changes

Region 2: does not support, because it needs work

Region 3: supports the addition of a cafeteria

Region 4: supports the intent but has questions

Region 5: unanimously supports,

Region 6: supports, has some questions

Region 7: supports this resolution

**Kodiak:** Point of info- is there any plans on where this cafeteria or kitchen would be and the cost?

**Author:** on the school district right now is working on a cost, and if you go through a tunnel where there are no doors is where the cafeteria will be

**Motion to amend to where as statement number one to read  
“Bethel regional high school has a school of at least 500  
students”**

**Lathrop/ Service**

**Motion to amend the motion to have it read as the school has a  
school population**

**Juneau Douglas/ Yakutat**

**Motion passes**

**Motion to amend the resolution passes**

The line now reads “whereas, Bethel Regional High School has a school population of at least 500 students”

**Anderson:** point of information- do you guys plan on making a requirement to eat at the cafeteria after it passes?

**Author:** Yes

**Motion to amend where as statement number seven “whereas,  
the size of BRHS or small be strike**

**Thunder mountain/ Eagle River**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Monroe:** Point of information- the resolution is clear that they want a cafeteria, what wasn't clear was that if they want a fund of just our support.

**Author:** we are asking for is support from the AASG delegation, which would help out our stance on towards the board.

**Motion to amend the resolution to strike whereas statements  
number six, because it contradicts number two**

## **Juneau Douglas/ Skagway**

**Klawock:** I think that what they are trying to say with where as statement number six is that it is increasing the amount of students who go out to eat for lunch

**Anderson:** although I think that this isn't the boars school they know when they need to be back at school

**Sitka:** when I read this resolution, where as statement six it should stay in there so they can have a cafeteria so they wont be late from town

**Skagway:** what we go from where as statement for number 6, because there isn't a cafeteria there are going to be late for lunch, where as statement number 6 does contradict the where as statement number two.

**Call the division of the house**

**Likes: 19**

**Dislikes: 19**

**Obtain: 3**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Service:** we are in full support of this resolution, but we believe that they should research more.

**Kodiak:** the intent is good, the purpose of this is supposed to show that we support them, they need solid plan.

**Bethel:** so we do have list of grants and foundation on where we can get money, we have our research so we just need your support, so we can get a cafeteria

**Motion to amend where as number 6 to say" if there was increased number of students leaving campus, during lunch it would be likely that there would be increase in the number of after lunch tardiness"**

**Petersburg/ Ben Eielson**

**Cordova:** Point of information- since there is controversy, on line six what do they mean for line six

**Authors:** so currently our open campus Is only for juniors and seniors, other students need ot buy lunch and bring it. you can get tardies and caught for detentions of you leave camous and not a jr. or senior

**Motion to amend the amendment to say" Whereas, because of the increased number of students leaving campus during**

**lunch, there is an increase in the number of after-lunch tardies;”**

**Klawock/ Haines**

**Motion passes**

**Anderson:** point of information- do you guys want to have this as everyone not going off campus when get a cafeteria

**Author-** no clue we will discuss

**Motion to have the word “all “ stiked out of line seven**

**Juneau Douglas/ Lathrop**

**Bethel:** I disagree with the amendment, because we desperately need a cafeteria, we don't want to eat on the floor anymore

**Juneau Douglas:** Point of order- I am not sure why we shouldn't amend this line

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Kodiak:** Point of information- with the lunch program now, is your lunch going to be changes also. Do you have a plan for lunch programs?

**Author:** so right now our lunches we don't cook them in the school, they are brought over from the elementary school, having a kitchen we would be able to prepare food, having a kitchen would help improve quality of our lunches also.

**Wasilla:** our school has a lunch program and cafeteria, and having a kitchen doesn't mean that our food is going to be better.

**Motion to amend the resolution to adding saying” where as the addition to the cafeteria would increase jobs in bethel”**

**Eagle River/ Diamond**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Sitka:** just a qualification, if people are allowed to leave for lunch would people stay here for lunch if given a cafeteria?

**Author:** yes

**Anderson:** Point of information- have you researched staff for this kitchen?

**Author:** yes we have taken this in to account

**Motion to amend the resolution to say “whereas statement number 11 to say “Whereas, a dedicated cafeteria/kitchen would**

encourage kids to enjoy healthy meals by providing a clean place to eat their meals; “

**Juneau Douglas/ Lake**

**Anderson:** I think this is kind of ridiculous that we are going through errors

**Sitka:** I think that this is tedious, but we are here to improve resolutions so it is a better chance that the resolutions will be passed.

