

## ALASKA INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes - 01/19/2001

On January 19, 2001, the monthly meeting of the Alaska Investigators Association was held at the Public Defender Agency, 900 W. 5th Avenue in Anchorage.

President Bruce Johnson called the meeting to order at 10am. Present in person were board members Joe Austin, Marianne Young and Rich Norgard. Attending the meeting telephonically were Sharon Zink and Ron Pickett. In the absence of the Secretary, Rich Norgard took meeting minutes.

Bruce Johnson opened with a discussion of the membership drive. By his calculation, there are about 15 new members so far. Bruce requested that Marianne provide he and Ron a list of current members. Ron stated that there are 37 persons currently listed on the web site directory.

Marianne opened a discussion about the advisability of changing the AIA fiscal year from the current configuration to the same as the calendar year. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Bruce made a motion to change it. Rich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next topic on the agenda was the directory. Bruce suggested we extend the deadline so that we could see if more members join, and it was mutually agreed to extend the membership drive to February 15, with the deadline for publishing the directory being March 1.

Ron suggested Rich talk to Mailboxes Etc. in Wasilla and get a quote for doing the directory. The previous directory was printed by Time Frame in Anchorage.

Bruce next wanted to discuss the AIA Conference for this year. It was brought up that the Public Defender Conference has been scheduled for October 3-5 in Talkeetna. Further discussion ensued and it was generally agreed that, given the poor showing during last year's conference, a one-day conference would be more advisable. Furthermore, it was felt by many in the group that Saturday would be a good day to have the conference. Consequently, it was tentatively agreed to schedule the 2001 AIA Conference for Saturday, October 6, in Talkeetna. Bruce mentioned that he and Rich would be attending an AAFS conference in Seattle in the near future and would look for potential speakers among that group. Ron also mentioned being able to provide the name of a possible speaker.

Rich brought up that he no longer is able to produce the newsletter, and suggested that with all the members having an email address, the newsletter could be produced electronically. Sharon volunteered to do an electronic newsletter but would need assistance. Ron expressed the concern that non-members who have not been removed from the list would also get the newsletter.

Bruce wanted everyone to be thinking about the association's goals should be for the coming years.

A suggestion was made to issue membership cards to all members. These could be produced easily with a computer and printer.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 10am. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.