



## **Regular Meeting**

April 19, 2024 10:30 AM  
Clarion Suites Anchorage

### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **1) Call to Order**

President Bellamy Called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

#### **2) Roll Call**

Julia Phelan	Present
Darlene Trigg	Present
Wally Gust	Present
Annie Weyiouanna	Present
Tim Doran	Present
Andy Holleman	Present
Chrya Sanderson	Present
Penny Vadla	Present
Michael Swain	Present
Clarence Daniel	Present
Pete Hoephfner	Present
Marie Greene	Present
Robyn Burke	Excused
Dana Mock	Present
Margo Bellamy	Present

#### **3) Establish Quorum**

A quorum was established.

#### **4) Land Acknowledgement**

Past President Marie Greene read the land acknowledgment.

## **5) Pledge of Allegiance**

## **6) Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held for Joseph Reid who passed on 4/17/24.

## **7) AASB Equity Statement**

Annie Weyiouanna read the equity statement.

## **8) Approval of Agenda**

### **Action(s):**

Move to approve the April 19, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

This motion made by Clarence Daniel and seconded by Marie Greene **Passed**.

## **9) Approval of Minutes**

### **Action(s):**

Move to approve minutes from November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, December 2023 Executive Meeting, January 4, 2024 Special Meeting, February 15, 2024 Special Meeting, March 4, 2024 Executive Meeting, March 20, 2024 Executive Meeting. This motion made by Marie Greene and seconded by Andy Holleman, **Passed**.

## **10) Correspondence**

The board reviewed correspondence in the board packet.

## **11) Reports/Discussion Items**

### **11. A. Presidents Report**

**Speaker(s):** Margo Bellamy

President Bellamy highlighted some of the items in her written report including visiting Juneau to meet with legislators, the NSBA Annual Conference and the February Fly-In and Youth Leadership.

### **11. B. Past President Report**

**Speaker(s):** Marie Greene

Past President Marie Greene shared some highlights from her written report including her appreciation for the Fly-in event in February. Sharing that NWABSD is looking forward to hosting the AASB summer board meeting in Kotzebue.

**11. C. President-Elect Report**

**Speaker(s):** Dana Mock

President-Elect Dana Mock shared his experiences over the last six Months. Attending NSBA Advocacy & Equity Symposium & NSBA Annual Conference, being elected Chair-elect for the Pacific region and enjoying all the speakers at these events. Commented on how the best decision AASB made was to hire lobbyist Andrea Watts.

**11. D. Secretary/Treasurer Report**

**Speaker(s):**

Secretary/Treasurer Burke was excused from this meeting and there was no report given.

**11. E. NSBA/AIAN Directors Report**

**Speaker(s):** Michael Swain

Board member Swain reported that due to cutbacks at NSBA the four councils have been consolidated but are still meeting.

**11. F. Pacific Region and NSBA Report**

**Speaker(s):** Pete Hoepfner  
Dana Mock & Lon Garrison

NSBA Representative Hoepfner reported on the NSBA Pacific Region. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, that Executive Director Garrison sits on, has been doing a lot of work now that they have gone from 5 regions to 3 regions. Hoepfner mentioned changes to the resolution process to look more like what AASB does has been a success. Hoepfner provided updates to NSBA meetings & events and encouraged people to look at the Dignity Index.

Executive Director Lon Garrison spoke about the outstanding work that AASB Staff contribute to NSBA and the large presence Alaska has within the organization.

Representative Mock shared that the NSBA Delegate Assembly meeting at the annual meeting went very smoothly and that Lake and Peninsula School District won the Magna Award.

**11. G. ASAA Report**

**Speaker(s):** Dana Mock

ASAA Representative Mock highlighted points from his report that is in the board packet. Mock noted recent changes to ASAA Bylaws.

### **Pause in Agenda -**

President Bellamy called for a pause in the regular agenda in order to get a short report from RAFA Investments. Matt O'Lone and Joe Guest reported on the AASB portfolio.