Motion passes

**Motion to limit discussion to 5 more minutes**

**Wasilla/ Bethel**

**Motion passes**

**The debate is now being timed**

**Resolution number 3 passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Resolution #3 (PASSED)**

**Cafeteria For Bethel Regional High School**

**Submitted by Bethel Regional High School Student Council**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

- 1. Whereas,** Bethel Regional High School has a school population of at least 500 students;
- 2. Whereas,** approximately one hundred students are qualified to leave campus for lunch, leaving eighty percent of the student body to eat at our school;
- 3. Whereas,** we do not have a cafeteria to eat in or a kitchen in which to prepare food;
- 4. Whereas,** there are limited places to eat in our school, and these places become very crowded during lunch, and many students resort to eating on the floor, in hallways, or skipping lunch altogether;
- 5. Whereas,** the floor, despite efforts from the janitorial staff, is rarely sanitary;

**6. Whereas,** because of the increased number of students leaving campus during lunch, there is an increase in the number of after-lunch tardies;

**7. Whereas,** most schools have cafeterias and a kitchen in order to meet the needs of their student body;

**8. Whereas,** having a cafeteria would cut down on classroom disruptions during lunch time due to noise in the halls and lobby, as well as trash left in those same areas;

**9. Whereas,** our school's concession stand is up to code to serve food but is not allowed to cook food;

**10. Whereas,** most of the foods allowed to be served in our kitchen/concession stand are processed, which usually means high in fat, calories and preservatives;

**11. Whereas,** a dedicated cafeteria/kitchen would encourage kids to enjoy healthy meals by providing a clean place to eat their meals;

**12. Whereas,** the addition of a cafeteria would increase jobs in Bethel;

**13. Whereas,** the cafeteria could be used for other events such as dances, parent-teacher conferences, and to help feed visiting teams during tournaments;

**14. Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that we support the addition of a cafeteria/kitchen to our school.**

**Action Statement:** Upon approval by AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Lower Kuskokwim School District Board, Representative Bob Herron and the Office of Governor Sean Parnell.

**Motion to recess for keynote speaker  
Wasilla/ Akiuk Memorial  
Motion passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 8:41 pm**

Elections are now being held. Stated by the constitution and by laws we will be starting off with last names to fast minutes. I will have to stop you at 5 minutes. Just real quick

before that, tomorrow during the GA no campaigning may be in here in this room, any buttons signs or anything can not be in this room.

**Speeches by:**

**President:**

Tessa Baldwin  
Michael White

**Vice President:**

Mitchell Davidson

**Public Relations:**

Clarissa Almeyer

**Nominations for SBEEED:**

Mt. Edgecumbe- George Brown Accepts

**Secretary/ Treasurer:**

Unalaska- Bethany Hladick

**Nominations for these positions will be open till tomorrow**

Ariel:

Right now we have 8 resolutions, the deadline tomorrow is at 8 tomorrow  
I also want to apologize that there is a wrong heading for resolution number 4 (the one with 5, resolution number three actually needs a title

**Motion to bring resolution number 4 to the floor**

**Kwig High School / Klawock**

**Motion passes**

Region 1: strongly supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: did not discuss

Region 4: supports, needs clarification

Region 5: fairly supports this resolution, however some support the intent

Region 6: does not, because needs qualifications

Region 7: supports

**Klawock:** point of privilege- I can't read the screen; can you please make it bigger?

VP Ariel does so.

**Lathrop:** point of info: how much will this fee be for the school?

**Author:** we didn't put any numbers in here because it didn't seem as if it were fair, but maybe around 30-40 dollars would make it harder for us to, which there is already a 10 fee

**Bethel:** Point of info- how will the money be distributed?

**Authors:** number 7, it basically is paying a registration fee, it would go back to all schools, but distributed equally

**Mt. Edgecumbe:** Mt. Edgecumbe is a state ran boarding school, our school only gets so much that it would make it harder for us to go to state stuff. It's not as fair and it would be working harder for us to get to state competition, I do not support this resolution.

**Haines:** I just like to make the point that when they said that they would make it up to \$30, for one whole basketball team to pay a \$30 dollar registration fee that is a near \$300 dollars, to a team where a team can have \$30 dollars, where a family donates has a income, I would also like to bring up that money is given to safe travel is generally very low because you can loan on going sick, their school boards don't recognized what is sick, money doesn't come from no where.

