



PNLA BOARD REPORTS

OFFICER TITLE/COMMITTEE CHAIR : Alaska Representative

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Progress/Successes Since Last Meeting:

AkLA held its' Face2Face meeting on September 17 and 18, 2016. Some of the E-Council met in person at the University of Alaska, Anchorage library with others attending via the OWL videoconferencing system. We also had participants who attended telephonically. The first day of the meeting was a business meeting and the second day was focused on Strategic Planning resulting in a draft plan to be reviewed at the next E-Council meeting.

The E-Council is also reviewing the activity and inactivity of various chapters, committees and roundtables.

The next meeting of the AkLA E-Council is scheduled for November 17, 2016.

The E-Council reviewed the annual budget. The Fairbanks conference proceeds amounted to \$27,660. The E-Council will consider hiring a lobbyist for the 2017 Alaska Legislative session if the cost fits within the budget guidelines.

From Sara Saxton : "One of the goals that came up during our Strategic Planning meeting a few weeks ago was to pursue the possibility of a joint conference between AkLA and PNLA. Do you think this would be favorable with the PNLA Board? Is Alaska coming up in the rotation of venues anytime soon? I wanted to put this bug in your ear as we get closer to November's PNLA Board Meeting."

AkLA has successfully migrated its data from Abila to Wild Apricot in an effort to make registration for conference and membership easier to manage.

Conferences:

The 2017 AkLA Conference will be held February 23-26, 2017 in Ketchikan, Alaska at the Ted Ferry Civic Center and Cape Fox Lodge. The theme is The Art of Our Work.



PNLA Activity:

On behalf of LEADS and working with Honore Bray, I contacted the following vendors soliciting sponsorship of the institute: Ingram, Ebsco, Mango, Baker & Taylor, OCLC, Demco, SirsiDynix, Innovative Interfaces, Overdrive, Bibliotheca, EnvisionWare, Gale, and Lynda.com. Honore contacted Proquest. Most of these were contacted both via email and USPS.

The only response we have is from Ebsco. They politely declined.

However, Patience Fredericksen, the Alaska State Librarian has pledged \$4,000 and is challenging the other state and provincial librarians to contribute a like amount.

I have been corresponding with Jenny Grenfell regarding the dates and reservation for Fort Worden and will get in touch with Schreiber Shannon Associates to confirm their availability when those are set.

Board Action Requested:

Direction on LEADS. Help in follow up calls to vendors. State and Provincial representative aid in contacting their State and Provincial Librarians regarding the challenge from the Alaska State Library for funding support.

Response to proposal for a Joint Conference with AkLA.

Dates and locations for future conferences.

Other Comments:

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