

Membership Meeting Minutes
SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015 - 10:45A.M.
THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

I. Call to Order ----- Alice Ruby 10:45
Meeting called to order by Chair Alice Ruby

II. Roll Call – Municipal Members ----- Doug Griffin 10:50

- Municipal Members Present:, Aleutians East Borough, City of Adak, City of Akutan, City of Atka, City of Cold Bay, City of King Cove, City of Sand Point, City of Saint Paul, City of Unalaska, Bristol Bay Borough, Lake and Peninsula Borough, City of Aleknagik, City of Dillingham, City of Manokotak, City of Pilot Point, Kodiak Island Borough, City of Kodiak, City of Old Harbor. 18 municipalities present out of 23 municipal members in good standing. *Quorum established.*
- Associate Members Present: Aleut Corporation, Bristol Bay Economic Develop Corp, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Commercial Fish & Ag Bank, Icicle Seafoods, Old Harbor Native Corp, Ounalashka Corporation, Pacific Seafood Processors Association, Pen Air, Shumagin Corporation, Sullivan Richards, Tanadgusix Corp. (TDX), United Fishermen of Alaska, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, Bristol Bay Native Association, GOACCC, Kodiak Area Native Association, Nushagak Cooperative, Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, Kodiak College.

40 participants in total Membership Votes
18 Municipal, 22 Associate

III. Approval of Minutes & Agenda----- Alice Ruby 10:55

City of Pilot Point moves to approve minutes. Kodiak Island Borough 2nd. No objections. Minutes approved.

City of Pilot Point moves to approve agenda. City of Kodiak 2nd. No objections. Agenda approved.

V. Board Elections ----- Alice Ruby 11:00

A. Sub-region Caucuses

Members separate into sub-region caucuses to vote for board seats.

B. Caucus Reports

Seats up for election -

Aleutian/Pribilofs: Municipal (two year term)

Aleutian/Pribilofs: Associate (two year term)

Bristol Bay: Municipal (two year term)

Bristol Bay: Municipal (one-year-- balance of Ravenmoon's term)

Bristol Bay: Associate (two year term)

Kodiak: Municipal (two year term)

At-Large A: Associate (two year term)

Nominations from Sub-regional Caucuses:

Aleutian/Pribilofs Municipal: Layton Lockett

Aleutian/Pribilofs Associate: Paul Gronholdt

Bristol Bay Municipal: Carvel Zimin, Jr.
Bristol Bay Municipal (1 year): Christina Salmon
Bristol Bay Associate: Alice Ruby
Kodiak Municipal: Rebecca Skinner
At-Large A Associate (from Aleutian/Pribilofs): Joe Sullivan
At-Large A Associate (from Kodiak): John Whiddon

All uncontested nominees were elected by membership and in contested race for At-Large Associate between Sullivan and Whiddon Sullivan received 78% of the votes cast and Whiddon got 22%.

VI. Financial Report----- Doug Griffin 11:20

A. FY14 Financial Review

Griffin states SWAMC worked with Treasurer Lockett and Accounting contractor to put together and simplify report to one page. Financial situation remains strong. SWAMC ends FY14 with a surplus of \$71,549. Assets in high 900,000 range. Griffin emphasized transparency to Board and members and that statement is dated by 9 months since we function from July 1st fiscal year.

- Tara Bourdukofsky asks what to do with revenue income grants.
 - Griffin states SWAMC receives two main grants. 1: State of Alaska ARDOR grant pays for personnel, travel, and overhead expenses. 2: Department of Commerce EDA grant pays for similar expenses. SWAMC hopes to use money from ARDOR for expansion of BR&E program. Revenue from conference and membership matches these two grants.

Bristol Bay Borough motions to approve Financial Report. City of Adak 2nd. No objection. Financial Report approved.