**Lathrop:** so in the third statement it says" " we are not part of AASG

**Motion to amend the therefore statement to say "therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that we encourage ASAA to develop and facilitate a program that ensures equitable expenses for all students who participate at State ASAA events."**

**Lathrop/ Ben Eielson**

**Motion passes**

**Unalaska:** Point of information- I have a question between what school is big enough how are you going to determine what school pays and what schools doesn't?

**Author:** there isn't a cut off we are trying to get all participants to pay a fee

**Division of the house has been called.**

**Pro: 17**

**Con: 22**

**Abstain: 1**

**Resolution fails with noted opposition**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #4 (FAILED)  
To Create Equity for State Tournament Travel  
Sitka High School Student Council**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments,**

**1. Whereas,** ASAA offers eighteen different sports/activities that require State Tournaments;

**2. Whereas,** in the 2010-2011 school year, sixteen of those state tournaments will be held in the Anchorage area; <sup>1</sup>

**3. Whereas,** the remaining State Tournaments are held in urban areas such as Fairbanks or Kenai; <sup>1</sup>

**4. Whereas,** students from rural areas pay significantly more money than students from urban schools to participate at these state tournaments;

**5. Whereas,** students participating at the 2010 State cross-country meet paid \$513 from Sitka (2) and \$724 from Craig; <sup>3</sup>

**6. Whereas,** students participating at the 2010 State cross-country meet from Bartlett High School paid \$10; <sup>4</sup>

**7. Whereas,** a state participation fee structure managed by ASAA could help offset the disparity in travel expenses paid by urban and rural student participants.

**8. Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that we encourage ASAA to develop and facilitate a program that ensures equitable expenses for all students who participate at State ASAA events.**

**Action Statement:** If approved by the AASG General Assembly, this resolution should be sent to ASAA, SBEED, and the Alaska State Legislature.

**Sources:**

1. Alaska State Activities Association 2010-2011 Student Handbook
2. Vieira, Mike, SHS Activity Director, October 8, 2010, Personal Interview
3. Kuntuz, Joni, CHS Activity Director, October 12, 2010, Personal Interview
4. Ottro, Marlynn, BHS Activity Director, October 12, 2010, Personal Interview

**Meeting at ease**

**Meeting called back to order at 9:22 pm**

**Motion to recess for twenty minutes to discuss resolution number 5  
JD/ Petersburg  
Motion passes with noted opposition**

**We are now at recess for the next 20 minutes**

**Be back here at 9:45 pm**

**Meeting called back to order at 9:51 pm**

**Motion to bring the resolution number 5 to the floor  
South High/ Barrow**

**Division of the house  
Pro: 16  
Con: 24  
Abstain: 2**

**Motion fails to bring resolution number 5 to the floor. It dies before  
being read.**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #5  
Proportional Balloting in Elections  
Submitted by: Region 3**

**Motion to bring resolution number 6 to the floor  
Diamond/ Lake Eluk  
Motion passes**

Region 1: supports the intent, but needs clarification

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: unanimously supports

Region 5: supports this resolution

Region 6: supports this resolution

Region 7: has not gone over this resolution

**Author:** I say 14 days or less in here but I am here for open ideas, 9 days out of school results in suspension.

**Ben Eielson:** Point of information- we were wondering if this was going to be for all schools or just Anchorage district.

**Author:** I didn't think of all of you other schools, so Anchorage schools.

**Service:** point of information- what tended this resolution?

**Author:** I wanted to write this resolution because I got in a fight for student council I was on suspension for 9 days, this happens to a lot of students, ISS is when they put you in the room, and you can get school there.

**Chevak:** point of info- I am confused are you going for in school suspension or not?

**Author:** instead of out of school suspension, I would rather it be in school suspension.

**Mt. Edgecumbe:** I just wanted to say that Mt. Edgecumbe supports this because we get sent home when we get suspended and they have to pay for their ticket, and they also miss school days, some students also stay home because they don't have the money to go back.

**Juneau Douglas :** point of info- I am curious how this is going to affect out of school suspension, so that administration want to get these kids out of school, they were given 15-16 days do you think this would bump the suspension up? Will you kick kids out of school. will that make out of school suspensions longer?

**Author:** we would leave it up to the school to determine the number of days and in school suspension or out of school suspension, it depends on the school officials, because in the end I am leaving it up to the school administrators.

