

**ALA ALASKA GIRLS STATE DEC MEETING**  
**October 1, 2017 – Post 28, Anchorage**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Barbe Wolkoff at 11:55 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Girls State Director Vonn Lamm  
Girls State Co-Director Ann Robinson  
President Barbe Wolkoff  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Debbie Lowndes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Jane Larson  
Secretary Barbara Nath  
Treasurer/Finance Chairman Diana Estrada  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member Carrie Doores  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member Colleen Newman  
Past Girls State Director Sue Caswell  
Past Girls State Director Diana Estrada

**Absent:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Board Member Beverly Eads  
PDP Rita Gunderson  
PDP Darlene Wilson  
PDP Judy Pusti  
PDP Lori FitzSimons

**MOTION:** by Sue Caswell and seconded by Diana Estrada to dispense with Opening Ceremonies.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

President Barbe Wolkoff turned the meeting over to Girls State Director Vonn Lamm.

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Vonn thanked Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6 for donating 10 cases of water for Girls State in June. She noted that all donations are accepted and asked to be notified if there were donations (especially soda and water).

Vonn informed everyone that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girls State. She is interested in some changes for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS**

Vonn requested to change the logo for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She would like it to be the Girls State logo and to include the word "Alaska".

**MOTION:** by Ann Robinson and seconded by Carrie Doores to change the logo to include the word "Alaska".

Vonn confirmed that National has guidelines which we must follow. She noted that we cannot enclose the National Logo inside a picture of the state of Alaska. Vonn will lay out the new logo design and send it to National for approval.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vonn has requested that since 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, she would like to change the colors of the shirts. She would like red for staff and purple for the delegates. She would also like to include the years 1968-2018. It was noted that these dates are 51 years. Vonn will make sure the numbers are correct.

**MOTION:** by Diana Estrada and seconded by Ann Robinson to approve a change in the colors of the shirts and to include the years.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PIN AND/OR COIN**

Vonn requested to either have a coin for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or change the pin design. The pin would be changed for this year only. At this time she is not sure what the cost would be for this. They are going to follow the Boys State pin and have it say Girls State with dates.

**MOTION:** by Diana Estrada and seconded by Carrie Doors to approve the purchase of a pin or a coin for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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Lisa Williamson indicated that she did not feel comfortable with this motion as the cost is unknown.

Sue Caswell pointed out that you have to order a minimum of 100-150. The desire is for 50 delegates plus staff for a total of maybe 75 attending. If you do not participate in the program, you will not get a pin. She suggested that the shirts be approved, but not the pins. While it would be nice to have, the pin would be for only one year.

Vonn pointed out that if we order, we will also have to get additional pins for National.

Carrie Doores stated that she is in favor of the pin. We could put the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the back of the shirts, but that will increase the costs.

Sue Waldhaus noted that a shirt is much more visible. A pin is small and while nice, it is not very visible. She believes it should be one or the other (shirt or pin) and the shirt would be more visible.

The motion failed by voice vote.

It was asked if the shirts could be made available to ALA members to purchase in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Funds would go back to Girls State. The suggestion was made to take orders so that we know how many to purchase. A deadline for orders should be set.

### **CHANGE OF VENUE FOR 2019**

It was noted that we have been using the same site for approximately 11 years. Vonn has reviewed a number of possible locations without success. She asked that if anyone has an idea for a new site to please let her know.

### **TUITION INCREASE**

Vonn informed those present that there would be an increase in tuition for 2018 (the next Girls State). It will go from \$300 to \$400.

**MOTION:** by Diana Estrada and seconded by Ann Robinson to raise the tuition for Alaska Girls State by \$100 from \$300 to \$400 for 2018.

Boys State is currently \$300. They are not increasing their tuition at this time.

The location for 2018 will be the same as in the past, but in 2019 it will be a new location. . The 2019 location has not been determined at this time.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Sharon Cherrette shared that at the American Legion meeting computers were brought up. Girls State received new computers, but Boys State did not. Vonn replied that the computers were not purchased for the use of the delegates. There is no Wi-Fi at the site. They are to use for bills, etc. for Girls State

Sue Waldhaus asked when the new tuition would begin. The response was that it would begin in 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** by Colleen Newman and seconded by Carrie Doors to adjourn the Alaska Girls State DEC meeting.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.