Recess: 12:23

Reconvene: 12:55

### **11. H. Annual Conference Discussion**

**Speaker(s):** Jenni Lefing &  
Timi Tullis

Jenni Lefing went over the highlights from her written report. Lefing reminded the board that November 7 - 10, 2024 will be the dates for this year's conference, and asked for guidance on topics to include, indicating she would then work with President Bellamy to develop a theme.

Discussion followed with many board members commenting on the positivity of having students participate in YLI and integrate with board members attending the Annual Conference. Youth performances from various districts was suggested.

### **11. I. Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report** **Speaker(s):** Lon Garrison & Robyn Burke

Executive Director Garrison reported that the committee has not had an opportunity to meet and plan to meet on April 23, 2024.

### **11. J. Sustainability Committee Report**

**Speaker(s):** Tim Doran

Committee Chair Doran reported that the committee is working to bring new members up to speed and familiar with the sustainability checklist. There are two more meetings coming up.

**11. K. Advocacy Committee Report**

**Speaker(s):** Margo Bellamy  
Dana Mock & Robyn Burke

President Bellamy reported on trips made to D.C. and to Juneau to speak with representatives.

**11. L. AASB Employee Benefits Committee Report Speaker(s):** Lon Garrison

Executive Director Garrison reported on the rising cost of employee benefits and how the committee will come together to look at what healthcare plans might apply to AASB as a non-profit.

**11. M. Tribal Compacting Committee Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**11. N. BLN Report**

President Bellamy asked members to share how reaching out to their contacts went and what kind of feedback they got. Most members had a hard time getting responses.

**11. O. Executive Director Evaluation Preparation Speaker(s):** Dana Mock

An annual evaluation that goes out annually. There is a new process that will allow for better feedback. Results will be compiled after the June 24th deadline.

**11. P. Board Self-Assessment Preparation**

**Speaker(s):** Marie Greene

Start May 27th and completed June 24th.

**11. Q. Summer Meeting Logistics**

**Speaker(s):** Timi Tullis &  
Lon Garrison

The summer Board of Directors meeting will be held in Kotzebue, July 18 - 21st. Accommodations are in the works for lodging. Members were reminded that Mindy needs to make the travel arrangements for everyone.

**11. R. BOD Commitment to AASB Events**

**Speaker(s):** Lon Garrison  
Norm Wooten & Timi Tullis

Executive Director Garrison gave a little "pep talk" about what it means to be on the AASB Board and encouraged members to attend the AASB events. Mr. Wooten spoke to the importance of

membership to see the Board of Directors interact during events. Associate Executive Director Tullis spoke about the importance of Communicating with AASB staff. Board discussion followed regarding accountability and commitment while serving on the AASB Board of Directors.

**11. S. Student Representative on BOD    Speaker(s):** Claudia Plesa  
Lon Garrison & Timi Tullis

Associate Executive Director Tullis shared a presentation that she and Senior Manager of Conditions for Learning, Claudia Plesa put together. The presentation included feedback from students on being heard and recognized by their local boards. Discussion continued on how AASB should work towards having a student representative. AASB may form a committee to work on what the details would be.

**11. T. Levels of Membership and Cost of Services    Speaker(s)** Lon Garrison

Executive Director Garrison asked the board to consider discussion and possible recommendations for the Membership, Constitution & Bylaws, and Policy Committees regarding modifying and broadening our definitions of membership so that AASB services might be available to more education organizations and entities.

**12) Action Items**

**12. A. JNMS Scholarship Recommendation/Report    Speaker(s):**  
Pete Hoepfner,  
Jenni Lefing,  
Tiffany Jackson

Board member Hoepfner gave a committee report. The JNMS Committee was not able to complete it's work in time for this meeting and requested that the board permit the Executive Committee to review and approve the proposed awards at a later Date.

**Action(s):**

I move to authorize the Executive Committee to review and approve the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Committee's recommendations for 2024 scholarship recipients. This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Wally Gust, **Passed**.