**Unalaska:** Pont of information- does your school have or can have suspension hours, in after school detention or Saturday school?

**Author:** no you have to be in the room all day and sometimes you have to do trash duty.

**Motion to table to debate until the next GA**  
**Skagway/ Kliganick**  
**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Motion to recess**  
**Eagle River/ Monroe**  
**Motion passes**

**Meeting called back to order at 12:15 pm**

**Nominations for secretary are re-opened**  
Palmer nominates Alison Lake  
Alison Accepts

Kwethluk nominates Sarah Thomber  
Sarah Accepts

Announcement re Elections: All interviews will take place after this GA.  
Election of officers will take place at the next region meeting. At the next GA ballots will be collected as roll call is completed.

Debate on resolution #6  
No discussion

**Resolution number 6 passes with noted opposition**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #6 (PASSED)  
In-School Suspension  
Submitted by Tessa Bay**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

- 1. Whereas,** the average length of a suspension from school in the Anchorage School District for a basic offense (i.e truancy, obscenity, disruptive behavior, etc) is 5 days;
- 2. Whereas,** students who are suspended are mostly students with a history of inappropriate behavior, poor grades, or other indiscretions;
- 3. Whereas,** students who are suspended are not allowed to attend school, therefore leaving them without a meaningful use of their time;
- 4. Whereas,** students who are suspended from school have no direct in-school access to their teachers or assignments, which is detrimental to their education;
- 5. Whereas,** students who are suspended are often the ones in most need of a good education; out-of-school-suspension is not conducive to that goal;
- 6. Whereas,** students who are deemed guilty of indiscretions can be punished just as well with in-school suspension, during which they are placed in a room during the school day, not allowed to talk to or see any other students, but are supervised and have ample time to complete their class assignments;
- 7. Whereas,** assigning these students out-of-school suspension under the supervision of unknown parental figures can increase the chances of further violations of district rules; however, keeping these students in school and under the firm guidance of district officials will prevent continuing such behavior;

**8. Whereas,** the Anchorage School Board’s mission statement is as follows: “To educate all students for success in life.”;

**9. Whereas,** suspending a student from school no matter what their infraction - therefore making any academic achievements difficult - is not advantageous to the student’s education or success later in life;

**10. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that students sentenced to 14 days or less of out-of-school suspension be subject to in-school suspension instead, providing that the student’s offense does not suggest that there will be harm to the student body by keeping them in school.**

**Action statement:** If approved by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Superintendent of the Anchorage School District, the ASD School Board, and ASD Safe and Drug Free Schools.

Source: Anchorage School District *High School Student Handbook*

**Motion to bring resolution number 7 to the floor  
Anderson/Kwethluk  
Motion passes**

Region1: supports with noted opp.

Region two: supports

Rgion3: supports

Region 4 likes the idea, but needs more clarification

Region 5: unanimously supports intent

Region6 supports the intent

Region 7: unanimously supports

**Monroe:** Point of info- I was wondering if the airline was contact, not only thought the internet

**Author:** no

**Service:** Point of info- is this for the regions the schools or all of AASG?

**Author:** we are asking any members on the board about

**Eagle River:** how can we buy tickets, when most people are incoming delegates, or we don’t know how many are going?

**Author:** we don’t need to buy them, the earliest we can book is 6 months ahead

**Bethel:** point of info- I would like to raise of point of information. How much money would this resolution save AASG?

**Author:** it would depend on how many schools go and where they are from.

### **Resolution number seven passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #7 (PASSED)  
Alaska Airlines Group Fares for AASG Delegates  
Submitted by: Cordova Jr/Sr High School**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

- 1. Whereas,** Alaska Airlines offers group rates for school functions, sporting events, meetings, and conventions; <sup>2</sup>
- 2. Whereas,** AASG is considered a convention;
- 3. Whereas,** a group is defined as ten people or more traveling from various cities to a common destination; <sup>1</sup>
- 4. Whereas,** it is costly for AASG delegates to travel to each conference;
- 5. Whereas,** “discounts are available off published fares at the time of booking”; <sup>1</sup>
- 6. Whereas,** discounted fares would open up possibilities for more delegates to attend AASG from outlying areas;
- 7. Whereas,** more students would be able to obtain travel scholarships since the overall amount of travel fare would cost less;
- 8. Whereas,** as long as the date of each conference is finalized up to 11 months in advance, AASG would meet Alaska Airlines reservation window requirements for meeting and convention rates; <sup>1</sup>
- 9. Whereas,** “groups who book with Alaska or Horizon receive additional benefits such as no deposits, a set base fare guaranteed through a Special Fare Agreement, no ticketing fees, and no minimum stay requirement”; <sup>2</sup>
- 10. Whereas,** advisors may qualify for “free tour conductor tickets, based on the number of passengers ticketed using the special fare code”; <sup>2</sup>

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that the Executive Board pursue obtaining group rates for AASG delegates for future conferences.**

**Action Statement:** If approved by the AASG General Assembly, this resolution will be submitted to the Executive Director and Executive Board of AASG.

