



**2020 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference General Membership Meeting**  
 Friday, March 6, 2020 – 9:15 a.m.  
 The Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

- I. **Call to Order** .....Mary Swain, President.....9:18 a.m.
- II. **In Attendance**  
Municipal Members: Aleutians East Borough, City of Akutan, City of Sand Point, City of Unalaska, Bristol Bay Borough, Lake & Peninsula Borough, City of Aleknagik, City of Dillingham, City of Egegik, City of Manokotak, Kodiak Island Borough, City of Kodiak, City of Adak. *Quorum established.*  
Associate Members: Alaska Airlines, Alyeska Seafoods, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp., Joe Sullivan Law Office PLLC, Ravn Air Group, Shumagin Corporation, TelAlaska  
Non-Profit Members: Bristol Bay Native Association, Bristol Bay Chamber of Commerce, Kodiak Area Native Association, Qagan Tayagungin Tribe, Bristol Bay Housing Authority, Nelson Lagoon Tribal Council, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- III. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda** ..... Mary Swain  
 Minutes: Bristol Bay Borough moves to approve 2019 Membership Meeting minutes. City of Sand Point seconds. Minutes are approved with one comment – the date should read 2019 instead of 2018.  
 Agenda: Lake & Peninsula Borough moves to approve minutes. Kodiak Island Borough seconds. Agenda is approved with no further discussion.
- IV. **Board Elections** ..... Mary Swain  
 A. Sub-regional Caucuses  
 Members separate into sub-regional caucuses at 9:30 am to vote for board seats.  
 Caucus Reports:
  - a. Kodiak Municipal Seat (2 years): Terry Haines
  - b. Kodiak Associate Seat (2 years): No candidates. Left vacant. SWAMC membership to be notified of vacancy for open period of 30 days; seat to be filled at next BOD meeting.
  - c. Aleutians/Pribilofs Municipal Seat (2 years): Glen Gardner, Jr.
  - d. Bristol Bay Municipal Seat (2 years): Myra Olsen
 Associate At-Large Seat B Election Results:  
 Three candidates (Roger Meeks, TelAlaska; Joe Sullivan, Joe Sullivan Law Office PLLC; Vincent Tutiakoff, City of Unalaska). Joe Sullivan elected to Associate At-Large Seat B.
- V. **Financial Report** ..... Shirley Marquardt  
 A. FY19 Financial Report – Financial report is approved with no further discussion.
- VI. **Governance Issues**  
 A. Resolutions..... Mary Swain
  - a) **Membership Resolution FY20-01:** A resolution by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership to preserve the Power Cost Equalization Endowment Fund for its intended purpose of assisting Alaskans and Alaskan communities with the high cost of electricity. Myra Olsen moved to approve, Glen Gardner seconds. Comment made by Gary Hennigh of the City of King Cove that King Cove lost their PCE 2.5 years ago. He would like

the 5<sup>th</sup> *whereas* to be amended by reducing the numbers to reflect that King Cove no longer benefiting from PCE due to their installation of hydro power. He also requested language to be added to resolution addressing a disincentive towards “alternative energy” built into the PCE formula. Myra Olsen moved to approve the resolution as amended, Glen Gardner seconds, resolution passes unanimously.

- b) **Membership Resolution FY20-02:** A resolution by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership supporting the funding of the Alaska Marine Highway System operating budget at sustainable levels until reform recommendations are enacted and maintaining funding for replacement of the M/V Tustumena. Alvin Osterback moved to approve, Scott Arndt seconds, resolution passes by majority.
- c) **Membership Resolution FY20-03:** A resolution by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership supporting a progressive graduated statewide income tax as part of a sustainable budget for the state of Alaska. There was general discussion by membership supporting this resolution. Myra Olsen moves to approve, Glen Gardner seconds, resolution passes by majority.
- d) **Membership Resolution FY20-04:** A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership requesting the Alaska Legislature and Governor to adequately fund the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) budget and particularly the division of commercial fisheries. Alvin Osterback moves to approve, Scott Arndt seconds, resolution passes unanimously.
- e) **Membership Resolution FY20-05:** A resolution by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership urging NMFS to narrow the scope and area for designation as critical habitat for humpback whales in Alaska. Rebecca Skinner requests the addition of a *whereas* that states that the agency did not adequately account for the socioeconomic and other costs to the region. No opposition or further discussion on the amendment. Myra Olsen moves to approve, Glen Gardner seconds, resolution passed by majority.
- f) **Membership Resolution FY20-06:** A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership supporting the restoration of FY21 Southcoast Region Highways and Aviation funding decrement and retention of rural airports and maintenance by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF). Myra Olsen moves to approve, Glen Gardner seconds, resolution passed by majority.

- VII. **Staff Report** ..... Shirley Marquardt  
 Marquardt summarized major staff activities over the past year, focusing on her tenure of the most recent two months during which staff worked on the annual conference and provided documentation for the FY19 Financial Audit, began working with a new contractor for the AFDF Mariculture Business Development grant, focused on the DOE-AMO Kelp Products Processing grant for which SWAMC is leading Steering Committee, recently started the ARDOR grant funded by the Denali Commission, managed the ongoing USDA-funded energy audit program for rural small businesses, and monitored and participated in the AMHS/MTAB discussions occurring with the State of Alaska.
- VIII. **Next Annual Meeting:** March 4, 2021 ..... Mary Swain
- IX. **Adjourn** .....Mary Swain.....11:13 a.m.