

Alaska State Writing Consortium
Board Meeting (Teleconference) – September 15, 2009
4:00 – 5:00 PM

4:00 Call In and Board Member Networking
4:05 Board Roll-Call by Chairperson, Ann Bryson

Attending:

(Ann...will you please add members and their regions who attended in this space)

Welcome and Introductions:

- Welcome to new ASWC Board Director, Mardell Kiesel
- ASWC region and school district representation are still needed in the following:
Anchorage School District (each Satellite site has school district representation in addition to the Satellite Co-Directors) Mardell has made a request to the Superintendent and the Curriculum Director.
- Arctic Region A (Jenna Counts has moved and a new representative is pending approval by Bering Strait SD.) (Update 9/18: Karen Beranek has been named Arctic Region A Representative)
- Mardell encouraged the Board to consider another rep from the North Slope region. Bylaws will be researched and appropriate actions taken.

ASWC Board Member Commitments

- Ann reviewed ASWC Board member commitments and asked for hard copy to be sent to all members prior to the Annual Meeting in Fairbanks. The success of ASWC depends on strong Board member leadership across the state. Board members are vital and valued!

ASWC Transition Update

- **NWP, UAF (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and ASWC** representatives met in Fairbanks at the University on July 29, to discuss procedures, protocols and policies for the official transfer of ASWC from UAS to UAF. Dean Eric Madsen was not only a gracious host but also a stalwart supporter for this monumental transition. ASWC has now entered a two-year transitioning phase and as such, is in line with the other 199 Writing Project sites across the nation. UAF will manage and monitor the core NWP grant funds and be the sponsoring university for all ASWC credit courses except those initiated by the South Central/Anchorage Satellite. (Those classes will go through UAA.)

Additionally, Mardell has asked that UAF be the fiscal agent for what has been known to date as the “cash account” or the local revenue account. In past years, all directors managed this account due to policies in place at the University of Alaska, Southeast. It is strongly advised by NWP that all monies be managed and disbursed by the sponsoring university. The process is being defined for ASWC and several approvals must be procured before the budget system will be in place. Mardell highly commended University fiscal agent, Sasha Wood, for her diligence and patience in these matters. More details to follow during the Annual Meeting.

Fiscal Reports:

Cash or Local Revenue Account: \$19,781.68 (As of 07/31/09)
Savings Account: (Mardell has not received the information from First National Bank)
CD:

District Memberships:

Received to Date:

1. Bering Strait
2. Cordova
3. Juneau-Douglas
4. Klawock City
5. Lake & Peninsula
6. Mat-Su
7. Sitka
8. Unalaska City
9. Fairbanks

Pending:

10. Anchorage
11. North Slope

Eleven district memberships were reported for 08-09 year.

Goals for 09-10

- Offer quality professional development for the teaching of writing to teachers across the state of Alaska!
- Increase district memberships in ASWC
- Work to identify the most efficient procedures, protocols and policies for the transition of ASWC to UAF.

Professional Development Already Requested:

• Alica Unruh from Fairbanks has requested an ASWC presenter for January 18, 2010. Presenter would provide general overview of the 6 traits of effective writing to teachers of all content areas at Lathrop High School in the AM and at University Park Elementary in the afternoon from 12:30 – 3:30. Board members are asked to consider and make recommendations.

• Heidi Packer from the North Slope Borough School District has requested trainers for extensive staff development this year. Below are the sites that will need a trainer...two Saturdays at each site.

The dates are somewhat flexible and the sites will be willing to work to move other inservices around.

These are the tentative Saturday in-services, district wide, but each date can be flexed.

October 17

November 21

December 12

January 23

February 13

March 13

Sites that need a trainer:

Ipalook Elementary (Barrow)

Point Hope

Point Lay

Anaktuvuk Pass

Nuiqsut

Kaktovik

Board members are asked to consider and make recommendations.

Additionally, Mardell outlined her vision for building all PD toward multiple Open Institutes and a robust Invitational for 09-10.

Satellite Program Reports:**• Interior:** Larry Meath reporting

Interior Satellite Advisory has not met yet this year due to work on the ASLA Conference in Fairbanks. Larry reported that the Summer Writing & Art Camp received rave reviews from all participants.

(Ann...please add any more info that was shared...my notes are skimpy here.)

South Central/Anchorage Satellite**• Jennifer Stone reporting:**

The Open in June was full and overflowing with 28 participants. Plans for this school year include My Access workshops and a Writing and Technology class. The pre-service teacher sessions will continue as will the Shadow-Teacher positions for all Satellite courses.

Annual Meeting Preparations:

• Send all held, confirmation numbers for your travel plan to Cheryl Conner at UAF. See emails for specific details and email address.

• Mardell will be seeking volunteers for the ASWC vendor table in the Exhibit Hall

• Please register for the ASLA Conference to attend the fine slate of sessions and keynote speakers. Ronda outline the program and urged everyone to complete registrations at this time. (ASWC will pay for travel, hotel and food while in Fairbanks. At this time, conference registration is not compensated.)

• NWP Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, November 19-21. More details forthcoming.

Agenda to-be-continued: October 17, ASWC Annual Meeting, Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks (8:15 AM: Continental Breakfast, 9:00 – 4:30: Board Meeting – October 18, Breakfast and closure, 8:30 – 11:30 PM)

Respectfully submitted by: Mardell Kiesel, Director