

Alaska Library Network  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 4, 2015 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Attendance: *Tracy Swaim, KJ Martin- Albright, Steve Rollins, Julene Brown, Joyce McCombs, Suzan Hahn*  
Guest: *Patience Frederiksen*  
Minutes: *Shannon Clouse, Secretary*

1. *Meeting called to order at 4:02:37*

**2. Approval of 1/12/15 Board meeting minutes** (not approved at conference): *Julene moves to approve minutes, KJ seconds. Motion passes.*

**3. Treasurer's report (Steve):** *Steve submitted a written report. Highlights Live Homework Help*

4. Board Business

- **Selection of officers** (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary)  
*President: KJ Albright, Vice-President Julene, Treasurer Steve Rollins, Secretary Shannon Clouse*
- **Creation of Nominating Committee :** *Joyce McCombs volunteered.*
- **ALN Board Face-to-face at AkLA conference as pre- or post-session-** *Plan to have our face to face meeting at the AKLA conference as a money saving move. Board agrees.*
- **Tracy's Evaluation (attachment):** *Written with Steve Rollins, board approves.*

**5. Activity Review (formerly Director's Report)**

- **Mat-Su Librarians training/focus group (April 28)**- Tracy worked with 43 public librarians (Mat-Su) in Wasilla for an annual training. Walked through 12 or 14 SLED data bases. Used as a focus group to find out which of the databases that are being used (ListenAlaska and Auto and Small Engine repair database). Big surprise when he was going through TERC practice tests that are available. Hands down “loser” was Oxford reference.
- **OCLC 3% Increase Renewal (attachment)**: Written proposal submitted.
- **ListenAlaska Contract and Justification (attachment)**: Want a state-wide license. Overdrive saw the benefits. Price increase (5%) in FY17. Libraries could become an advantage library; buying books but only their patrons would have access to these titles.
- **ALN Team Development**: School librarian is taking note of all the suggested titles to be added to ListenAlaska
- **Web Development and Library Directory**: Working on a current directory.

## 6. New Business, Ideas, & Next Steps

- **ListenAlaska Marketing Blitz** – Working on new PR material.
- **Kotzebue and Nome visit** (week of May 18)- Going to Kotzebue for a visit (provided free room) and will meet with local librarians.
- **PNLA, ALA, or Overdrive Conference?** – Looking at attending a conference in the future. Does anyone on the board recommend

*attendance? PNLA is recommended. Tracy will do a little more research.*

- **Technology in use and Possible Projects -**
- **Pilot Project for Great Reading Adventure (\$13 and time)-**  
*Problems with server, will work on this for next summer.*
- **Explore offering basic web sites, email, and local mailing list services-** *Offer local mailing lists for member libraries, for example.*
- **Explore NoveList Select pricing and integration –** *Explore linking to your local catalog. Show “read alike” with this service, see what the pricing options are.*
- **Explore ILS integration of “active users” of ListenAlaska only:**  
*Show librarians who their active patrons are if they only use data bases and Listen Alaska.*
- **Working with Carolyn Brown on Peratrovich Project-** *Bring (web-based) video to all Alaska libraries, by writing a grant.*
- **More programs like Anchorage Reads-** *Use more feature titles for community reads.*

7. Anything else?

8. Topics for next meeting (July 13, 2015) NOTE: Because of holiday this meeting is one week later than originally scheduled.

9. Adjourn at 4:45 p.m.