Sources:

1. "Meeting and Event Reservations." *Alaska Airlines*. Alaska Airlines, n.d. Web. 15 Oct 2010. <<http://www.alaskaair.com/as/www2/flights/groups/Meeting-Fare-Terms.asp>>.
2. "Group Travel." *Alaska Airlines*. Alaska Airlines, n.d. Web. 15 Oct 2010. <<http://www.alaskaair.com/as/www2/flights/groups/Groups.asp>>.

**Motion to bring resolution number eight to the floor  
Eagle River/ Service  
Motion passes**

Region 1: supports, but wants verification

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: unanimously supports

Region 5: unanimously supports

Region 6: unanimously supports

Region 7: unanimously supports

**Motion to amend the where as statement number 8 to say “ this  
resolution had at the scheduled time  
Petersburg/ Mt. Edgecumbe  
Motion passes**

**Resolution number eight passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #8 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)  
Change in Palmer Graduation  
Submitted by: Palmer High School**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

**1. Whereas,** Palmer High School Graduation has never been held outside Palmer High School;

**2. Whereas,** The senior class of 2011 (144 expected graduates) is much smaller than most PHS graduating classes, including the class of 2010 (184 graduates);

**3. Whereas,** Palmer High School's graduation has been held in the evening in recent years;

**4. Whereas,** Palmer High School's graduation is scheduled (by the major Mat-Su Valley high school principals) for 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18; this is during normal work hours for many employed parents and loved ones;

**5. Whereas,** Palmer High School has boasted a strong International Baccalaureate (IB) program since 1999;

**6. Whereas,** several IB students, including our probable valedictorian and those who would likely speak and participate at graduation, are scheduled to be taking internationally dated IB tests during the graduation ceremony;

**7. Whereas,** the Senior Class of Palmer High School will be suffering directly if this graduation is allowed, diminishing each student's 12 years of education in MSBSD;

**8. Whereas,** when brought up at a school board meeting, the MSBSD school board members agreed to the peculiarity of the graduation time;

**9. Whereas,** Palmer High School's graduation traditionally facilitates musical performances by graduates;

**10. Whereas,** Palmer High School is scheduled two hours for setup, takedown, and the graduation ceremony at the Sports Complex; this decreases the probability of the possibility for performances at graduation;

**11. Whereas,** the Sports Complex requires a fee of \$2500;

**12. Whereas,** MSBSD appropriates \$4500 to each major high school for graduation;

**13. Whereas,** in 2009, Palmer High School administration used these funds to purchase enough chairs to cover the gymnasium floor for graduation guests;

**14. Whereas,** using the Anchorage School District (ASD) model (shortening or eliminating the school day for the rest of the school) would be harmful to younger Palmer students or Career Tech School students who will not have school off;

**15. Whereas,** if each gradate brought 6 guests, it would not fill the bleacher seats in the PHS gym, not even including the upper track seats or gym floor seating;

**16. Whereas,** the sports complex is approximately 60 miles from some graduates' homes;

**17. Whereas,** the time and location of graduation is not conducive to the close-knit community's attendance of the graduation ceremony;

**18. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that Palmer High School host it's graduation in the Palmer High School Gym at 7:00 PM on May 18, 2011.**

**Action Statement:** This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, is to be sent to the MSBSD Superintendent and the Palmer High School principal.

**Motion to bring number nine to the floor  
Sitka/ Mtn. Village  
Motion passes unanimously**

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: unanimously supports

Region 4: unanimously supports

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: supports the intent but has questions

**Cordova:** point of information- why does your school not have a counselor employed?

**Author:** he left, and retired and not has been replaced yet.

**Wasilla:** point of information- would the guidance council be a guidance councilor and academic councilor?

**Author:** yes, because we don't have a nurse or any one to go to problems about

**Unalaska:** point of information- is this resolution wanting a council or for the whole school district or the one school?

