



SWAMC Pre-Conference Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2019 – 6 p.m.

Club 1 Room – Quarterdeck Floor – Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, AK

I. **Call to Order** ----- 6:20 p.m. **President Skinner**

A. Roll Call ----- **Griffin**

yes – Rebecca Skinner, yes - Glen Gardner, yes - Paul Gronholdt, yes - Myra Olsen, yes – Mary Swain, yes - Alice Ruby, yes - Frank Kelty, yes - Candace Nielsen, no – Layton Lockett, no – Charlie Davidson. (9 members present, 4 municipal) – quorum established. Griffin and Obrien were in attendance as staff.

II. **Approval of Agenda** ----- **Skinner**

Olsen moves to approve, Nielsen seconds, no objections, agenda approved.

III. **Governance Issues**

A. 2018 Economic Summit and Membership Meeting

1. Conference Agenda – President Skinner stated that she would ask the Conference Attendees to be “positive and productive” and asked Board to support that effort.
2. Speaker Introductions – Speaker introduction assignments were discussed and requests for specific assignments were accommodated for the most part.
3. Annual Membership Meeting – The agenda for Membership Meeting was reviewed. Board Member Swain asked that more explanation of the process be provided to avoid confusion.

IV. **Policy and Program Issues**

A. Resolution Review and Discussion - Eleven draft resolutions were reviewed and revised as follows:

FY19-01 – The Board discussed the resolution to support the AMHS Reform effort. Board decides that FY19-01 was similar to FY19-08 and that FY19-01 could be folded into FY19-08 with a new WHEREAS referring to the reform effort and a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED addition to call for at least one representative from Southwest Alaska on any newly formed governing board for AMHS. Gardner moves to accept changes, Olsen seconds, no objections, revised FY19-08 was adopted for transmission to the Membership. Board take no action to bring FY19-01 to the Membership.

FY19-02 – Adequate Funding for ADF&G. The title was changed to be positive and language calling for new fish taxes be used to fill funding gaps for management of Alaska fisheries was deleted. A new WHEREAS was added to explain that the State has joint management agreements with the Federal National Marine Fisheries Service and adequate funding is needed to implement this joint agreement. Swain moves to accept changes, Gardner seconds, no objections, revised FY19-02 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-03 – K-12 Funding – A few minor wording changes were made and action to approve the revised resolution. Gardner moves to accept changes, Kelty seconds, no objections, revised FY19-03 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-04 – University of Alaska Funding – The title was revised to make it more positive. Minor changes made to add clarity, a BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for rural UA campuses was changed to a WHEREAS statement. Gardner moves to accept changes, Nielsen seconds, no objections, revised FY19-04 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-05 – Shared Fish Taxes – The title was revised to cite specific legislation eliminating the municipal share of state collected fish taxes. WHEREAS language was revised to remove specific example of loss of revenue for the City of Unalaska and delete statements quoting AML and Alaska Conference of Mayors. Keltly moves to accept changes, Ruby seconds, no objections, revised FY19-05 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

Nielsen was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

FY19-06 – Income Tax – Gronholdt asked that a WHEREAS be revised to state that a State income tax be a percentage of Federal income tax to make administration and compliance of the income tax program easy and straightforward. There was no objection to the minor change. Gronholdt moves to accept changes, Olsen seconds, no objections, revised FY19-06 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-07 – Continuation of Present Permanent Fund Dividend program – There was discussion of the resolution being confusing, that there was no benefit in weighing into PFD calculation and allocation issues, and desire to not move this resolution forward to the Membership. Swain moves to not approve, Gardner seconds, no objections, FY19-07 not adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-08 – AMHS and M/V Tustumena replacement – There was discussion regarding the resolution capturing the AMHS reform efforts. A BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statement was added to require Southwest Alaska representation to include at least one seat on any AMHS governing body that may be formed as part of reform. Olsen moves to accept changes, Swain seconds, no objections, FY19-08 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-09—Power Cost Equalization – A few small typos were noted for correction. Gronholdt moves to accept, Swain seconds, no objections, FY19-09 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-10 – Alaska Public Broadcasting – Wording was added to state there were no practical alternatives to public broadcasting and that stations were part of the emergency broadcasting system. Gronholdt moves to accept changes, Olsen seconds, no objections, FY19-10 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

FY19-11 – Medicaid Funding – The title was changed to make resolution positive versus opposing cuts. Two WHEREAS passages were removed to minimize confusion and it was confirmed that Dillingham and Kodiak were the only hospitals in the SWAMC region. There was discussion regarding adding the number of clinics that might be affected. Gronholdt moves to accept changes, Swain seconds, no objections, FY19-11 was adopted for transmission to the Membership.

There was discussion on renumbering the Resolution packet. It was decided by consensus to renumber the resolutions to avoid confusion and concern that items were being withheld.

- V. Staff Report – There was a brief discussion regarding logistics and confirmed speakers. Griffin said the revisions would be done to resolutions that will be displayed at the Membership Meeting.
- VI. Board Comments/Other Business – There were no comments from the Board.
- VII. Adjourn – Swain moved, Gardner seconds, no objections meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. ----- **Skinner**