

Alaska ASCD
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 27, 2008
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Audio Conference
Mission Statement

Alaska ASCD is an inclusive professional association for educators, facilitating continuous professional growth and advocating for instructional leadership to assure success for all learners.

Purpose:

1. to disseminate successful practices of instruction, curriculum development, and supervision
2. to provide opportunities for building a sustainable community of learners

Beliefs: (Pending alignment with Alaska Cultural Standards)

- We believe that each individual's dignity, uniqueness, capability and innate love of learning should be cherished and encouraged.
- We believe that diversity should be celebrated in our schools and the values of cultural pluralism and exchange should be affirmed.
- We believe that individuals prosper in a nurturing environment that promotes growth, self-renewal and lifelong learning.
- We believe that equitable access to high-quality information, ideas and learning opportunities is key to the survival of civilization.
- We believe that society thrives when individuals work together.
- We believe that strong, positive relationships facilitate communication and lead to the accomplishment of organizational goals.
- We believe that strong organizations share a culture where informed individuals work toward common goals.

Present:

Jeffrey Lofthus	Susan Garton	Dave Dershin
Dale Cope	Gerald Briscoe	Dianne Zemanek
Cleo Burgett	Teri Regan	
Kimberly Handy	Tammy Van Wyhe	

This meeting began at 3:30 p.m. as an audio conference facilitated by Jeffrey Lofthus and Susan Garton.

Action Items:

The meeting began with review of the minutes of the last meeting, which had been sent by email to the steering committee. Motion to approve by Kimberly Handy. Second by Gerry Briscoe. Minutes approved.

Teri Regan gave a brief review of the efforts to establish the credit union checking account, which is now in place and ready for ASCD Alaska to write checks to pay bills.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Dale Cope. Second by Gerry Briscoe.

Treasurer's report approved.

Jeffrey reviewed a plan to participate in the ATP conference, April 18-19th. ASCD will offer a membership table, mock interviews, and resume review. Jeffrey made the motion to approve ASCD participation. Gerry Briscoe seconded the motion. Participation in ATP approved. Gerry offered to help on the 19th. Kimberly asked about participating in the ATP.

Discussion Items:

Membership is the biggest need now. The organization must have enough people for committees and officers to do the work of re-establishing the organization and recruiting members. Jeffrey and Susan challenged each person present during the audio conference to bring three others to the next meeting. That would be a group of 27, well on the way to having enough people for committees. Susan had sent a proposed strategic plan which called for committee formation and election of officers when membership reached 50. We would like in the final organization a member representative from each district.

Discussion followed regarding the collection of dues. State and National dues cannot be collected jointly until ASCD Alaska has established a solid membership.

Jeffrey asked to revisit the name ASCD Alaska, since most state affiliates use the state name first, as in Alaska ASCD. The original decision to make it ASCD Alaska was because the domain name would have two a's in the middle of the name, as in alaskaascd. Jeffrey pointed out that two a's wouldn't be problematic. Other domain names used two names together without confusion. Motion by Dianne to change the name to Alaskaascd.org. Seconded by Teri. Name change was approved. Susan Garton will get the name on the financial accounts changed to Alaska ASCD.

There was some discussion of the strategic plan and how to proceed in the near future. If each person brings three others to the next meeting, that will be a huge start. In the meantime, we can begin to address the other areas. Cleo will review the Bylaws and Constitution and begin to prepare a draft for approval by the membership, or to advance the efforts of the first committee. Kimberly will take the lead in recruiting members. Dave Dershin will proceed to work on the website. The domain name would cost about \$160 a year, Dave said. Dianne has a brochure with a membership application included, nearly ready for printing. Other members asked to have the logo or brochure forward to them. Susan said she would do this.

There was some discussion of banners and other necessities of the organization. Susan is compiling a list of these necessities and is preparing to ask for a grant from ASCD International for the purpose of financing immediate needs. Dianne suggested Fast Sign's for banners. Prices there were more reasonable. Teri reported paying about \$250 for banners for SERRC.

Cleo asked for a PDF of the bylaws and constitution. Susan will send these to everyone.

Jeffrey reminded everyone who attended the first meeting that those materials had a copy there.

Jeffrey reported that he and Susan would be going to the ASCD International Conference in New Orleans March 14-16. Susan will be interviewed there for a three year position on the ASCD board. Dave Dershin will also be attending. The three Alaskans will exchange cell numbers and plan to meet in New Orleans to discuss the web page design.

Susan reported that she had submitted a NWACC grant (Northwest Academic Computing Consortium) with ASCD named as a partner with UAA for the purpose of networking professionals in rural Alaska.

The next meeting will be March 19th at 3:30pm-4:30pm

The meeting concluded at 4:35 p.m.