### **13) Staff Reports**

#### **13. A. Executive Director Report**

**Speaker(s):** Lon Garrison

Garrison reviewed the highlights of his written report, including business operations, RFP for a new roof on the building & the hiring of a handyman to make other improvements on and around the building. Shared that he has become the Chair-Elect for OSAED. Board members were curious to hear how many employees work remotely.

#### **13. B. Associate Director Report**

**Speaker(s):** Timi Tullis

Associate Director Tullis reviewed highlights from her report, including superintendent evaluations and work with Charter schools.

#### **13. C. Finance Director Report**

**Speaker(s):** Jenny Mathis

Finance Director Mathis reviewed the financial report included in the board packet. The financial audit is coming up in May.

#### **13. D. Director of Membership Report**

**Speaker(s):** Tiffany Jackson

Director of Membership Jackson highlighted her report and added that AASB staff performed very well at the NSBA Annual Conference. Feedback came from board members thanking Tiffany for her work.

#### **13. D. 1 District Participation Report**

An attachment in the board packet that shows how member districts are participating in the services that AASB provides.

#### **13. E. Director of Conditions for Learning Report**

**Speaker(s):** Lori Grassgreen

Director of Conditions for Learning Grassgreen highlighted that the CFL team has many big “buckets”, the team is doing a lot of good work. Encouraged members to review the report in the board packet by using the bold/highlighted categories.

### **13. F. Advocacy Report**

**Speaker(s):** Lon Garrison  
Norm Wooten & Andrea Watts

Mr. Wooten reviewed legislative topics that the Advocacy Committee has focused on. The BSA, Budget, Correspondence School ruling and Charter Schools. Lobbyist Watts spoke to the noticeable change in dialogue at the capitol becoming more pro-education.

Executive Director Garrison closed the report with a few comments on meeting with the governor, Charter School issue with the state board becoming the authorizer, and the BSA.

President Bellamy thanked the committee for their hard work and opened the floor for comments and questions. Board member Holleman spoke about Anchorage School District's response to the Correspondence School ruling.

### **14) Board Comments**

Pete: Thanked everyone for all the hard work.

Tim: Thankful for AASB's responsiveness and for Lon stepping out and Advocating.

Clarence: Thanked the staff for setting up and organizing. Questioned who's terms are coming up.

Chrya: Appreciates the board's support. Thank you for all the cards and prayers, they really do help. Will work to carry out her term.

Julia: Appreciates the opportunity to join the board and learn. Thanked Tiffany and Mindy for the on-boarding. Looking forward to helping out.

Dana: Thanked Lon for his leadership and helping during advocacy travel. thanked Margo for teaching him. It has been a wonderful day.

Darlene: Thank you all for approving the appointment and Lon and staff for the informative reports.

Marie: Noted re-thinking virtual participation due to rising costs should happen and reconsider how we serve and or buy food for events.



Margo: Acknowledged that the work getting done is hard and getting harder. Thanked staff. Feeling proud that everyone at the National Conference pulled together to collaborate on Katie's presentation. Thanks to Dana for never skipping a beat and helping through a difficult year. Pete, Lon and Dana treated her like the queen that she is.

Wally: Thanked everyone. Trying to stay connected and reaches out to Pete when he needs something. Hoping for more student reps in 2025. His district will be hosting a regional Volley Ball Tournament next school year. Said his district needs more Trauma Engagement support.

Lon: Quick thank you to everyone and to Margo and Dana for great leadership

Timi: Board members can reach out to Copper River Fleece and order a jacket and AASB will pay for the embroidery.

#### **15) Future Business**

Authorized staff to move on looking in to what having a youth representative would take. More on youth leadership and engagement.  
Board self assessment. Executive Director evaluation.

#### **16) Adjournment**

##### **Action(s):**

A motion to adjourn made by Clarence Daniel and seconded by Dana Mock  
**Passed.**