

**Alaska Herpetological Society**  
**Officer's Meeting**  
**September 30, 2018**  
**5 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

Officers present: President Don Larson (**DL**), Vice President Seth Perry (**SP**), Treasurer Josh Ream (**JRe**), Secretary Joseph Robertia (**JRo**), and Newsletter Editor Dustin Hattenburg (**DH**).

**Annual Meeting and Officer's Election**

Set for November 18 at 5 p.m. Announcement and call-in number have been posted on AHS website.

**DL** Brought up pairing with the Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society for their annual meeting or perhaps holding a separate AHS conference in spring 2019 paired with some as of yet undetermined outdoor/citizen science activities.

**JRo** suggested Kenai Peninsula as a possible location and suggested Kenai Watershed Forum or Kenai River Center may be able to provide a facility to host the meeting.

**JRe** also suggested contacting the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to involve them. There seemed to be consensus that this would be a good plan. **JRo** indicated that the Refuge Manager has shown interest in herpetological research and outreach on the refuge in continuation of work accomplished by Mari Reeves.

**Funding:**

**DL** Has secured \$1,000 from a (currently undisclosed) production company. Fund may be used for either grant opportunities of other activities.

**Camphibian/SLAMP:**

**JRe** and **SP** said this year's events went great. Stat on participants and species/population numbers encountered will be posted in upcoming AHS newsletter.

**JRe** said results of chytrid sampling have not come back yet, but should be here soon. **DL** encouraged this results should be published, possibly as a short communication in the Herp Review.

**DL/JRe** also suggested the numerous years of SLAMP data collected by AHS over the past several years could be used as part of a Master's thesis for **JRo** or others. **JRe** agreed AHS needs to make this data public for other researcher, wildlife managers, et al. **DL** indicated that his current faculty position provides time for publications and that he would be happy to assist in publication efforts.

**JRe** suggested 2022, the 10 year anniversary of AHS's SLAMP efforts, might be a good year for an officer's retreat in the Stikine area to collect data together. Funding is yet to be determined.

**DL** mentioned that local cabin officer retreats have been successful in the past and he would like to do this again next year.

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**DH** has seen the checklist of submitted materials and will begin review those materials this week while seeking anything still pending.

**SP** said that he will finalize and submit his officer corner this week.

**JRe** suggested if excess content is available, some articles could be held for the next edition.

**DH** said there is enough content now for one newsletter and will have a draft going out to officers within the next week for approval.

**JRo** suggested possibly parceling out newsletter content, such as individual articles monthly or portions of each piece monthly on social media/AHS website. The purpose of this would be to provide full content immediately to existing AHS members, while encouraging non-members to join AHS to receive this. Parceling could also make more active/engaging content through our electronic venues. He indicated that we need to consider increased value of memberships to encourage others to sign up.

**DH** said the AHS Facebook page could be set up to make regular posts and would send **JRo** a tutorial.

**JRe** brought up concern that full access to the newsletter is useful for disseminating what has been done to those institutions that have partnered or provided grants to AHS. Also, that a change of secretaries could create problems with this additional parceling responsibility on them. Suggested perhaps using Survey Monkey to pole on this matter. He also mentioned that there may be other member incentives that we can consider.

**DL** suggested tabling the idea of parceling out newsletter content as well as generating further ideas for member outreach opportunities until the annual meeting next month so all members could weigh in. Also, officers should finalize their input to annual meeting agenda document in the AHS G-drive by Friday, October 5th.