**Author:** one for each school in the district

**Resolution number nine passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Resolution #9 (PASSED)  
Guidance Counselor for Denali Borough School District  
Submitted by Tri-Valley School**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments,**

**1. Whereas,** the Denali Borough School District does not currently employ a full-time position devoted to secondary academic Guidance Counseling;

**2. Whereas,** access to information regarding college, technical, vocational school, advanced training, career and employment is critical to High School Juniors and Seniors;

**3. Whereas,** knowledge about the SAT and ACT process including pretests and scores, is important to the college admissions process;

**4. Whereas,** up-to-date information about scholarships, grants and loans are vital to students seeking college education;

**5. Whereas,** guidance counselors know what classes that students need to take to get into the college of their choice;

**6. Whereas,** the Denali Borough School District mission states that a “quality education that empowers students, promotes life-long learning” will be provided;<sup>1</sup>

**7. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that Denali Borough School District hire a full-time guidance counselor to serve Tri-Valley, Anderson and Cantwell schools;**

**Action Statement:** This resolution, if approved by AASG, is to be presented to the Denali Borough School District School Board.

References:

\*1 Denali Borough School District Home Page. Internet. [denali.ak.schoolwebpages.com](http://denali.ak.schoolwebpages.com)

**Motion to bring resolution ten to the floor  
South/ Scammon Bay  
Motion passes**

Region 1: Supports intent

Region 2: Strongly supports

Region 3: supports intent, but doesn't support mandatory attendance

Region 4: supports with opposition  
Region 5: supports  
Region 6: supports with noted opposition  
Region 7: supports with clarification

**Lathrop:** suicide prevention is a big deal, I am not a fan of required in the resolution though.

**Motion to amend the there for statement to read “therefore be at resolved by the Alaska association of student governments that AASG supports suicide prevention training and awareness in Alaska “**

**Lathrop/ Eagle River**

**Motion to amend the amendment to say “ there for be at resolved by the Alaska association of student governments to that all high schools should provide suicide prevention”**

**Wasilla/ Haines**

**Meeting at ease**

**Meeting called back to order at 12:57 pm**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Unalaska:** point of information- who will be providing the training?

**Author:** this would be to the schools desecration on what they do and how much they pay for the training.

**Resolution number ten passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Resolution #10 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Suicide Prevention in Alaska High Schools**

**Submitted by: Tessa Baldwin, Jackie Tew, and Sophie Clark**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

- 1. Whereas,** Alaska leads the nation in suicide rates; <sup>1</sup>
- 2. Whereas,** teens tend to talk to their peers first, rather than adults when considering suicide;
- 3. Whereas,** suicidal teens feel uncomfortable talking to their parents about suicide and 86% of the parents of teens that committed suicide were unaware that their child was suicidal; <sup>1</sup>

**4. Whereas,** the majority of suicides in Alaska have been committed by people of the ages 15 to 22; <sup>1</sup>

**5. Whereas,** 90% of teens who die from suicide have a mental health problem, usually depression, substance abuse, or both; <sup>2</sup>

**6. Whereas,** nationwide more teens die of suicide than of AIDS, cancer, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease combined; <sup>2</sup>

**7. Whereas,** the signs of potential suicide can be subtle and hard to notice without proper training;

**8. Whereas,** after a suicide crisis, friends and family are at an increased risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder, which may lead to a cluster of suicides;

**9. Whereas,** Alaska provides a number of opportunities for suicide prevention trainings or events;

**10. Whereas,** schools usually provide grief counseling immediately following a suicide, but this tends to eventually be discontinued or dissipate;

**11. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that all high schools should provide suicide prevention training or awareness events.**

**Action Statement:** If passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to all the Alaskan school boards, AASSP and to SBEED.

Sources:

1. Suicide Prevention Workshop (Fall 2010 AASG)
2. Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide <[theguide.fmhi.usf.edu](http://theguide.fmhi.usf.edu)>

**Motion to recess for 5 minutes  
Hooper Bay/ Mt. Edgecumbe  
Motion passes unanimously**

**Meeting called back to order at 1:10 pm**

**Motion to bring resolution five back to the floor  
Monroe/ Bethel**

Parliamentarian Arianna addresses GA: Anytime a resolution is brought back to the floor, what that means is that a person who voted with the majority can move to reconsider the resolution. Now we will have discussion on whether we want to bring resolution 5 to the floor.