VII. Governance Issues

A. Resolutions ----- Alice Ruby 11:25

- SWAMC Resolution FY15-01 - Exempt vessels less than 79 feet and all fishing vessels from EPA permits for discharges incidental to normal operating
- SWAMC Resolution FY15-02 - Opposing Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- SWAMC Resolution 15-03 - Support for Alaska Harbor Facilities Grant Program
- SWAMC Resolution 15-04 - Requesting the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council reduce Halibut Bycatch in the Bering Sea Groundfish Fishery
- SWAMC Resolution 15-05 - Less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Service
- SWAMC Resolution 15-06 - Strategic reduction of funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System
 - SWAMC Resolution FY15-01: Motion to introduce by City of Sand Point, 2nd by City of Pilot Point.
100% Yes. 0% No. 0% Abstain. Motion carried.
 - SWAMC Resolution FY15-02: Motion to introduce City of Adak, 2nd by City of Pilot Point
 - Ruby states to add amendment to the 7th whereas to add the following municipalities and associated members: City of Unalaska, Kodiak Island Borough, Oualashka Cooperation, Aleutian Pribilof Island Association and Aleut Corporation. Motion by City of Unalaska, 2nd by City of Sand Point. Motion on amendment carried.

- Vote on Resolution 15-02 as amended: 97% Yes. 0% No. 3% Abstain. Motion Carried.
- SWAMC Resolution 15-03: Motion to introduce by Aleutians East Borough, 2nd by Old Harbor Native Corporation.
97% Yes. 3% No. 0% Abstain. Motion carried.

City of Manokotak joined Membership Voting

- SWAMC Resolution 15-04: Motion to introduce by City of St. Paul, second by Aleut Corporation.
 - Joe Sullivan states difficulty of issue and encourages abstaining from a vote.
 - Simeon Swetzof, St Paul, states that contentious topic needs discussion.
 - Tom Tilden, former Halibut Fisherman, agrees with Swetzof.
 - Shirley Marquardt states intention to vote no & explains why.
 - Ruby states although bycatch is a divisive topic, SWAMC Board does not take a position, encourages the membership meeting to be a forum for divisive issues.
 11% Yes. 63% No. 26% Abstain. Motion failed.

- SWAMC Resolution 15-05: Motion to introduce by City of Pilot Point, 2nd by City of St. Paul.
 - Swetzof states the importance of public broadcast: global awareness, public safety.
 - Crystal Dushkin, City of Atka, states this is the only way their community receives news.
 97% Yes. 3% No. 0% Abstain. Motion carried.

- SWAMC Resolution 15-06: Motion to introduce by Kodiak Island Borough, 2nd by City of Kodiak.
 - Clerical Amendment to resolution title: SWAMC Board should be changed to SWAMC membership.
 89% Yes. 5% No. 5% Abstain. Motion carried.

VIII. Staff Report ----- Doug Griffin 11:30

- Energy Work: Griffin speaks about the growth of energy contracts and the success of Kodiak Energy Summit. SWAMC continues with energy contracts in Aleutians and Bristol Bay. SWAMC hopes to finish energy work by July.
- Membership Engagement and BR&E: Griffin states the importance of being an information resource and growing database. Efforts to grow membership continue. SWAMC will renew lease in current building. The additional staff and direction of the Board will help SWAMC carry out the mission of SWAMC.

IX. Voice of the Membership ----- Alice Ruby 11:35

- Vince O’Shea, Pacific Seafood, addresses fisheries issues. People outside of Alaska are objecting to sustainability and science-based management in Alaska fisheries. SWAMC community should focus on vitality of our fisheries and their economic contributions.

X. Next Annual Meeting: Spring 2016 ----- Alice Ruby 11:45

- Griffin discusses problems of gathering everyone, referencing Representative Edgmon's difficulty in scheduling time to meet. Discusses possibly changing the time without conflicting with Legislative Session. New meeting time still under discussion.
- Ruby discusses cost reduction at being held at Captain Cook Hotel, may move to February without conflicting with Legislative Session.
- No objection to changing venue, though no commitment to a plan is made.

XI. Adjourn ----- Alice Ruby 11:45

- 2015 Membership Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.