

Alaska Commission on Aging
APPROVED Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2013

Members Present: Mary Shields, Edna DeVries, Marie Darlin, Banarsi Lal, and staff D. Daniello.

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by teleconference.

II. Review and take action on Executive Committee meeting agenda (11-15-2013): The agenda was approved as presented. Marie motioned, Banarsi seconded the motion. No objections.

III. Review and take action on Executive Committee meeting minutes (8-29-2013): Draft minutes approved as presented. Marie motioned, Banarsi seconded the motion. No objections.

IV. Review and discuss draft agenda for ACoA December 2013 Special Topics Quarterly Meeting: The focus for the December board meeting will be on new board member orientation to provide information about ACoA's relationships with federal and state partners and programs serving seniors so that we will be an informed board when we meet with legislators during the Commission's February 2014 advocacy meeting in Juneau. Denise reviewed the draft agenda. The Committee voiced their support for the agenda and its purpose. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Marie and seconded by Edna. No objections.

V. Discuss and take action on May 2014 meeting date. The Committee approved April 30th (full day) and May 2nd (half day) as dates for the May quarterly meeting with the Power of Aging in Alaska symposium scheduled for May 1st.

VI. Discuss and take action on frequency of Executive Committee meetings. Mary asked Denise to provide a history of the frequency of Executive Committee meetings in the past. Denise explained that the meetings have occurred monthly in recent times but occurred quarterly in past years. Marie suggested that the Committee meet at least one month before the scheduled quarterly meeting and as needed. The Committee agreed. We then discussed good days/times to meet and decided that Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM works best for everyone's schedule. Denise will send out an email to Commission members asking their preference for January 10th or 17th as the date for the next Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Other Discussion and the ACoA FY2013 Annual Report. The Committee discussed ideas for questions to pose to Commission members to generate quotes to go along with their photos in the annual report. We decided to draft three questions having to do with the "power of aging in Alaska" theme and ask Commissioners to choose one question to answer. This strategy offers flexibility for Commissioners and more varied input in Commissioners' quotes. Denise will send out 3 possible questions for Executive Committee members to review and approve prior to sending these questions to Commissioners. Our goal is to ask Commissioners to provide their quotes by the December board meeting date. The questions are:

- How can ACoA harness the power of seniors to plan for the next 15 to 20 years?
- How can seniors use their power to influence local decisions to create senior friendly communities?
- What can our state do to encourage seniors to remain in Alaska?

We also discussed ideas for the annual report cover keeping with the theme of the power of aging. Mary suggested that we highlight seniors engaged in civic work such as helping young people, teaching classes, volunteering at local nonprofit organizations, and Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training volunteers. The Committee approved that idea as well to go forward.

VII. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.