**Haines:** I feel obligated to bring to your attention that some of the delegation feels it is inappropriate to bring this resolution back to the floor. Many schools representing school in class 2A and 4A , were unable to attend this GA I fear discussion is impossible at this time, and to pretend otherwise is unethical and in contradiction to the principles of our democratic system. In the name of ethics I would ask that the motion to bring this resolution to the floor not be passed.

**Kodiak:** I feel that a lot of opposition to this is shall be read out and make sure it is read out and it should be fair.

**Palmer:** we as a region say that there wasn't a debate, and most people don't understand, why we want to talk about this, absentee balloting would also count towards this resolution.

**Service:** so we think this should be brought to the floor because people spent time on this and it can be important towards everyone.

Parliamentarian Arianna: This would take 50% of the GA to bring the resolution back to the floor,

**Call for division of the house**

**Pro: 19**

**Con: 20**

**Abstain: 2**

**Motion to reconsider fails**

Parliamentarian Arianna summarizes: We had a motion to reconsider resolution five to the floor, then we voted, and the vote to pass requires majority plus one. In this case the motion fails.

**Klawock:** On Resolution ten the makers request that the body passes our resolution unanimously. We would like to have our resolution be passed unanimously since no one was against this resolution in the original vote..

**There is no objection to have resolution ten passing unanimously**

**Meeting at ease**

**Meeting called back to order at 1:22 pm**

VP Ariel speaks: The resolution packet is complete, the resolution deadline was past. A resolution was submitted this morning, which was past the deadline.

President Mike asks if any objection to recessing and considering this resolution.

**There are no objections on bring this resolution to the floor**

**Meeting at ease**

**Meeting called back to order at 1:24**

**Motion to bring this resolution to the floor**

**Petersburg/ Klawock**

**Sitka:** I feel that this is an inappropriate because we voted this down, and part of our GA is gone so this is unfair.

**Motion fails**

**Motion to recess for the Cordova Presentation**

**Ben Eielson/ Manokotak**

**Motion passes**

**n. Presentation by AASG Spring Conference 2011 Cordova Host Team**

**Meeting called back to order at 1:44**

**Motion to bring special resolution to the floor**

**Yakutat/ Barrow**

**Motion passes**

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports Cordova a lot

Region 4: Do you support? Supports!

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: region seven is in full supports

**Palmer:** I would like to direct this question to the author, what type of chocolate milk would be there?

**Author:** we will have a pool of chocolate milk for you to swim and drink as much chocolate milk as you would like

**Special resolution passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Special Resolution (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Spring 2011 Alaska Association Student Governments Conference**

**Submitted by: Cordova Jr/Sr High School**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

- 1. Whereas**, Cordova is truly between the mountains and the sea on beautiful Prince William Sound;
- 2. Whereas**, Cordova can only be accessed by airplane or boat, therefore we are a small and selective community;
- 3. Whereas**, the ferry ride in is the cheapest cruise ship you'll ever ride;
- 4. Whereas**, Cordova is a community of many cultures;
- 5. Whereas**, the lumpia are always warm, and the salsa is always hot;
- 6. Whereas**, the bluegrass music soothes the soul;
- 7. Whereas**, Cordova is the home of the Copper River Red fishing fleet;
- 8. Whereas**, the Cordova Student Council and the Cordova Jr/Sr High School are committed to alternative energy sources and saving resources;
- 9. Whereas**, we are therefore supporters of BYOWB (bring your own water bottle);
- 10. Whereas** the person with the most decked out water bottle will win a prize;
- 11. Whereas**, your feet will stay dry if you wear your Xtratufs (or other rain boots);
- 12. Whereas**, if you bring your rain boots, we may be able to set a Guinness world record;
- 13. Whereas**, if weather complies the skiing conditions are sick;
- 14. Whereas**, in Cordova you can kayak, fish, ski, and hike all on the same day;
- 15. Whereas**, you'll be able to learn to tie flies, swing-dance, unicycle, meditate, take nature photographs, and make marshmallow guns, as well as a multitude of leadership skills.
- 16. Whereas**, the keynote speaker is the winner of the Brower Youth Award, and was given an Eco Ambassador Award by the Weather Channel, and oh by the

way, he's your age;

**17. Whereas**, although we have no stoplights or fast food joints, Cordovans will make sure you feel right at home;

**18. Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that all delegates should attend the Spring AASG 2011 conference in Cordova!**

**Action Statement:** If you are interested in giving input for or learning more about the Spring AASG Conference 2011 in Cordova, check out our website:

[www.blogs.cordovasd.org/envision](http://www.blogs.cordovasd.org/envision) – meanwhile, ENVISION all the possibilities the Cordova Conference has to offer you.

