



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

Post- Conference Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2018

- I. **Call to Order****President Skinner**
Meeting called to order at 8:30 am
- II. **Roll Call**.....**Executive Director Griffin**
Frank Kelty, Paul Gronholdt, Mary Swain, Myra Olsen, Candance Nielson left meeting at 9:36, Rebecca Skinner, Alice Ruby, Glen Gardner – quorum established. Newly elected board member Laura Muller acknowledged. Newly elected board member Charlie Davidson arrived 8:40. Layton Lockett arrived at 8:50.
- III. **Approval of Agenda**..... **Skinner**
Gronholdt moves to approve, Swain seconds, no objections agenda approved.
- IV. **Governance Issues**
 - A. **Ratification of Board Election**.....**Skinner**
Results of Board Election (Griffin)
 - Municipal At-Large Seat B Frank Kelty for two years
 - Municipal Seat Kodiak Charles Davidson two years
 - Municipal Seat Aleutians/Pribilofs Glen Gardner two years
 - Municipal Seat Bristol Bay Myra Olsen two years
 - Associate Seat Kodiak Laura Muller two yearsSwain moves to ratify election results, Nielson seconds, no objections, Board election is ratified. New Board Members seated and assume Board position responsibilities.
 - B. **Election of Officers**.....**Skinner**
Gardner moves to keep officers the same as current, Muller seconds, no objections. Board officers’ election ratified.
 - C. **Action on Resolutions**..... **President**
Gronholdt moves to ratify Resolutions 18-01 through 18-10 with amendments, Kelty seconds. Kelty discusses amendment to Resolution FY18-02. No objections, resolutions ratified. Ruby asked about how to let Griffin know where resolutions should be submitted.
 - E. **Annual Meeting Debrief**.....**President**
 - Muller felt that conference speakers and subjects where applicable to the conference.
 - Ruby said the staff did a great job with both the Energy Conference and the SWAMC Conference. Lighter food at lunch.
 - Gronholdt focus elected officials to speaking on specific topics. Griffin says that SWAMC struggles with scripting for speakers. Asked about the audio problem during the conference. Griffin and Obrien said it was a problem with the Hotel’s system.

- Kelty overall a good conference. Lighter food at lunch.
- Olsen heard good comments about Energy Conference and SWAMC Conference. Liked the plated lunches.
- Griffin explains the requirement of spending for food.
- Swain the conference was well organized. Vendors and guests did not exit early. Have an overview of what is going on in Juneau would be helpful. Griffin responds that might be able to have Mike Hickey speak on the State Legislation.
- Nielson stated days are long. Discussed that the costs of being a board member is expensive, the Future Leaders Sponsorship is good for conference.
- Griffin discussed that Sharon Lind of UAA had some students come to conference. Lind has invited a board member to come speak to her class.
- Muller suggested contacting Dr. Robert Onders at APU.
- Ruby liked the exhibitors. Griffin mentions that SWAMC may raise exhibitor rates.
- Lockett was glad to see the exhibitors stay to end of conference.
- Gronholdt suggested ending the 2nd day at 4:30 pm.
- Kelty asked how long Energy Conference is and if SWAMC Conference used to be 3 days.
- Muller SWAMC needs to make outreach to Native Corporations for attendees.
- Ruby stated that Board members need to make the reach out to Native Corporations and regional organizations.
- Skinner good topics, good presenters, SWAMC needs a conference planning committee and calendar, speakers need to understand the panel they are on, need to let memberships know what seats are up for election, speakers need to know who is on the panel with them, end silent auction end at reception, give speakers for direction, prior year meeting minutes should be in packet, legislative priorities, introduce future leader attendees.
- Olsen speakers need to be seated before introductions.
- Lockett create a digital Conference packet.
- Gardner amend resolutions live.
- Davidson as about interpretation of representation via board members vs regional representation.
- Nielson stated that more time is needed to go over resolutions before voting. Power point presentations were hard to see.
- Lockett stated to maybe hold two caucuses.
- Kelty hold a resolution caucus on the 1st day.

F. Dates for 2019 Annual Meeting.....Griffin

February 28th and March 1st, 2019 were selected as the dates for the 2019 Economic Summit and Membership Meeting by consensus.

G. Calendaring/Board Meetings.....President

Griffin states the Board meeting are the third Thursday of the month starting at 10 am.

H. Disposition of the MAKE Program.....Griffin

The Board determined that SWAMC will exit the MAKE Program on 31st December 2018. Griffin and Obrien will research and locate an organization to take over MAKE Program.

V. Board Comments.....President

- Gronholdt suggested title of next conference: Automation of seafood the future is now!
- Lockett welcomes new board members.
- Gardner thanks staff for conference.
- Swain asks for date of Board Retreat to be set and make sure strategic planning meetings are set.
- Muller thanks staff for conference.
- Ruby thanks staff for conference.
- Davidson says he looks forward to being on the Board.
- Skinner thanks staff, welcomes new board members, thanks current board members for their service.

VI. AdjournPresident

Adjourned 11:05 am.

Next Board Meeting – April 19, 2018