

Retired Public Employees of Alaska
Southeast Chapter
Minutes of February 11, 2021

President Benda Knapp called the meeting to order at 10:02 on a Zoom conference session. The agenda was approved as presented.

Ms. Knapp attended the February Executive Board committee meeting. In addition to routine business and reports, updates to the Policies and Procedures regarding code of conduct were presented by the Bylaws Committee and approved. The changes encourage resolution of differences and complaints at the least formal level where possible. The Committee has also recommended minor formatting changes to the By-Laws and policy changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual regarding improvements to email handling.

Kim attended the Medical Information Committee and gave a quick report. The speaker, Anne Zink, was scheduled but did not attend. A former member of the committee, Cami Taylor, talked about concerns regarding the Long-term Care Plan. There has been a spike in claims to the plan. In the medical plan, 75% are now over 65, and in three years that will rise to 90%. The state has started looking into Medicare Advantage plans. It is not clear what this means to retirees, but may involve the state paying for an advantage plan to replace its coverage of benefits that Medicare does not cover. There is no proposal or further information at this time.

Ms. Knapp introduced our guest speaker, Niko Sanguinetti from the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, who helped prepare the current exhibit about the Unangax internment during WWII. Native inhabitants of four Pribilof Islands were summarily interned at an abandoned cannery in Funter Bay for two years. The exhibit covers this period, the hardships they endured, and the losses they suffered. Ms. Sanguinetti talked about preparing the exhibit, the history of the period, and also spoke of the ongoing work to preserve and memorialize these events. The exhibit runs through October 18, 2021, and may be prepared as a traveling exhibit.

There was a brief period of answering questions and Ms. Knapp thanked Ms. Sanguinetti for her presentation.

The minutes of the January meeting were considered. There were no corrections and Mike Notar moved to approve the minutes as presented and Sam Trivette seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Mike Notar reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,138.56.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted by
Alan Davis, Secretary