**Motion to recess**  
**Hooper Bay/ Monroe**  
**Motion passes unanimously**

**Meeting called back to order at 3:23 pm**

**Motion to amend the authorization previously adopted in resolution 8, change in palmer graduation**  
**Palmer/ Lathrop**  
**Motion passes**

**Motion to bring resolution number 8 to the floor**  
**Sitka/ Wasilla**  
**Motion passes**

**Motion to correct Marmaduke's name to add an e at the end**  
**Palmer/ Monroe**  
**Motion passes with noted opposition**

**Motion to bring special resolution to the floor**  
**Monroe/ Chief Ivan Blanca**  
**Motion Passes**

Add special resolution from Arianna

Region 1: supports

Region 2: supports

Region 3: supports

Region 4: supports

Region 5: supports

Region 6: supports

Region 7: supports

**Special resolution passes**

**Alaska Association of Student Governments  
Special Resolution (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)  
Legendary Leadership Conference Bethel 2010  
Submitted by: AASG E-Board and Delegates**

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**

**Whereas,** The Bethel Hosters have been the most kind, understanding and flexible AASG has ever seen,

**Whereas,** We all made it here ..... eventually.....

**Whereas,** The invitation native dances are the cutest!

**Whereas,** half of us cant say the word “ ciuliqagta”

**Whereas,** Mike Smith is AAAAASUUUUUUM!

**Whereas,** say, “Really?”

**Whereas,** Girls say eeeee and boys say uuuuuuhhhhhh

**Whereas,** This conference is DYNAMITE.

**Whereas,** RSVP had over 150 delegates attend,

**Whereas,** The Suicide Prevention media contest was started

**Whereas,** In the Theme Workshop, we all learned how to rise up into action

**Whereas,** The coffee shop in the district offices knows their beverages beautifully,

**Whereas,** Tyler ‘s voice was gone;

**Whereas,** SAVANNAH!!!

**Whereas,** Division of the House was called a record number of times

**Whereas,** This was the first conference at bethel in 19 years

**Whereas,** Discussion, discussion discussion

**Whereas,** Nominations for Elections are now complete

**Whereas,** It snowed ..... in October

**Whereas,** MUD!

**Whereas,** SAVANNAH!

**Whereas,** The girls showers had curtains and the guys yeah.....

**Whereas,** The deserts were savoringly sweet and the mashed potatoes were Babylicious

**Whereas,** The dance was so rockin' the floor ACTUALLY shook...Oh wait, that's just because we're in Bethel

**Whereas,** community dinners were flippin sweet,

**Whereas,** The Ho Down throw Down was performed spectacularly.

**Whereas,** This conference created some Legendary Leaders!

**Whereas,** our secretary and treasurer appreciates Jalene's Yupik pronunciation skills,

**Whereas,** Marmaduke (The Region 3 Mascot) is missing and we think he is in Cordova.

**Whereas,** SAAAAVVVAAAANNNAHHHH!!!!

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the fall conference at Bethel Regional High School was an amazing experience that we will never forget! Thank you Bethel!!!!**

## **VI. Elections**

Parliamentarian Arianna: Nominations for SBEED are still open. Tell Donald if you would like to run. Right now we have two nominees for SBEED George Brown from Mt. Edgecumbe, and Jeremiah Klejka from Bethel. The AASG rep to ASAA is Rachel Gulanes from Unalaska.

### **a. New Officers:**

- b. President, Michael White  
Sworn in**
- c. Vice President, Mitchell Forbs  
Sworn in**
- d. Public Relations Officer, Clarissa Ullmayer  
Sworn in**
- e. Secretary-Treasurer, Bethany Hladick  
Sworn in**
- f. Parliamentarian, Sophie Clark  
Sworn in**
- g. ASAA Representative: Rachel Gulanes  
Sworn in**
- h. Nominations for SBEED Representative is remain open**

**VII. Special Resolution: In Recognition of Bethel High School for their  
Awesome Hosting of the AASG Fall 2010 Leadership Conference:  
*Legendary Leadership!***

**VIII. Adjournment to Closing Ceremonies**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting  
Bethel/ Unalaska  
Motion passes unanimously**